

## Citadel Work Completed

Ranger John Cantwell has reported that the work on the citadel has been completed. Iron beams have been replaced, walls have been strengthened, bricks have been replaced and repointed, and pathways cleared of obstacles. The Park Service must now write up SOPs for visiting the citadel. These will include the number of visitors allowed at a time, securing the area, safety talks, etc.

Once these are established, volunteers will be trained in the procedures, and times will be set up for the tours. At some point FOCWA members will be involved in furnishing the kitchen room as it may have looked in the mid-1860's. Eventually this will be part of the "Civil War Trail", taking visitors from the Civil War Room in China Alley, through Building 64 and the sally port, and up to the citadel entrance.

### Dates to Remember

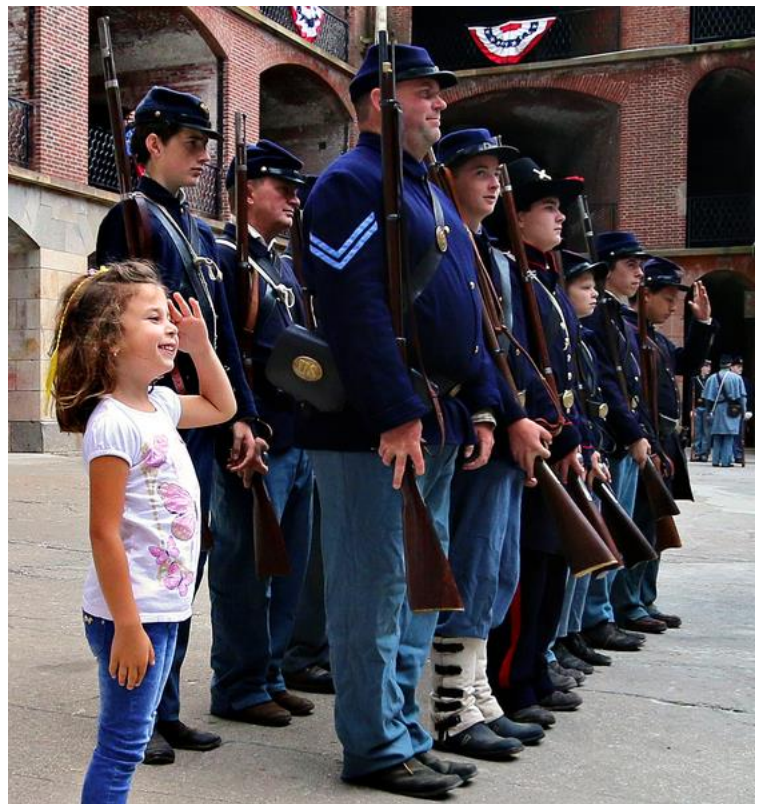
**Sunday, Sept. 21** Board Meeting at Fort Point, 10 a.m.

**October 10 – 12** Fleet Week

**October 11** Living History Day on Alcatraz

## Fort Point Living History Day Attracts Over 2000 Visitors

On August 16<sup>th</sup> visitors to Fort Point were taken back in time to see how the fort might have looked when soldiers were stationed there in the 1860's. Thanks to the dedication of re-enactors (some of whom came from Nevada, Fresno, and Sacramento) visitors could watch the garrison flag being raised to the sound of a bugle and hear the national anthem played by the Fort Point Brass Band. They also saw cannon drills, weapons and medical displays, and took tours of the fort. FOCWA members John Gee and Steve Johnson (both volunteers at Fort Point) provided information about California's role in the Civil War. When asked why they would travel so far to be at the fort, many of the re-enactors said it was because the fort is historic and allows them to get a sense of what life was like for soldiers at that time.



Members of the ACWA and the NCWA drill with the assistance of a young visitor. Photo Credit: MrMrB

## Book Review: The Golden State in the Civil War by Glenna Matthews

Published in 2012, this book brings new perspectives in the story of California's role in the Civil War. While some of the information is well known, the author sheds new light on such issues as why the Californios went on to support the Democrats and why Californians donated so much to the Sanitary Commission. She also sheds light on how the war affected the Afro-American, Chinese, and Latino communities. (Cambridge U. Press)