

NEWSLETTER

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz

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Board President Meets Supervising Ranger Kathryn Deskal on Alcatraz

Board Co-president Brad Schall met with Ranger Kathryn Deskal on January 2nd to introduce himself and to acquaint her with the goals of our organization. Brad described our current activities - Living History,



maintaining uniforms, muskets and the cannon - and our project to set up a Civil War Room to interpret that period of the island's history. She was very enthusiastic about our involvement and wishes to maintain a close working relationship with us. Brad will be scheduling a meeting with her and the full board soon to talk in detail about the year's activities. Members will be notified of that meeting by e-mail.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 24 Living History Day at Fort Point

Feb. 28 Living History Day at Alcatraz

Latest News The construction foreman of the work on the **sally port** has stated that they are currently on schedule, and that work should be completed in April. We hope to set a date for Living History Day to coincide with the completion of the sally port. Ranger John Cantwell reports that the cannon expert from Gettysburg is in town and is scheduled to work on the **howitzer** soon. He will be assisted by a metals expert from the Maritime Museum. Finally, the NPS Safety Officer has determined that mold and air circulation in the **Citadel** is not a problem, so a plan to allow supervised visitor groups to see it is now being devised. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

FOCWA Banner and Brochure Now that we have a FOCWA banner, plans are to have it as part of a table display to be used at living history events. The FOCWA brochure is now ready to go to press, so these items should help draw attention to our organization and hopefully inspire interested persons to join us. Members will be needed to man this table on Alcatraz and at Fort Point.