

To readers of the FOCWA newsletter:

There will be no April newsletter due to the fact that Alcatraz National Park is closed and all activities of the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz are suspended for the immediate future. This includes the Living History Day on Alcatraz, originally scheduled for May. Whether the island re-opens in May is questionable at this point.

In the meantime, here is a list of the FOCWA newsletter articles that appeared over the years and which you might have missed. They are available here on the Newsletter page and on the link to the archives.

FOCWA Newsletter Topics 2015 - 2019 History articles are in [red](#)

- Jan. 2020 [Who Owned Alcatraz?](#)
- Feb. 2020 [Privateers in San Francisco Bay?](#) ; Volunteer luncheon
- Mar. 2020 [A Fortress Against Slavery](#); Board meeting notes
- Jan. 2019 [Escapes during the Military Prison era](#)
- Feb. 2019 [The U.S.S. Cyane — Historic Ship of the West Coast](#); Lecture on Shiloh by Larry Tagg
- Mar. 2019 Living History Day at Fort Point; board meeting notes
- Apr. 2019 [Book review: The War Criminal's Son — The Civil War Saga of William A. Winder](#)
- May 2019 [Seacoast Forts](#)
- June 2019 [The British Naval Squadron in the Northwest 1845-1865](#); May Living History Day
- July 2019 [Jose Ramon Pico](#); Book Review: California Lacers by Tom Prezelski
- Aug. 2019 [The Russian Navy visits San Francisco, 1863](#); Book Review "Friends in Peace and War"
- Sept. 2019 [The Russian Navy visits San Francisco, 1863, part 2](#); Union Navy sailor honored
- Oct. 2019 [How Alcatraz Got Its Name](#); Alcatraz LHD; Book Review: Yerba Buena - San Francisco
- Nov. 2019 [Alcatraz and Native Americans](#); 50th anniversary of Indian occupation, 1969

- Jan. 2018 [Who Knew About Alcatraz?](#); Book review: California & The Civil War by Hurley
- Feb. 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 1](#)
- Mar. 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 2](#); new superintendent
- Apr. 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 3](#); S.F. Mint History Days
- May 2018 Living History Day; Civil War Trust
- Jun. 2018 New head ranger; [Union Army discipline](#)
- July 2018 Angel Island; Brad Schall retires
- Aug 2018 [Sherman in California, Pt.1](#)
- Sept 2018 FOCWA Meeting; [Sherman in California, Pt.2](#); Ft. Point Living History Day
- Oct. 2018 FOCWA election results; Living History Day; [1859- a consequential year](#)
- Nov. 2018 [California election of 1860](#)

- Jan. 2017 Don Van Auker; [Rodman Cannon](#)
- Feb. 2017 [Resources on California & the Civil War](#); Civil War Day at Fort Point
- Mar 2017 [Army ranks on Alcatraz](#); Ranger Roldan
- Apr 2017 Alcatraz Living History Day; FOCWA Honorees
- May 2017 [Other California Forts](#)
- Jun. 2017 [Memorial Day](#); San Francisco National Cemetery
- July 2017 Sundays on Alcatraz; [What did soldiers eat on Alcatraz?](#)
- Aug 2017 [Protecting San Francisco Bay](#); Civil War Day, Fort Point
- Sept 2017 Chronicle reports on Ft. Point Civil War Day; [Alcatraz almost abandoned](#)
- Oct 2017 [Regimental Bands](#); Living History Day Alcatraz; Halloween at Ft. Point
- Nov 2017 [Thanksgiving during the Civil War](#)

Jan 2016 [Book Review: Los Angeles in the Civil War](#)
 Feb 2016 [Hopi Elders](#); Ft. Point Civil War Day
 Mar 2016 FOCWA members as Park Ambassadors; FOCWA general meeting
 Apr 2016 Living History Day, Alcatraz
 May 2016 [Alcatraz and Mare Island](#)
 June 2016 [History of the Howitzer on Alcatraz](#); painting the cannon
 July 2016 [Captain Stewart, Alcatraz Commander](#); Angel Island Civil War Days
 Aug 2016 [Flags over army forts 1846 - 1865](#)
 Sept 2016 Civil War Day at Fort Point
 Oct 2016 [Lighthouse on Alcatraz Pt. 1](#)
 Nov 2016 [Lighthouse & Bell Pt. 2 ; Book on Fort Point by John Martini](#)

Jan. 2015 Ranger Deskal
 Feb. 2015 Interpretive Panels for Civil War Room
 Mar 2015 Alcatraz Living History Day; Board meeting
 Apr 2015 Citadel to Open; Alcatraz Model
 May 2015 Memorial Day; Board Meeting
 June 2015 Citadel training; [Book review— The World on Fire by Amanda Foreman](#)
 July 2015 Sally port unveiling
 Aug 2015 East guard room gets a whitewash
 Sept 2015 Board meeting; [Army units at Alcatraz](#)
 Oct 2015 Cannon gets drilled; Living History Day; Band renamed the 3rd U.S. Artillery Band
 Nov 2015 Book Review: [Antebellum and Civil War San Francisco by Monika Trobits](#)