

US MORMON BATTALION

DRAFT NATIONAL STAFF MEETING

15 January 2005 - 11:00 a.m. At 420 South 800 East, SLC, UT 84102

Conducting: Col. Norman T. Erekson

Invocation: Capt Dale Read

Pledge of Allegiance: Maj Terry Wirth

Attending: Col. N. T. Erekson, LTC Robert P Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Maj. Thomas Coyne, Maj. Roger Grua, LTC Max Jamison, Maj Robert Cole, Maj Don Shurtz, Capt Dale Read, Capt Jay Bowen, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Maj Terry Wirth

Excused: Maj. Robert D. Welti.

1. Minutes: The minutes of 20 November 2004 were presented by Maj Richard H Bullock. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Maj Bullock, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Approval given by vote.

2. Calendar: The new 2005 calendar was presented by Maj. Bullock with the additions that had been made in the Executive meeting, and noted that Company meetings will be added in the future.

3. Membership: New members were presented to the National Staff as approved in the Executive meeting as follows: Life members, Jack B. Goodwin and Nick Scholzen. Membership was read by Maj Gloyd Sprouse

4. Valiant: Capt Earl Gilmore was not present to report.

5. Auxiliary: Pres Anne Erekson dropped in on the meeting to present a check for \$250 to the Building Fund on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. She also asked if we had discussed getting a bus to go the San Juan Capistrano in May.

5. New Building: LTC Robert Paul reported that all donations had stopped after 9/11 from 2002 to 2004 but that there has been an increase of 525% in 2004. The Mormon Battalion Companies have contributed over \$40K so far. In the recent past the Battalion has produced two films, held two Heritage Day programs, two Essay award contests, merged San Diego into the group, had Ship Brooklyn Company formed, had fifty newspaper articles published and new monuments given by Elder Ballard. It was suggested that LTC Paul write an article for the Valiant detailing his comments and the Company contributions.

6. Heritage Day: LTC Max Jamison mentioned the Heritage Day/Battalion Day picnic to be held at This Is th Place Heritage Park in June and proposed that June 11th would be the best date. His proposal was seconded by Capt Jay Bowen. Vote passed. The Essay Contest will also be held and winners presented at the Heritage Day

7. Map Sales: LTC Max Jamison reported that Seagull Book wanted to market the maps for us. We would sell the maps to them for \$150 for framed maps only. He also mentioned that University of Utah Press would be publishing his book.

8. New: Col Norm T. Erekson reported on the progress in starting a new Winter Quarters Company. Maury Schoff to organize it. A monument to be placed at the School of Deaf in Kanestville (actual muster grounds) or in Council Bluffs.

Michigan River of Time, an organization organized to commemorate the Mexican War, may re-enact the march of the Battalion. They also want our cooperation in memorializing the grave of Phillip St. George Cooke with a Battalion Memorial Plaque.

9. Reports: Company A : Capt Jay Bowen reported that Alan Jameson would be their Executive Officer.

Company B: Maj Don Shurtz reported that the Company meetings would be moved to the Old Rock Church under a new Company Commander named Duane Sutherland and that their next speaker would be the Sandy City Emergency Coordinator.

Company C: Capt Dale Read reported that Calvin Stevens, eminent History Instructor was scheduled for January as their next speaker.

Company D and E: No report.

Ship Brooklyn Company: Maj Richard Bullock reported that Kerry Petersen of Palmer, Alaska had made the first scouting trip to Honolulu to seek out a site for a new plaque that is being planned.

Dixie Company: Maj Gloyd Sprouse reports that the new Company officers have been sworn in and members are supportive.

Website: Maj Robert Cole reported that to date the website has received over 56,000 hits or queries. The contacts come from every State and many countries, including two from Vietnam. He also said there are only 60 pins left and we need to look at a new order, perhaps adding color, which he will investigate.

Benediction: Maj Roger Grua Adjournment: 12:05 p.m.