

**ANNOUNCING A TWO-DAY CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM ON ALCATRAZ**  
**Alcatraz Fall Living History Day, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**and**  
**Alcatraz Fall Living History Weekend Overnight, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Even before the first Living History Day back in the fall of 2007, we were talking about doing a two day event. It's taken some work, some planning and obviously, some time, but this October – the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to be exact, we're gonna do it. It's evidence of the commitment of Supervisory Ranger Marcus Koenen, Ranger John Cantwell and Ranger Jayeson Vance, retired (who is now a member of Friends of Civil War Alcatraz).

It will work like this:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ONLY**

If you plan on just doing the Fall Living History Day on Saturday, it's "business as usual". Take the NPS shuttle in the morning from Ft. Mason and return on the 4:15PM boat. Lunch will be provided. Don't forget to register with your Name and Impression and **TELL** us if you will be **Parking a Car** at **Ft. Mason** and **How Many** will be **Riding the NPS Shuttle** to/from the dock.

This is Fleet Week in San Francisco and you will have the truly unique opportunity to watch the Navy's Blue Angels perform an Alcatraz viewpoint.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Take the NPS Shuttle from Ft. Mason on Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon on the 4:15PM boat.

With the **Overnight** comes a **commitment to do living history** (10:00AM to 4:00PM) on **Sunday**. There is also a "Saturday Evening Option" that we'll speak to under "Overnight Details", below.

This is an opportunity to have the island entirely to yourselves. It is a truly unique and rewarding experience. Weather permitting, the lights of San Francisco, the greater Bay Area and the Golden Gate are a show in and of themselves.

**\*\*\*\* IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN DOING THE OVERNIGHT,**  
**PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY \*\*\*\***

**PARTICIPATION IN THE OVERNIGHT- limited to 35 participants (see "Important Note", below)**

To participate in the Overnight you will need to do the following:

**Register**

We will need you to supply the following information, even if you've supplied it before:

Your Name

Impression

Contact Phone Number

Name of an Emergency Contact and the Contact's Phone Number

**Overnight Fee**

We must require a fee of **Ten dollars** (\$10.00) per person to cover the cost of a million dollar **liability insurance** policy.

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz have a limited budget. We are currently funding the new Civil War Room in Chinatown (behind the theater) and other CW island projects, so the insurance policy is beyond our budgetary capacity.

Please mail a check or money order made **Payable** to “**FOCWA**” to the following address:

**Friends of Civil War Alcatraz**  
**P.O. Box 983**  
**Lincoln, California 95648**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

In order to be fair, the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz Board of Directors has decided that if we receive more than 35 applications for the Overnight aspect of the Fall Living History Program we will utilize participant seniority dating back to and including 2009. This will give priority to those who have participated most over the years.

**Registration for Overnight participation by SENIORITY will be in effect UNTIL Monday, September 1, 2014.**

After September 1<sup>st</sup>, participation will be first come, first served, utilizing a waiting list, but the **Absolute Deadline** to sign up for the Overnight is **Friday, September 12, 2014**

### **DATES and DEADLINES**

09-01-14 Deadline for Overnight Registration by Seniority  
09-10-14 Deadline for Receipt of Seniority Overnight Fee (must be in the FOCWA Mail Box by this date)  
09-12-14 Deadline for Overnight Registration  
09-19-14 Deadline for Receipt of \$10.00 Overnight Fee (must be in the FOCWA Mail Box by this date)  
10-04-14 Fall Living History Day  
10-04&05-14 Fall Living History Weekend (Overnight)

### **OVERNIGHT DETAILS**

For the Overnight, you will each have your own cell in D Block. D Block is the Alcatraz Isolation Unit – where they kept the worst of the worst. We utilize the cells on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tiers and they have mattresses.

**DO BRING** the following For the Overnight

- Sleeping bag (and perhaps an extra blanket)
- Pillow
- Flashlight or Electric Lantern
- Food – A Cooler with wheels is recommended (NO on-island refrigeration available)  
Dinner for Saturday night – grill on the barbecue or microwave. The NPS provides a barbecue, charcoal and utensils. Basic is better.  
Breakfast and Lunch for Sunday. Again, basic is better.  
Again, FOCWA funding is limited, so providing three additional meals is also beyond our budgetary scope.  
Pack your food separately from everything else (clothing, etc.). Food will be stored apart from other items, but Will Not be refrigerated.

## **DO NOT BRING**

- Alcoholic Beverages\*
- Illegal Drugs (includes Marijuana)\*
- Any Weapon not approved for use during the Civil War Living History Event\*
- Powder or Caps\*
- Pyrotechnics\*
- Animals (pets)
- Glass containers (use plastic)
- Boom Boxes or like equipment
- Candles (lanterns, etc.)

\*Possession of these items will get you off the island under arrest and in handcuffs courtesy of Law Enforcement Rangers, U.S. Park Police or U.S. Coast Guard and may result in the immediate termination of the Overnight for all participants

## **SATURDAY EVENING OPTION**

In addition to being able to experience a privately guided tour of the island after all the visitors have left, there is also the Alcatraz Night Program to consider (not to be confused with the Overnight).

The Night Program begins about 6:15PM and runs for around two and a half hours. It's very structured and includes a number of 15 to 20 minute programs. Said structure exists in order to pack a lot of program and people into a limited allotment of time..

If you'd like to do a program/scenario, we'd be happy to discuss including it. Please note that it will require some advance planning. You can also stand along the road and conduct an impromptu program or just chat with visitors (although overall program structure plays into this).

If you're doing the Overnight and would like to "play" with the night folks, you might want to consider giving yourself a little "downtime" Saturday afternoon and/or Sunday morning.

We have two days of living history for visitors. This is an opportunity to reach a pool of 10,000 visitors. How often does that happen?

The reward – besides doing living history in and of itself, is an absolutely unique opportunity to spend the night on hallowed Civil War ground - The Post on Alcatrazes Island. Okay, it's also one of the most infamous places on the planet.

Literally millions of people from all over the world would love to have this experience, but only a handful ever will.

Oh by the way. You'll also have the opportunity to watch the Blue Angels perform twice from the Alcatraz viewpoint. Hope you enjoy being buzzed by fighters going 400 miles per hour.