

# MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL STAFF MEETING

18 November 2006 - 11:05 a.m.

420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

**Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson

**Invocation:** Maj Roger Grua

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Maj Don Shurtz

**Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, Maj Richard Bullock, Ltc Max Jamison, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Roger Grua, Maj Tom Coyne, Capt Dale Read, Maj John Hayes.

**Excused:** Ltc Jerome Gourley, Ltc Robert P. Paul, Maj Robert Cole, Maj Gloyd Sprouse

**Guests:** Royce Hatch, Anthony Hatch.

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson. .
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of 16 September 2006 and 21 October 2006 were presented for review. Motion to accept the minutes made by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne. Vote approved.
3. **Calendar:** The revised calendar added a dinner meeting for Company C and a flag ceremony.
4. **New Members:** Maj Richard Bullock submitted the names of Dr. David B. Bylund of Omaha, Nebraska and Lonny S. Johnson of Colton, Oregon as new Life members. New Life members for the Women's Auxiliary were presented also as Norma Bench, Janice Barnes, Carolyn Park, Kathleen Dutra, Rebecca Morton, Dorothy Sutherland, Tatha Owens, Paula Cooper, and Denice Iverson. Motion to accept made by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.
5. **Finances:** Maj Tom Coyne reported that there is \$24,005.02 in the Lifetime fund and \$3884.85 in the operating account.
6. **Heritage Day:** Maj John Hayes reported that the Bountiful Regional Center has been engaged again for this year, Elder Gerald Lund had been requested as a guest speaker but may not be able to accept. The program will be from 7-9 p.m.. Kevin Hensen will be a guest speaker, choir to be advised. Colonial flag may be asked to provide flags as in the past. We will need a poster for promotion. Maj Hayes

requested suggestions for guest speaker. Maj Bullock submitted Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jon Huntsman Sr., Dr. Susan Easton Black and author Darryl Harris. A rough program was passed out.

7. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison indicated that he is still trying to unscramble the data files he received from Capt Gillmore but is trying to publish in time for Christmas.
8. **Trek 2007:** Kevin Hensen of Michigan doing the re-enactment march. He has been requested to lower the resolution of the mapping images of sensitive areas due to security concerns.
9. **By-Laws:** Ballots were mailed on 9 November and have a cut off date of 9 December. They will be counted on 20 January.

Col Norm Erikson repeated the history of changes in the Battalion as outlined in the Executive meeting.

1. Originally formed in 1954 under Mormon Battalion
2. Amended in 1960 as Mormon Battalion of Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
3. Amended in 1972 as National U. S. Mormon Battalion, Inc.
4. Amended in 1984 as U. S. Mormon Battalion, a Corporation.
5. Amended in 1996 as U. S. Mormon Battalion, a Corporation.
6. Amended in 2006 as Mormon Battalion Association.

The major changes this time were: Women to be part of the Battalion membership and allowed to vote on all future elections, networking with other organizations, electronic participation at meetings, and uniform options.

Life members of the Women's Auxiliary to be grand mothered into general membership of the Mormon Battalion Association including those who pay their \$75.00 fee up to 12/31/2006, and be given the full rights to vote on Battalion matters. All subsequent Life Members will be \$200 membership fee and will be for membership in the Mormon Battalion Association without distinction of male or female.

10. **Membership:** A motion was made by Ltc Max Jamison to allow Military members and student members to join the Battalion for one-half the annual rate of regular members. Seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.
11. **Company Reports:**

Company A/B: Maj Don Shurtz reported that a joint meeting had been held the night before and a presentation made by Brie Cornell on frontier medicine.

Company C. Company C to have a lecture by Vanda Olsen about Ltc Ruel Barrus of the Battalion, who headed a party of twenty-five men at San Luis Rey.

Company D. Nothing to report.

Company E. Nothing to report.

Ship Brooklyn: Maj Richard Bullock reported on the Ship *Brooklyn* Association that the memorial plaque in Hawaii has been declined by the Bishop Foundation and is presently stalled. He has purchased 300 California Pioneer brochures for distribution to the Battalion members.

12. **Other:** Ltc Max Jamison has been working with the Trails group of the state and reports that new officers in the National Historic Trails Association will perhaps allow us to get Mormon Battalion Trail recognition finally passed.

Ltc Max Jamison reports that the Duty Calls Monument for Council Bluffs project is being headed by Dr. David Bylund, recent life member to the Battalion, and that he is trying to get approval to get it placed in triangle of land between West Broadway, North 6<sup>th</sup> and North Seventh Streets, and West Kanessville Blvd.

Ltc Max Jamison also reported that the Southern Utah Heritage Choir is going on a Midwest tour this summer and that possibly they can be in Council Bluffs for a dedication of the Duty Calls monument.

Col Norm Erekson reported that M. Gordon Johnson, developer of "A Soldiers Tale," has offered to have his presentation recorded, and he will even finance the project if it is in reason. A DVD for presentation during Trek 2007 would be most desirable. It would also be a great recruiting tool.

Pres. Anne Erekson made an announcement that the Women's Auxiliary was presenting a check for \$500.00 to the Mormon Battalion Operating fund to help with copies and postage. Roselyn Slade delivered the check to Maj Tom Coyne.

Motion to dismiss made by Maj Roger Grua

**Benediction:** Capt Dale Read.

Dismissed: 12:10 p.m.