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## California Heritage Council Visit



Exciting news! The California Heritage Council will be visiting Benicia especially to tour the Commanding Officers Quarters. You can join them for the tour on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This tour is open to the public, so please invite your friends and family to come and enjoy the afternoon at the COQ.

## Save the Date!

October 2, 2010

### A Stroll Through Benicia's Past



Join us for the Historical Cemetery Tour at the Benicia City Cemetery. This event will be presented by the Benicia Historical Society's Cemetery Restoration Committee. The committee is hard at work planning this event. For any questions, contact Chair Marnell Lloyd.

## Voices from the Past

### THE RAILROAD

The work on the railroad is progressing now as smoothly and as rapidly as could be asked for. In town the work of grading is rapidly approaching the terminus at the foot of First Street, only four blocks more remaining to be done. It is pretty well understood that the ferry and terminus will be the foot of First, or the main street of Benicia. In fact, we are informed by one of our reliable citizens that Mr. Crocker so stated, and furthermore that the THOROUGHFARE was being fitted up to do the ferrying.

In the same conversation Mr. Crocker also conveyed the important information that the company intended to establish shops here for the repairing of steamers. Such a move will show their good judgment, for Benicia is certainly the best point for such establishment in the State. Situated as it is right on the thoroughfare of all their boats and vessels, it is the most convenient place, as well as the most accessible—handy either to the company's headquarters in San Francisco, or their big shops in Sacramento. It is undoubtedly for this purpose that they have bought, or are contemplating the purchase of, the Pacific Mail works buildings.

*The New Era of Benicia, Saturday, December 29, 1877*

## More Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for upcoming events during the holiday season—we will be partnering again with Soroptimist International of Benicia for the Holiday Parlor Tour on Saturday, December 4, 2010. We have a great line-up of homes to visit, as well as the COQ at the Arsenal. This event was well received last year and we are looking forward to another successful event.

And don't forget our annual holiday party at the Benicia Historical Museum! Watch for your flyer and plan to come out and enjoy visiting with friends...Sunday, December 5, 2010.



## Our Mission

The Benicia Historical Society began in 1973. The purpose of the society is to bring together people interested in the history of Benicia and California. The society works to preserve the history and heritage of our city for future generations. Our goal is to enhance historic Benicia through education, communication and community involvement.

## Welcome New Members

We have several new members—we hope you will join us at an upcoming event!

### Individual Memberships

- Wayne Evans
- Carla Monteau
- Ron Phillips
- Bruce Robinson

### Family Memberships

- Dr. Egan Family
- Don & Bev Emery

### Senior Memberships

- Wayne Coldwell
- Charles Hull

### Life Memberships

- Alexandra Reep



## Newsletter



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# The Benicia Historical Society

Connecting People With the Past

## Calendar of Events

**August 23, 2010**      **Monday**      **7:00 pm**      **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME

**September 12, 2010**      **Sunday**      **3:00-4:00 pm**      **CA Heritage Council**  
Commanding Officer's Quarter—ALL ARE WELCOME

**September 27, 2010**      **Monday**      **7:00 pm**      **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME

**October 2, 2010**      **Saturday**      **11:00-2:00 pm**      **Historical Cemetery Tour**  
Benicia City Cemetery—ALL ARE WELCOME—open to the public

**October 25, 2010**      **Monday**      **7:00 pm**      **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

**October 2, 2010—Historic Cemetery Tour, Benicia City Cemetery**

**December 4, 2010—Holiday Parlor Tour**