

U.S. MORMON BATTALION

NATIONAL STAFF MEETING

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21 May 2005 - 11:05 a.m.

420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Conducting: Col. Norman T. Erikson

Invocation: Maj Roger Grua

Attending: Col. N. T. Erikson, Ltc. Robert P. Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, Maj. Thomas Coyne, Maj. Roger Grua, Ltc. Max Jamison, Capt Dale Read, Maj Jerome Gourley, Capt Earl Gillmore, Maj Val Halford, Capt Rodney Rasmussen, Martha Rasmussen, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Don Shurtz, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Maj Robert Cole, Maj Terry Wirth, Ltc Doug Williams

Excused: Maj. Robert D. Welti,

Guests: Noel Barton, John Hays

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of National Staff meeting of 16 April were presented for approval and corrections. A proposal to accept the minutes as written was made by Maj Roger Grua, seconded by Ltc Robert Paul. Vote held all in favor.
2. **Calendar:** The new calendar as revised in the Executive meeting was presented for review by Col Norm Erikson
3. **New Members:** New members as voted and accepted in the Executive meeting was read by Maj Gloyd Sprouse New annual member student Edward Bunker IV. A motion to accept the new member was made and seconded and all voted in the affirmative to accept. Maj Sprouse also noted that two Eagles awards were to be presented in California.
4. **Valiant:** Capt Earl Gillmore requested that members send what they have for inclusion in the Valiant, no matter what condition, and that he can clean up or re-write the materials for publication.
5. **Financial:** Maj Tom Coyne indicated we have \$6K in the bank for operating expenses, but that will reduce because of all the activity coming up in June.
6. **Pins:** Maj Robert Cole indicated that new pins have been ordered through Modern Display and that they will be available by May 31st. There will be a new gold color available as well as the silver. Price of the gold has not been established.

7. **New Building:** Ltc Robert Paul complemented Capt Earl Gillmore on the new Valiant, Maj Richard Bullock and Erma Bullock for helping with a mailing to 43 new Foundations, Ltc Max Jamison for his work on the June 11th program, and Ltc Gaylen Maynes for his diligent management of the Building Fund.

Ltc Paul commented that Larry H. Miller has contributed over \$400K toward the crafting of new monuments that have been designated for the Battalion. He stated that Noel Barton would be putting up posters in the Family History Library, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, the Church Offices and Museum to help sell tickets to our June 11th event.

He then offered a method for consideration to invest the Life membership funds into a business venture that would yield 10% per year.

Ltc Max Jamison passed out sample copies of the program for June 11th and Maj Jerome Gourley passed out a status report on tickets sales to date. \$2672.00 had been sold so far.

8. **Days of '47:** Parade and celebrations will commence at 9:00 am on July 25th, a Monday.

9. **Staff added:** A motion was made by Ltc Robert Paul to add Noel Barton to the National Staff in a position to be determined. His duties are to help determine and acquire a computer system and software that will fit the Battalion's needs in the new building. Motion was seconded by Ltc Gaylen Maynes. Vote was passed.

10. **Company Reports:**

Company "A" Capt Jay Bowen reported that their group had listened to a lecture from Glen & Margarita Saunders about early Nauvoo and the Battalion's ancestors.

Company "B" reported that they had watched the Ken Verdoia video about the Battalion.

Company "C" Capt Dale Reed reported that Gene Sessions will be speaking in May.

Company "D" Capt Rasmussen reports that they have committed to three parades on the 4th and 24th of July and also are planning a trek on July 29-30 at Bear Lake. They will have local encampments at the Hansen residence near Bear Lake.

Company "E" No report

Ship *Brooklyn* Maj Richard Bullock reported on helping Ltc Robert Paul mail out 43 additional requests for funds to local Foundations. He also reported that he conducted a fund raising effort at the Old Rock Church for the DUP on May 7th and represented the Battalion and Ship *Brooklyn* Association.

Other: Maj Doug Williams reported that he had met with LDS Archives and had a tour. They are very enthusiastic to microfilm our material but we need to organize the information so it can be subsequently retrieved. They will give us back searchable CD's and/or microfilms of the materials donated.

Maj Val John Halford commented that he needs help with flags at the building site. Maj Jerome Gourley volunteered to help. Colonial Flag has agreed to loan us the flags for the event.

John Hays indicated that audio problems are being ironed out with Heritage Park officials. The earliest we can get in is 7:00 am on Saturday. This makes it marginal to be ready for our event. Cameras are being organized and Howard Little will film the event.

Adjournment at 12:30 p.m.

Benediction: Maj Doug Williams