

FOCWA Newsletter Topics 2015 - 2023 History articles are in **red**

- Oct 2023 **Mischief and Bloodshed - Secessionists in California**
- Sept 2023 **Territories of the United States, 1850 - 1865**
- Aug 2023 **Military Posts Around the Bay**
- June 2023 **Swords in the Civil War**
- May 2023 **Birds on Alcatraz**
- Apr 2023 **Soldier's Pay**
- Mar 2023 **Great Flood of 1862**
- Feb 2023 **International Events when Alcatraz was a Fort, Pt. 2**
- Jan 2023 **International Events when Alcatraz was a Fort, Pt. 1**

- Nov 2022 **California Politics in the Civil War**
- Oct 2022 **Army Shoes**
- Sept 2022 **Springfield Musket**
- Aug 2022 **Woolen Army uniforms**
- Jul 2022 **First person accounts, San Francisco**
- Jun 2022 **The Gardens of Alcatraz**
- May 2022 **The Lives of Military Wives**
- Apr 2022 **The Revenue Cutter Shubrick**
- Mar 2022 **The Irish in the Civil War**
- Jan 2022 **Book Review: The President and the Freedom Fighter by Brian Kilmeade (Lincoln and Douglass)**

- Nov 2021 **Thomas Starr King**
- Oct 2021 **Fleet week; Gunpowder on Alcatraz**
- Sep 2021 **Camp Reynolds, Angel Island**
- 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 Auken; [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
Jun 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
Jan. 2015 Ranger Deskal