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Angel Island Civil War Land/Sea Battle

TIBURON – Hear cannons and muskets boom when "Confederate" vessels make passes along the western shore of Angel Island and engage "Union" artillery forces on the island. On **Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 2 PM**, there will be a mock Civil War battle between Union soldiers of Angel Island and Confederate sailors on a historic ship offshore. With black powder cannons and muskets, the battle pits the Cal 100 and the 3rd Artillery (Civil War reenactment groups) against the booming cannons of the *Hawaiian Chieftain*. Horses of the 3rd Artillery will make a rare visit onto the island for the event. The public is invited to Angel Island State Park for a one-mile hike, or tram ride, to Camp Reynolds to be a part of this annual Artillery Battle and Civil War encampment.

Much more than the battle, historic Camp Reynolds on Angel Island will come alive in the year 1864 as 150 reenactors portray Company B, Third US Artillery. The Union Army reenactors invite young people with an interest in Civil War history to become part of the event. Arrive early in the day for a one-day enlistment. New soldiers will receive training in militia drill, signaling, bread baking, and many more activities (maybe even washboard clothes washing). Union Civil War caps will be available for purchase. Discharge papers will be issued.

While there was never an actual battle in San Francisco Bay during the Civil War, Angel Island was well fortified, along with similar fortifications at Fort Point and Alcatraz. Confederate warships were along the Pacific Coast during the Civil War, but did not enter the bay to challenge the Union forces. **Though not a re-creation of an actual battle, the simulated battle on Sunday is a spectacular event drawing attention to the military history of Angel Island and San Francisco Bay.**

The *Hawaiian Chieftain* is a 103-foot topsail ketch built in the style of the 1790's. Constructed on the island of Maui in Hawaii primarily to carry cargo inter-island, this ship is now available for charter and special events. **The public can participate on-board during the Artillery Battle as paying passengers.** Call (415) 331-3214 for information.

Ferries to Angel Island are available from Tiburon (415) 435-2131, or on the Blue & Gold Fleet (415) 705-5555 from San Francisco, Vallejo, or Oakland/Alameda. There is no additional fee for this event beyond the park entrance fee that is included in the price of a ferry ticket. For more information call (415) 435-1915.

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