

Greetings and salutations,

Our March meeting was well attended, with 26 members coming out despite the threat of rain. They were glad they did, as Tara Fansler, and Brian Chavez, gave us a wonderful presentation on the history of the Drum Barracks, and Union occupation of Catalina Island, in 1864. Everyone was very pleased with the local nature of the history we learned.

Upcoming Civil War events:

- 1) Mark your calendar and roll up your sleeves. On Saturday, April 7th, Civil War sites across the country will welcome volunteers for this day of service. A list times and activities being held at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum will be posted on their website shortly.
- 2) A four-day **Docent Training Class** will be held on every Saturday in April, at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. Share your love for Civil War history with others, by becoming a docent. Registration is free, but participation in all four classes is required to graduate. Call 310-548-7509 for more details—do it today!
- 3) **Mother's Day Tea**, Saturday, May 12, at 11:30 AM. This elegant event held in the Drum Barracks Library is not to be missed. Sip tea from antique china and enjoy elegant tea sandwiches and finger foods while listening to classical musicians. This journey back in time is the perfect Mother's Day activity and is fun for the whole family. Advance ticket purchase required. Call 310.548.7509 or email drumbarracks@gmail.com. \$50 regular admission, \$40 members.
- 4) A new event, the **Civil War Technology Fair**, will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 11:00 AM. This free event, held at the Drum Barracks, will feature special exhibitions and demonstrations on Civil War technology, such as the telegraph, railroad, air corps, field photography, medicine, and weapons. With hands-on activities and lectures, this event will appeal to visitors of all ages.
- 5) Fort Tejon Invitational Reenactment, sponsored by the American Civil War Society, on June 2nd and 3rd.

For more information about these events, please go to our website, at: lacwrt.org, and click on the "Places to Visit" tab, then on the link to the Drum Barracks, or Fort Tejon.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018, AT 7:00 PM. OUR SPEAKER WILL BE BILL FLORES, WHOSE TOPIC IS: "THE CALIFORNIA 100 AND THE 2ND MASSACHUSETTS CAVALRY." This is another interesting part of our local history, so I know you will not want to miss this meeting. For more information, see the attached announcement, as well as the two images that help illustrate the topic.

I hope that I will see you all on April 17th.

Sincerely,

Dean Smith

President, LACWRT

