

NEWSLETTER

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz

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FOCWA Members Become Certified After completing training and being evaluated by park rangers, two FOCWA members - Constance Smith and Steve Johnson - are now certified to lead tours down to the Citadel. Recently Steve took a group of 9 visitors through the citadel area and they were very appreciative of being able to see the historic underside of the cell house, and marveled at the brick work and the historic writings on the walls. We would like to have more members become certified and come on a regular basis to the island. Please contact Brad Schall or Steve Johnson to learn about the process of becoming certified.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, September 26th
Alcatraz Living History Day

Saturday, January 17, 2016
FOCWA General Meeting
10 am on Alcatraz

Meeting of the Board Held on September 19th

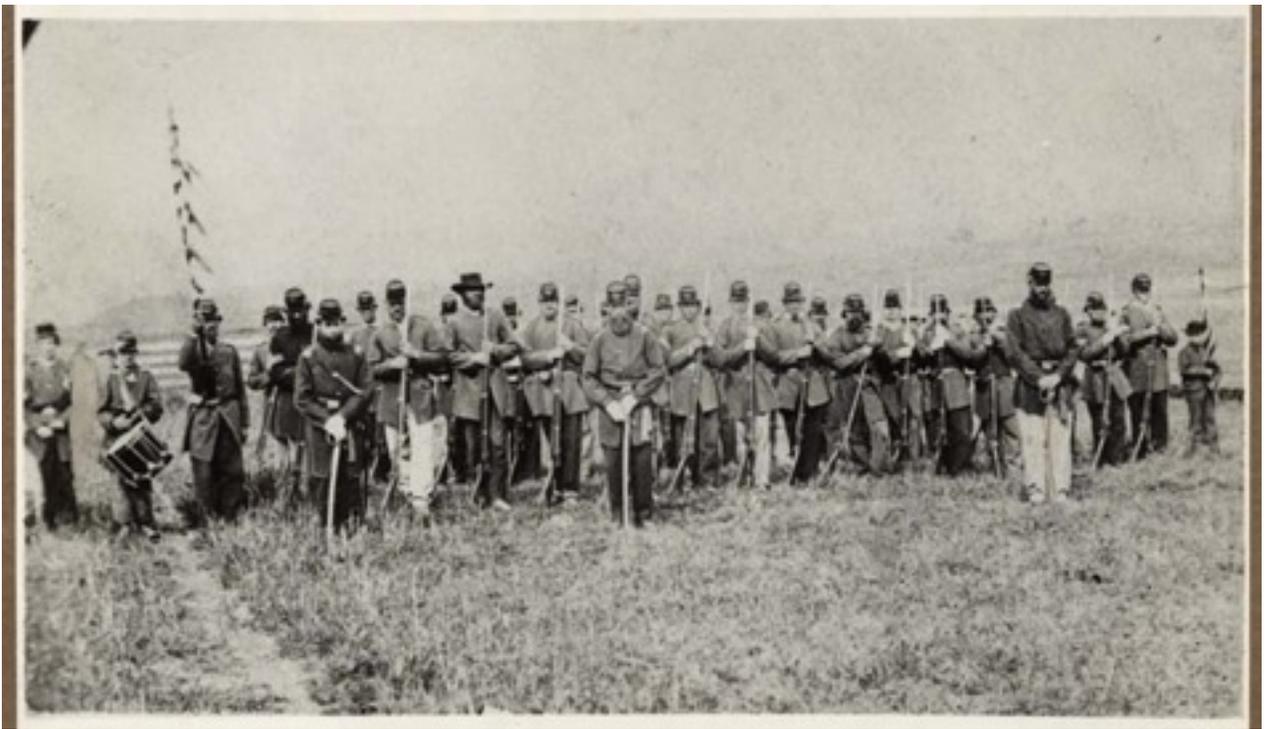
Members of the FOCWA Board of Directors met at the Presidio Ranger's Office on Saturday, September 19th to discuss a range of issues. Among them was how to increase the membership of our organization. One method that has already been useful was to communicate better with other CW groups - such as the Civil War Roundtables - and to let them know what we are doing to tell the story of Alcatraz/San Francisco/California and their role in the Civil War. Another is to be more pro-active with re-enactors and the National Civil War Association. Also being more liberal with passing out the FOCWA brochure to veteran's and historical groups was suggested.

Another issue brought up was the involvement of members on Alcatraz, especially in doing Civil War programs and citadel tours. The board would like to see more members doing these. One other issue discussed was the need to upgrade the website to make it a bit easier to navigate so viewers can see relevant information right away. Brad will be working with the webmaster about this.

Full minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website.

Board Decides to Honor Members

Every organization has some way of recognizing the hard work of members who have contributed to the good of that organization in an exceptional way. The board has decided that FOCWA should do this as well, so if you have a suggestion as to whom in our organization an award should be given, and why, please submit it to Brad Schall or Fred Bohmfalk.



California Volunteers, organized in Hayward, ca. 1861

Courtesy California State Parks

Army Units At Alcatraz During the Civil War Thanks to research done by member Brad Schall, we have a list of the army units that were on Alcatraz during the Civil War. They were:

Second U.S. Artillery 1865-1872 Companies B, E, F, G, K, and L

Third U.S. Artillery 1859-1864 Companies A, B, D, E, H, I, K, L, N and Band

Sixth U.S. Infantry 1860 Company G

Ninth U.S. Infantry 1862-1865 Companies F, G, H, and K

U.S. Engineers 1861 Company A

First Dragoons 1861 Recruits & Volunteers

First California Volunteers 1862

Second California Vol. Inf. 1861-1862 Company G

Second California Vol. Cav 1864 Company F

Fifth California Vol. Inf. 1862 Companies H and K

Sixth California Vol. Inf. 1864-1865 Company A

Eighth California Vol. Inf. 1864-1865 Companies E, G, H and M

