

**U.S. MORMON BATTALION
NATIONAL STAFF MEETING**

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**16 July 2005 - 11:05 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

Conducting: Col. Norman T. Erekson
Invocation: Maj Roger Grua

Attending: Col. N. T. Erekson, Ltc. Robert P. Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, Maj. Roger Grua, Ltc. Max Jamison, Maj Val Halford, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Don Shurtz, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Maj Robert Cole, Maj Terry Wirth, Ltc Doug Williams

Excused: Maj. Robert D. Welti, Maj Tom Coyne
Guest: John Hayes

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of National Staff meeting of 21 May were presented for approval and corrections. A proposal to accept the minutes as written was made by Maj Richard Bullock, seconded by Maj Gloyd Sprouse. Vote held all in favor.
2. **Calendar:** The new calendar as revised in the Executive meeting was presented for review by Col Norm Erekson. The Col also read a special press release written by Maj Robert Welti for the days of '47 Parade
3. **New Members:** New members as voted and accepted in the Executive meeting was read by Maj Gloyd Sprouse New annual member Don Stockard and new Life member Mike Bohaeck. Ltc Robert Paul proposed that John Hayes be given a Life membership for his contributions to the success of Heritage Day, Seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. The motion was withdrawn until more discussion is held in the Executive Committee concerning Honorary Policy and Duties are defined. A proposal was made to Ltc Paul and Jamison to present John Hayes with a Certificate of Appreciation. Accepted.
4. **Financial:** Ltc Gaylen Maynes reported that significant donations were made to the building fund as a result of Heritage Day. Col Erekson reported that May and June resulted in a \$2700 deficit to the general fund because of expenses associated with Heritage Day.
5. **Heritage Day:** Ltc Max Jamison presented his summary of proposals concerning

the next Heritage Day program. He also presented financials that will become part of the permanent record of the Executive Committee minutes but will not be included in these minutes. He stressed the importance of getting the Re-enactors involved in the Mormon Battalion. Note: the financial number actual's are different that those being reported in the minutes. The actual numbers are higher.

John Hayes prepared a proposal for 2006 Heritage Day program with a time line of how to get ready. He stressed a committee be assigned by August or September 2005. Theme, media, location (with Contract), time, ushers, tickets, program, speakers, musical guests, food special invitations, master of ceremonies, security, materials required, etc. were discussed.

6. **Website:** Maj Robert Cole indicated that the Battalion Man pins are now gold in color and that the silver pins are now collectibles.
7. **Symbols:** Col Erekson made the comment that the "Battalion Man" and "Ladies Auxiliary" will be the only official symbols used by the Battalion on all letterhead, envelopes and written materials. This policy will remain in force until modified at some future date.
8. **Histories etc:** Maj Doug Williams indicated that former Executive Dee Williams family had donated a collection of "stuff" to the Battalion that the family thought might be desirable for archiving. Dee Williams death was sadly noted by all, but Maj Williams indicated that he had spent much time in cataloging the materials and made a suggestion that all members "clean house" before passing on items to the family that would be better served by going to the trash. This would save your posterity many hours of needless waste in separating the relevant from the junk. He also proposed that a form be developed for recording member histories.

9. **Company Reports:**

Company "A" Maj Val John Halford indicated that the Re-enactors wanted to call themselves "Company A Mormon Volunteers." He also felt that each Mormon Volunteer pay his annual dues the same as all other members.

Company "B" Maj Terry Wirth reported that his Company would be involved in several Parades and were planning an Urban Tail Walk on the 23rd.

Company "C" No report

Company "D" No report

Company "E" No report

Ship *Brooklyn* Maj Richard Bullock invited all Battalion members to the annual Ship *Brooklyn* Association picnic on July 30 in Logan. He also brought attention to a new book called *Caroline Barnes Crosby - Chronicler of Outlying Mormon Communities*, by Susan Ward Payne and others. Utah State University press, 2005. 574 pages. The book gives intimate details in the inter-relationships between the Battalion, *Brooklyn*, and migrating Saints in Nauvoo, San Jose, San Francisco, and San Bernardino. He also indicated he was writing an article about Jean Baptiste Charboneau for a future *Valiant*.

Benediction: Ltc Gaylen Maynes

Adjournment at 12:25 p.m.