

FOCWA Newsletter Topics, 2015 – 2024

History articles are in **red**:

- Nov 2024 **Election of 1864**
- Oct 2024 **Cooking for the Army**
- Sep 2024 **Anniversary of the Park Service**
- Aug 2024 **Hawaiians in the Civil War**
- Jul 2024 **Celebrating Independence Day, 1874**
- Jun 2024 **Would Britain Go to War with the U.S.?**
- May 2024 **Laundresses in the U.S. Army in the Civil War**
- Apr 2024 **How Did they Lift Those Huge Cannons into Place?**
- Mar 2024 **The U.S. Balloon Corps**
- Feb 2024 **Inside a Soldier's Haversack**
- Jan 2024 **Native Thanksgiving on the Island; Soldiers' Hats in the Civil War**

- 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 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
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