

# Dr. Scovill's Title III Presentation

The National Council  
of the Social Studies Annual  
Conference    November 2017

This was the 8<sup>th</sup> conference I have attended since coming to Lincoln University. They have always been held in large Metropolitan areas including Denver, Washington, D.C. , St. Louis, Seattle, New Orleans, and Boston. The event focuses on three days of non stop seminars, presenters and poster sessions all focused on how to better teach social studies related topics. Guest speakers, typically hocking their latest book are included too.

Sadly, there has never been a discussion of the homeless who fill the city park benches and doorways in everyone of these cities.



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Expanding Visions/Bridging Traditions

November 15-19, 2017 San Francisco, CA



This year the event was held in San Francisco. Walking the streets this year included the notable and regular whiff of cannabis. California is enjoying their move into the pro-pot column of states. Perhaps the tax revenue generated from marijuana sales will help pay for the care of the highest per-capita percentage of homeless in the nation.

At the bottom of the next page is the link to the NCSS. From there you can run through the hundreds of program events.



# National Council for the Social Studies

Our 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



November 17-19, 2017  
*Pre-conference meetings November 15-16*  
Moscone Center West  
800 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA



<http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

My itinerary was grossly disrupted by travel delays at the Columbia, Missouri airport , Kansas City International and San Francisco. I had planned to take a nice tour of the city Thursday afternoon. That did not happen.

# Itinerary

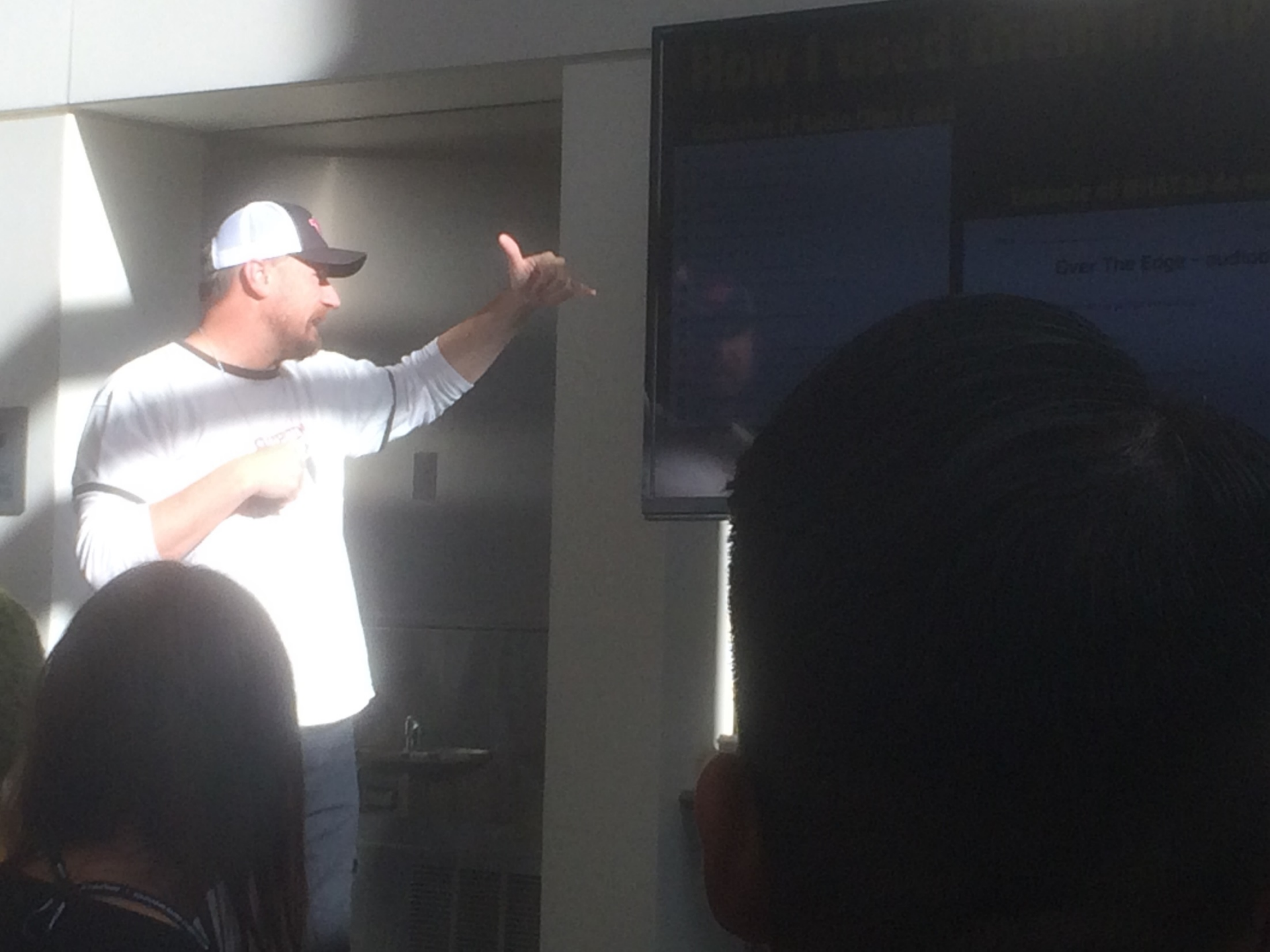
- Thursday – Travel delays
- Friday - Sessions, Angel Island
- Saturday - Sessions, Coastal Trip,  
Historic sites, Redwood  
City
- Sunday - Sessions, Alameda, Travel

I did take an evening walk going several blocks in all directions from my hotel Thursday night. I did this after a nice plate of Irish Pot Roast and a Guinness Stout. As you can see in the next slide the San Fran Sickos try to do Christmas up right.





Next morning I walked to the conference center and checked in, getting my conf. materials, etc. There was a nice morning talk on the ageless topic of ***Using Technology in the Classroom***. Of course the presenter had problems with their computer and the glare from morning sunshine was a laugh. Nice talk though and I snagged some websites. A follow presentation was about setting up blogs for your class and doing short video chats to the class.



Over the years, what I have found to be by far the more useful aspect of most of these cities is exploration. I hoof it and quickly to experience as much as possible. I always bring back very useful information for the students of my history courses at Lincoln University from sight seeing.

Friday's trek was to Angel Island, location of the famous East Asian Immigration processing station in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



From the Conference Center I walked down Powell street and others to the Pier. This took me up and down some very steep hills, and roads.

I walked through part of Chinatown on the way and another part on the way back to the Hotel in the late afternoon. A closer look at the older apt. with the curved cupolas shows a man hanging laundry, we exchanged long stares. I stopped at a market for fruit and shop for pastries.





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remember, we are in San Francisco, open  
spaces are beyond a premium price.  
Schools then are quite urban. This one  
took up a couple different blocks, no  
playground, certainly no ballfield.





FRANCISCO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chestnut

STOP

The Blue and Gold must hold the main charter contracts for Angel Island, Alcatraz and other tourist points. The ferry was fine. Not crowded on the way out but nearly full several hours later.





 **BLUE & GOLD FLEET**

**BAY MONARCH**

Bay Ferry



As you have seen the weather was very nice, light jacket is all that was needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday evening was the “typical” cloudy rainy late autumn day. No complaints here!

That is a WWII submarine, open to the public for touring. I did not go through this one but I have toured four or five American WWII subs. I encourage you to take a tour. You may have a new appreciation for fresh air and your own living quarters no matter how small.







Looking west to and through the  
Golden Gate Bridge





Alcatraz

Angel Island has a  
multilayered history of  
which I was generally  
ignorant. My visit consisted  
of a walking tour of the 5  
mile perimeter road. He  
following slide show one of  
the old supply houses  
dating back to the late  
1800s.











Old employee  
building, now a  
museum

Next three slides: Original  
dorm buildings for  
immigrants being  
processed, etc.













Angel Island was also the sight of Fort McDowell during the first and second world wars, and a Nike Missile defense system during the early Cold War years.



# Fort McDowell North

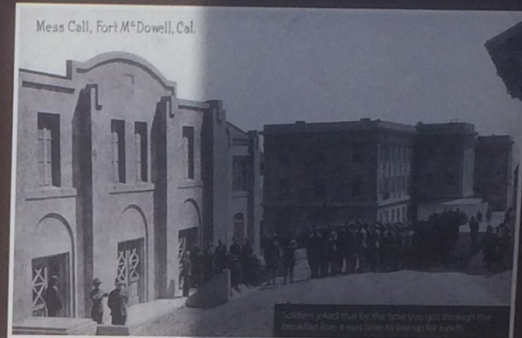
## Bustling Army Post

Picture this spot a century ago. You can hear raised voices and the crunch of boots as soldiers drill. The smell of dinner wafts through the air. It's hard to see the end of the mess hall line.

Fort McDowell was first used to quarantine soldiers returning from the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. In later years, it served as a discharge and recruit depot. By 1900, the fort had become the center of island military activity.

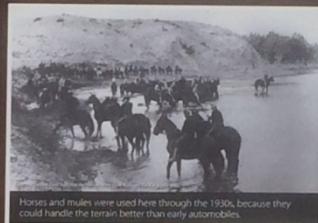
The peak of activity occurred during World War II. Thousands of troops were sent to battle from here. The fort processed men on special assignments

and replacement troops. When the war ended, Fort McDowell was no longer needed. In 1946, the base closed and the island was declared surplus. The army reopened the hospital during the Nike missile era as a barracks and administration building.

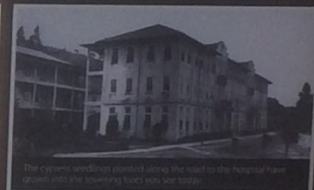


Mess Hall, Fort McDowell, Cal.

Soldiers joked that by the time you got through the breakfast line, it was time to sleep for a while.



Horses and mules were used here through the 1900s, because they could handle the terrain better than early automobiles.



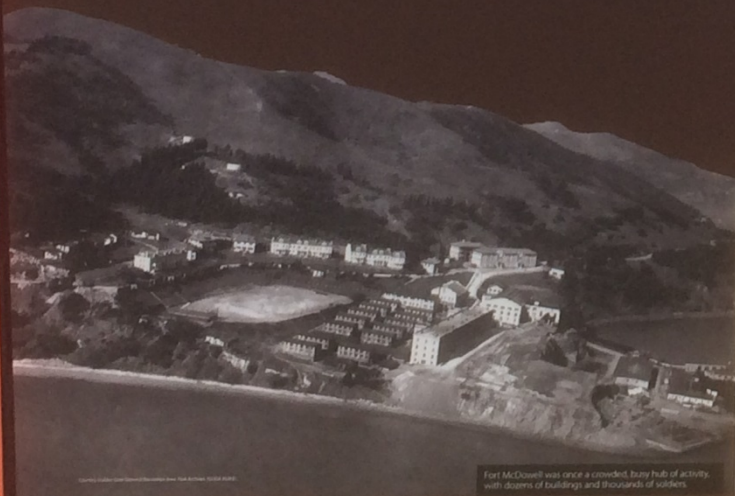
The cyprus windmills planted along the road to the hospital have grown into the beautiful fort's new landscape.



Scrapbook photos show that soldiers found Angel Island to be a good fishing spot.



Soldiers at the wharf waited to get away the longer building.

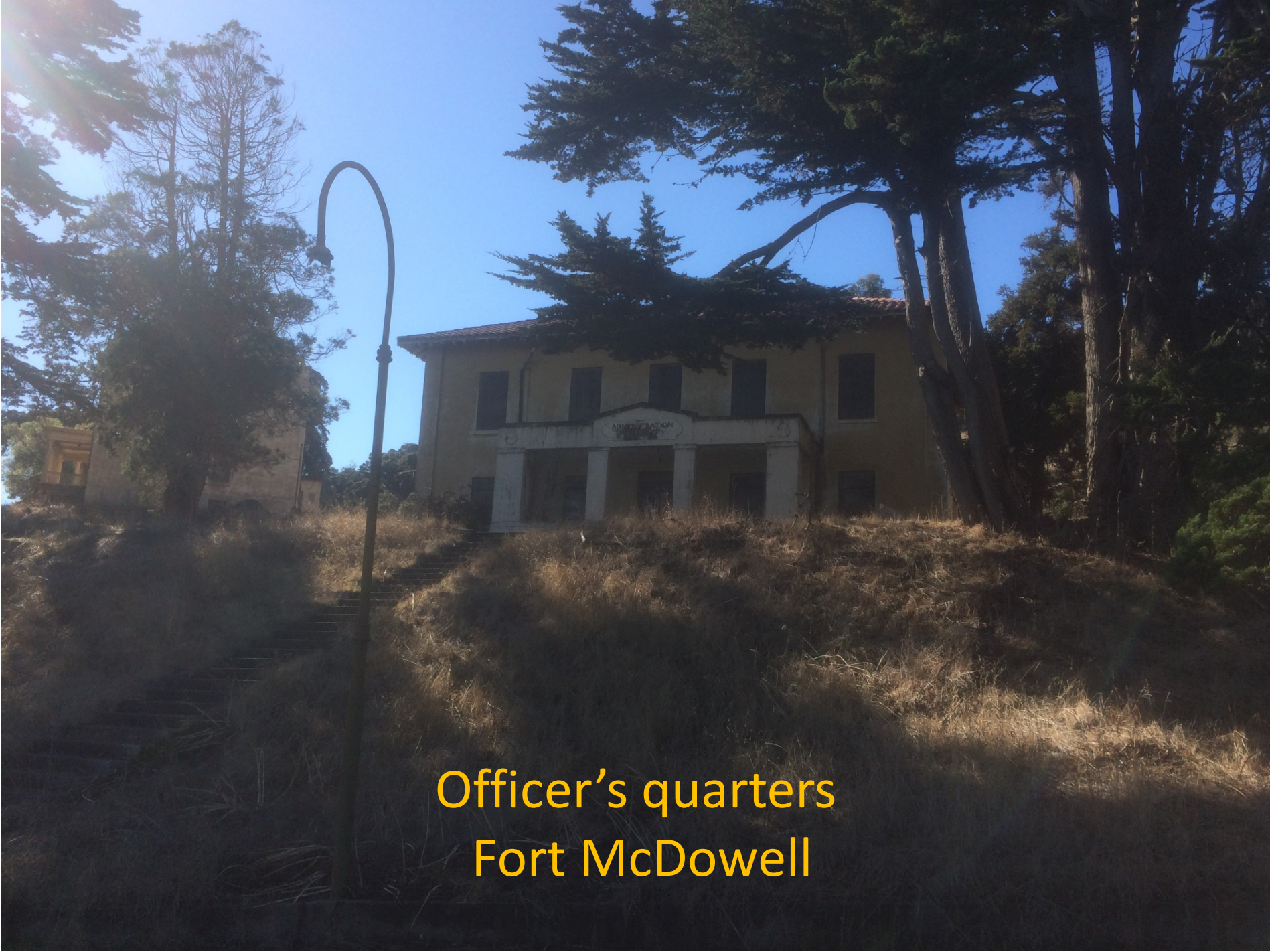


Fort McDowell was once a crowded, busy hub of activity, with dozens of buildings and thousands of soldiers.

## Did You Know?

- In 1900, the whole island was known as Fort McDowell. Camp Reynolds became West Garrison; this site was East Garrison.
- Many soldiers who came through here were replacement troops for units already fighting in the Pacific. The troops nicknamed replacement depots such as this "repple depples."
- Angel Island was known as "the soldier factory" during World War I.
- The busiest week in Fort McDowell was in December 1945, when 9,555 troops were discharged so they could get home in time for Christmas.





Officer's quarters  
Fort McDowell



# Nike Missile Site

## Guardians of the Sky

Technological advances during World War II brought new threats to the Bay Area. Traditional weapons were useless against new, fast, high-flying jet planes. This need for better antiaircraft defense led to project Nike, a "jet-detect" line of air defense.

The sense of urgency grew in 1953 when the Soviet Union developed long-range bombers that had the capability to drop nuclear warheads on the continental United States. Although the army had left Angel Island in 1946, it returned in 1954 to build a Nike missile site. Radar control was set up on Mount Ida (now Mount Livermore), and three sets of four Nike Ajax missiles were placed underground. Nike missiles were not armed with nuclear warheads but were meant to shoot down planes carrying nuclear weapons.

As nuclear weapons delivery technology advanced, the Ajax missiles became obsolete. The army removed them in 1962, ending twenty-nine years of military presence on Angel Island.



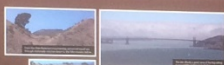
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## Discover

### A Silent Reminder

The site before you is a concrete reminder of the fear people felt during the Cold War. Do you think these missiles eased those fears? How are things similar or different in our country now?



### While You Are Here

- 1 Can you see the three large notches cut into the hillside? The army carved them so the radar system on the flattened mountaintop could communicate with the missiles.
- 2 Cross the road to the side closer to the water and look down to see the missile assembly area.
- 3 Take a hike to the top of Mount Livermore, which was removed to its original height in 2002. Enjoy the view! Cold War radar operations had from the top of the island.
- 4 This is a great place to photograph interesting fog patterns and views of the Bay Area.



### Safety Starts Here

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is a national park that surrounds the San Francisco Peninsula. It is the largest of all parks in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the Marin Headlands.





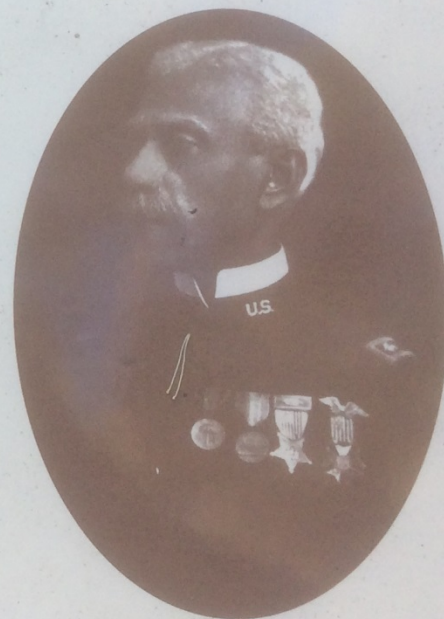
The nice surprise of  
the day was walking  
upon the following old  
abandoned church  
and military buildings.

# Nourishing the Mind and Spirit



The Chapel of Saint Marie was built by the Army in 1876 and served as a place of worship and as a schoolhouse for children. One of the chaplains of this post, Lt. Colonel Allen Allensworth, retired from the U.S. Army, in 1906, as the highest ranking African American officer.

In 1908, he founded the town of Allensworth, CA.



*Allen Allensworth*





Nurturing the Mind and Spirit

Small informational sign with text and a circular logo.









A great day of seeing, smelling, listening, tasting,  
and touching the history of Angel Island.

Back at the convention teachers from across the country were wowing over virtual technology.





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Saturday started out with the most useful seminar session of the weekend. A discussion of the importance of graduating High school students to plan and prepare for their college experience. Figure out whether their choice of majors would be the financial gateway they are looking for.

EXIT



# INVEST IN WHAT'S NEXT

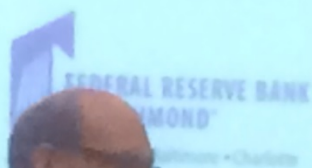
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Are Your Students College- and Career-Choice Ready?

November 17, 2017

Presented by: Nick Haltom and Kevin Woodcox





Two sessions later I  
was headed to the  
Golden Gate  
Recreation Area,  
then down Highway  
1 to Redwood City





A stop by Half Moon Bay and  
the beech before we headed  
in back inland to Redwood  
City











Nothing like  
Fresh Lemons and  
oranges in the backyard.

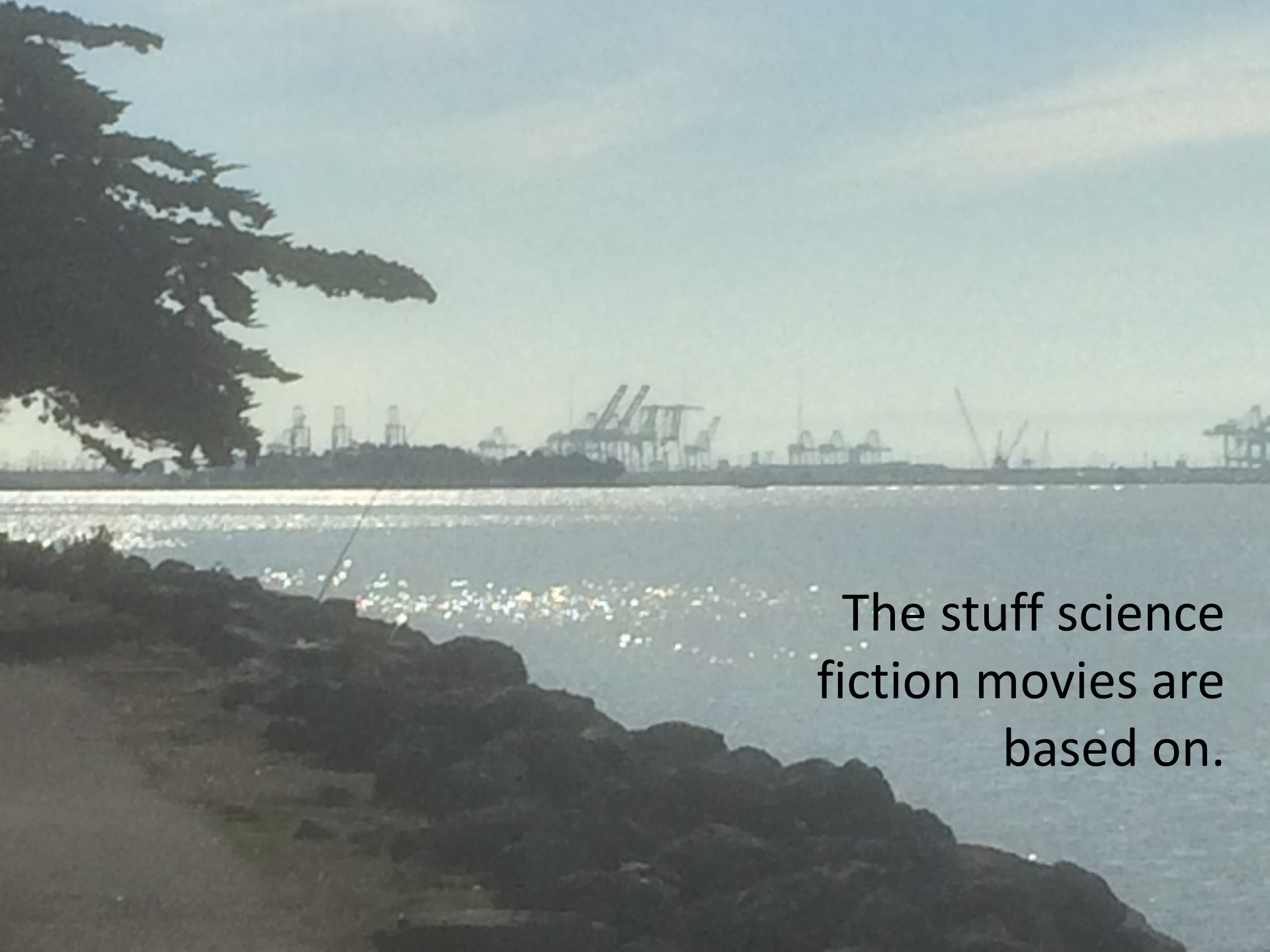




Midnight on  
the Metro;  
Reflecting  
on the day.

Sunday in the Bay area took  
me to Alameda, Blue Collar,  
college campuses and  
Redwoods





The stuff science  
fiction movies are  
based on.







Tour guides can be helpful when you are in a an unfamiliar area. Having a Lincoln University Alum who lives in the area is fantastic.

My guide was a dear family friend Seth Henderson who graduated with his degree in Art a dozen years ago and whose father Mike is still keeping the university up and running.







Chicago in mid-November?  
This may be one to miss.