

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

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19 February 2005 - 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:
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, Maj Gaylen Maynes, Maj Jerome Gurley, Maj Robert Cole, Capt Earl Gilmore
Excused: Maj. Robert D. Welti.
Guests: Gary Streadbeck, Lynn Teuland, John Hayes

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of National Staff meeting of 15 January were presented for approval and corrections. A proposal to accept the minutes as written was made by Maj Roger Grua, seconded by Capt Dale Read. Vote held all in favor.
2. **Calendar:** The new calendar as revised in the Executive meeting was presented for review by Col Norm Erekson
3. **New Members:** New members as voted and accepted in the Executive meeting was read by Maj. Bullock. These were new Life Members Richard H. Bullock, Truman Lynch, and Keith Alexander. New annual members Frank Szeles, Frank John, and Merrit Nelson.
4. **Guest Members:** Ltc Robert Paul introduced Mr. Gary Streadbeck, a Malford Hatch descendant, and part owner of Addonis Bronze of Alpine. Mr. Streadbeck showed the capability of his company and samples of his casting work. He then made a donation to the Building Fund. We in turn are asking him to quote in making bronze replicas of the Battalion Statue for desktop figures.

Ltc Paul introduced Lynn Tegland of Seattle, Washington, a descendant of Jefferson Hunt, has proposed doing all the concrete work on the new building as a donation to the Battalion. He showed many examples of the new work that is being done in the concrete industry as regards faux finishes and sandblasting designs of a complex nature. He has ties to the Ship *Brooklyn* and would like to make some form of tribute to the *Brooklyn* in concrete.

- Both gentlemen were applauded for their offers.
5. **New Building:** Ltc Robert Paul presented new monument photos and talked about Jesse C. Little, who persuaded President James K. Polk to form the Mormon Battalion. Elder Russell M. Ballard, in a meeting with Ltc Paul, designated the monuments be called “Duty Calls” and “Duty Triumphs” and be placed in our hands to go at the front of our building. Maj Val Halford has noted several irregularities in the authenticity of the dress of the figures, and Ltc Paul noted that the corrections will be made before the casting. Ltc Paul also commented that the home of Brother Castle has been restored and is being given to the Mormon Battalion to represent the Pueblo Saints.
 6. **Heritage Day:** Ltc Max Jamison commented on preliminary plans for June 11th. He wants to invite political dignitaries, essay contest winners, have displays, and possible fund raising efforts at the same time. Paul Williams of Heritage Park suggested putting up a large tent with a sound system being managed and donated by John Hayes, a sound technician for TV13, one of our guests. The matter of catering, open donations being requested, program, and funding are to be advised. The matter was discussed for a time with no positive conclusions being proposed.
 7. **Ladies Auxiliary:** The ladies came back into the meeting and Erma Bullock donated \$500 to the Battalion general fund to help with mailing costs associated with the *Valiant*. The ladies were applauded.
 8. **Map Donations:** Ltc Max Jamison talked about the map donations that are to be given to \$5000 donors. He expressed concern about the costs of the map and frames coming from the building fund and thought he might try and find a donor to cover the costs.
 9. **Winter Quarters:** President Bindorff will designate the location of the monuments. There are two sites being considered at present.
 10. **Michigan:** Michigan “River of Time” sent a CD to Maj Robert Cole of their re-enactment photographs for consideration for the Website. Maj Cole also noted that he would be donating pins to the speakers at the upcoming San Diego celebrations.
 11. **Valiant:** Col Erikson indicated that the last issue of the *Valiant*, which is not totally finished, used eleven black ink cartridges and seven color at a cost of several hundred dollars. The new printer has not solved the printing problems in getting the publication done in a timely fashion. Capt Earl Gilmore requested that all new articles

be presented as soon as possible to allow for time for printing.

12. **Company Reports:**

Company "A" Capt Jay Bowen reported that their meeting had been earlier in the week and that Ltc Max Jamison had spoken to the group on his research about United States "Manifest Destiny."

Company "B" Maj Don Shurtz mentioned that they are now meeting in the little Rock Church across from Gardener Village.

Company "C" Capt Dale Reed reported that Calvin Stevens spoke at their meeting and Maj Roger Grua would be speaking next month.

Company "D" No report

Company "E" No report

Ship *Brooklyn* Maj Richard Bullock reported on the completion of three new rolls of microfilm of research material and distribution to the Family History Library, San Francisco City Library, Harold B. Lee library at BYU and the Oakland FHL research center. They will be cataloged and made available worldwide through the FHL. Maj Bullock also mentioned that he had approached Michael Landon of the Church Archives about microfilming and cataloging all the stored material that belong to the Mormon Battalion. The feelings were very positive about the project from the standpoint of the Archives.

13. **Website:** Maj Robert Cole reported on the traffic flow.

14. **Telephone:** Col Norn Erekson announced the creation of the position of Battalion Phone Director and that he had selected Kirt Jameson to fill this position. Maj Kirt Jameson was then sworn in by Col Norm Erekson.

Adjournment at 12:30 p.m.

Benediction: Capt Dale Reed