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Oct 2021 Fleet week; [Gunpowder on Alcatraz](#)
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Aug 2021 [The Army Post and Arsenal at Benicia](#)
July 2021 Volunteer CW Program; [Troops Protect Stagecoach Lines](#)
Jun 2021 Volunteers return; [The Monitor Commanche Arrives and Sinks](#)
May 2021 Ranger John Cantwell; [Pauline Cushman, Union Spy](#)
Apr 2021 Civil War Trust video on Alcatraz; [the Sultana explosion, April 1865](#)
Mar 2021 Alcatraz re-opens: [Gen. McPherson, Alcatraz engineer](#)
Feb. 2021 Book Review: [Confederates in the Attic; Conspiracies and Rebellions](#)
Jan. 2021 [Removing Lincoln's Name in San Francisco](#)

Nov. 2020 [California election of 1860 \(reprint\)](#)
Oct. 2020 Island update; History Days; [Firefighting in 1860's San Francisco](#)
Sep. 2020 Alcatraz re-opens; [Medicine in the 1860's](#)
Mar. 2020 [A Fortress Against Slavery](#); Board meeting notes
Feb. 2020 [Privateers in San Francisco Bay?](#) ; Volunteer luncheon
Jan. 2020 [Who Owned Alcatraz?](#)

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

Nov 2018 [California election of 1860](#)
Oct 2018 FOCWA election results; Living History Day; [1859- a consequential year](#)
Sep 2018 FOCWA Meeting; [Sherman in California, Pt.2](#); Ft. Point Living History Day
Aug 2018 [Sherman in California, Pt.1](#)
July 2018 Angel Island; Brad Schall retires
Jun 2018 New head ranger; [Union Army discipline](#)
May 2018 Living History Day; Civil War Trust

Apr 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 3](#); S.F. Mint History Days
Mar 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 2](#); new superintendent
Feb 2018 [S.F. Civil War Street Names Pt. 1](#)
Jan 2018 [Who Knew About Alcatraz?](#); [Book review: California & The Civil War by Hurley](#)

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

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

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