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Col. Norm Erekson and LTC Jerome Gourley at the graveside of BMG Phillip St George Cooke, a former Cmdr of the original Mormon Battalion

Detroit, MI, Mormon Battalion Memorialized Gravesite Brevet Major General Phillip St. George Cooke, 1809-1895 by Major Jerome Gourley, Publicity Officer

Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2005 marked a very special gravesite service on behalf of the Mormon Battalions' third and longest commander, COL Phillip St. George Cooke. COL Cooke is buried in the Historic Elmwood Cemetery located in Detroit, Michigan. COL Norman Erekson, COL and Mrs. Carl Larson and MAJ Jerome Gourley, represented the Mormon Battalion at this memorialization and dedicatory service.

Born in Leesburg, Virginia on June 13, 1809, Cooke was appointed to West Point at the age of 14, and graduated in 1827, at the age of 18. Phillip married Rachael Wilt in Missouri and they had four children. His daughter, Flora, married Confederate General Jeb Stuart, and his daughter, Julia, married Union General Jacob Sharpe. John Rogers Cooke, his son, was a Confederate General.

Among his many assignments, was command of the Mormon Battalion. He took command in Santa Fe, New Mexico with

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Young Men and Young Women! A MB Essay Contest

The Mormon Battalion is sponsoring their 26th annual essay contest. It is open to all High School Students. The subject for the essay must be an event, place, biography of a person or persons, or otherwise related to the History of the Mormon Battalion and a true story. You may use an ancestor of the Mormon Battalion if you have one. A qualifying essay must be an original work of the student author and be between 1500 and 2000 words. Submission on disk is encouraged. Word or equivalent format. Arial or Tahoma Font, 10-12 font.

Winners will be recognized at the National Mormon Battalion Day on June 17 at the Bountiful Regional Center. There will be a monetary reward for 1st and 2nd place and those articles will be presented on the Mormon Battalion Web site for the next year. An excellent reference and resume note for college or future jobs. For more info on the Mormon Battalion Website at www.mormonbattalion.com contact Major Roger E. Grua email: rgrua@comcast.net

Gordon B. Hinckley, "There needs to be a new emphasis on honesty, character, and integrity in our time. Only as we build again into the fiber of our lives the virtues that are the essence of true civilization will the pattern of our times change."

AUXILIARY

CORNER



UPCOMING ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL AUXILIARY BOARD MEMBERS

This is the year for the elections of the National Auxiliary Board members. The election will occur during the business meeting on the Mormon Battalion Heritage Day, June 17, 2006 which will be at the Tenth Ward Chapel after the morning program at the LDS Bountiful Regional Center featuring Elder L. Tom Perry of the Twelve Apostles.

To be eligible to vote for National Auxiliary officers, annual dues must be paid 30 days prior to the June 17th meeting. Life membership holders automatically qualify to vote. For our organization to progress and grow we really need dues paid on time. If you would like to run for an office on the National Auxiliary Board and you qualify under Section A, of our current By-Laws Membership Qualifications, please contact Pres Anne Erekson, at 1-801-731-3538 or e-mail www.mormonbattalion.com

BRIEF HISTORIES OF OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Histories Provided by Shirley Maynes

The National Auxiliary has had five presidents since their organization first began in 1960.

Mary S. Goodman, 1960–1981, Mary was asked by National Commander Col. Fred Reese to organize an auxiliary to represent the Women of the Mormon Battalion. Her group diligently held monthly meetings at the State Capitol building to bring about this goal. At one time, Mary and her Board conducted the selection of the Days of '47 queen. She had good leadership abilities that were admired by those who worked with her and served 21 years.

Bertha B. Richards, 1981-1990, Bertha and her other board members were instrumental in drawing up the By-laws for the Auxiliary and creating the program and designs for the bronze plaques which are placed at the headstones of the wives of the Battalion. Both those who went with their husbands and the married women of the Battalion who remained behind. Her board created the Auxiliary logo displayed above. Bertha also served with her husband, Col. J.C. Richards, who was National Commander during this same period of time.

Beverley W. McClellan, 1990-1991, Beverley was a Special Education teacher at a local School District. She and her Board created our lapel pin using our logo. Beverley resigned upon the untimely death of her husband, Col. Stan McClellan who was serving as Mormon Battalion National Commander.

Shirley N. Maynes, 1991- 2002, Shirley is the author of the book, *Five-Hundred Wagons Stood Still* a compilation of research on many of the women who remained behind as the Mormon Battalion took up the march and co-author of the book, *Women of the Battalion* on those women who went on the march. Using her unique skills and those of her board members the Auxiliary became active in the communities by organizing boutiques for the purpose of fund raising and donating monies toward the refurbishment of the Mormon Battalion monument at the State Capitol grounds. They also collected histories of both the past and present day women of the Mormon Battalion for preservation and to teach others those histories. She and her husband, Gaylen, who has served as Executive Officer and Finance Officer, have traveled extensively throughout the country for the Mormon Battalion.

Anne Erekson, 2002–Current, Anne and her Board have continued on to raise community awareness of the great lessons to be gleaned from the Mormon Battalion. They also have served faithfully in raising and contributing monies toward the present day building fund for the purpose of obtaining a museum, library, and visitors center for the Battalion. Anne and her husband, Col. Norm Erekson, who is the National Commander, have traveled throughout the country and serve as faithful and capable leaders of the Mormon Battalion. Their great partnership has inspired new partnerships nationwide as they seek to draw together all those who wish to teach and remember the honorable service of the Mormon Battalion. All along their trail, new and exciting efforts are happening to give voice to those who barely had time to live through it.

Dear U. S. Mormon Battalion Auxiliary Member, We thank all of you for your participation during the past year. We hope you were able to be involved in some of your own local Mormon Battalion activities. Each January begins the time for renewal of memberships. This year we have the goal of each member, sending in their renewal and bringing a new member into the Auxiliary. The dues are still only \$10 a year, and this money is used for expenses during the year, for stationary, stamps, and helping the Battalion with telephone bills, printing of the *Valiant*, and the website, all of which support activities of growth, and benefit the association. It is so important to support and keep our organizations strong and growing, so that we can continue to share the outstanding achievements and history of the 500 + men and women, who served the country and the Church on the Mormon Battalion march during the war with Mexico in 1846-47. The valor of these great people should never be forgotten, and it is our purpose to keep that memory ever present. Are you willing to do your part? The new Mormon Battalion Learning Center and Museum, will be a great monument for future generations, and is an important fund raising project. The funds pledged to date, are approaching the million dollar mark, and that's almost half way there! When you send in your membership dues, will you also consider a tax deductible donation for the building fund? Thank you! Best regards,

Anne Erekson, President, Erma R. Bullock, Treasure & Membership Chairman **2**



Randy Wayne Sutherland, 47, 14 Sep 1958-26 Feb '06 Died of ALS Married Dorothy Bullock, 1982, served in Air Force for 8 yrs, four wonderful children and a grandson, loved by community, contributed by father-in-law Major Richard Bullock, MB Adjutant

Gregson Glenn Gourley, 38, Born 25 May 1967 killed by roadside bomb 22 Feb 2006, married Collette Hansen, 1992, served in Special Forces, 101st Airborne Division, RA, served in Operation Desert Storm and 2 Tours in Iraq, four wonderful children, loved by community, contributed by father LTC Jerome Gourley, MB Executive Officer



Pioneering Strength March re-enacts Mormons' arrival by David Hasemyer Staff Writer
reprint from San Diego Union-Tribune 26 Feb 06 619-542-4583; david.hasemyer@uniontrib.com

Eleven-year-old Tad Goodrich, a dead ringer for Tom Sawyer, knows a little bit about the sacrifice one of his great-great-something ancestors made trudging across the country as part of the Mormon Battalion. Tad had blisters on his feet, an especially big one on his heel. They popped up while he marched yesterday in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park toting a musket as big as him in the re-enactment of the Battalion's arrival in San Diego in 1847. "It hurts," he said, wincing so that the freckles on his cheeks scrunched up. "So it must have been really bad for the people who had to walk across the country." Those people were part of the Mormon Battalion, hearty members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who trekked from Iowa to Southern California as reinforcements for the Army in the Mexican-American War. Tad walked with his mother, Jill, and brother, Chance, to honor their heritage and to affirm their commitment to the same values as their pioneer relative. Jill Goodrich walked in the name of her great-great-grandmother, Phoebe Draper Brown, who was one of about 20 women who accompanied their husbands and served the Battalion as laundresses. "She had to put up with a lot of really dirty socks," Goodrich said. But it was her spirit, her devotion and her perseverance that Goodrich came to remember. "There is something special about the strength of these pioneers," she said. "It's something I want my children to appreciate. I want them to live their lives with the same sense of sacrifice and service that these pioneers lived their lives by." After the march yesterday, Tad had a chance to rest his feet and join the hundreds of other people who came to sample Dutch-oven cooking, participate in hands-on demonstrations of brick making and wander among the historical displays depicting the Battalion's 2,000-mile march. The Battalion was organized in 1846 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at a time when Mormons were preparing to head west to find religious sanctuary. They ultimately would settle the Utah Territory in the Salt Lake Valley, a barren desert that leader Brigham Young embraced as: "This is the Place." They needed money for this trek and the government needed men to fight the Mexican army in California. So 500 Mormons enlisted for the \$42 pay and set off as reinforcements. Their journey was filled with hardship, freezing nights, scarce supplies and marching mile after mile, day after day, trudging. They averaged 20 miles a day, blazing a new trail to Southern California from Santa Fe, N.M. The Battalion captured the fortified city of Tucson from Mexican forces along the way but arrived in San Diego too late to be a factor in the Mexican-American War. Battalion members are credited with constructing the first brick building in San Diego, a structure used as a courthouse. They dug wells and established a school but they mostly sowed the seeds of good will. "What came of that is the native inhabitants soon came to accept the settlers," said Linda Handy, whose great-great-great-grandfather was a 19-year-old Battalion private. "They set a tone of peace and understanding. That is the example they set in history and that is the lesson we want to carry on today."

"Lets be Save-the-day-payers, not Its-too-late-sayers."

This is a reminder that the 2006 annual memberships are now due. The fees are used for the expenses of the Battalion, such as the *Valiant*, telephone, website, stamps, stationary, license fees, all of which support the growth and activities of the Battalion.

Annual membership is from January 1st through December 31st. Annual Fee=\$30.00, Student Annual Fee=\$10.00 Life Membership=\$200.00. Your membership will allow us to continue to share the history and achievements of those 500 + men and women.

Your membership in the Mormon Battalion is appreciated and or encouraged. As members we honor those who served so valiantly for our Country and honored the Church. We strive to fulfill the prophecy of Brigham Young that men and nations would hold participants in honorable remembrance and that descendants would rise up and bless their noble ancestors. **Gloyd Sprouse**, Membership and Recruitment Officer

The “Honor Roll”

by Jay M. Todd

One of the first things I wanted to know when I started immersing myself into Mormon Battalion history was: How many died in the Mormon Battalion during military service? It soon became: How many died, soldier and non-soldier, of those with the whole “Mormon Battalion/Mormon Volunteer entourage?”

It surprised me that I couldn't find any work or text that identified the number of those who had died. There indeed have been created, with proximate confidence and through great research, several all-important “Honor Rolls” of Battalion soldiers and also several vital “Honor Rolls” of those who accompanied the Battalion. For me, there is one more significant “Honor Roll”: one that contains the names of those who gave their lives during military service relative to the cause that brought about the Mormon Battalion. It is an “Honor Roll” in harmony with the Lord's statement, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13.

Maybe such a number and list had not been formed with good reason. An author or researcher providing such a roll likely would be concerned that soon after having done so someone would identify another name to add to the list. Despite the risks, I have felt somewhat driven to work on this “Honor Roll.” In fact, one of the purposes for bringing it out is for “everyone” to review it in order to potentially obtain new information for the “Mormon Battalion Honor Roll of Those Who Gave Their Lives.” Indeed, two months after giving out copies for critique I learned that Robert O. Day, deceased author of “March of the Mormon Battalion: Called to Serve” (2003), had published a list of persons he identified had died. Though incomplete, his list underscores that future research may still result in new information.

As one reads the names listed, it should be apparent why two soldier deaths in the Mormon Volunteers need to be part of this Honor Roll. As July 16, 1847 approached, the day of military discharge for the Mormon Battalion, U.S. Army commanders and some of the Battalion's own Latter-day Saint leaders encouraged Battalion members to re-enlist as a necessary continuation of the military service for which they had been encouraged to enlist in the first place. Seventy-nine re-enlisted as well as three young men who had accompanied the Battalion, for a total of 82 who formed a new company named the “Mormon Volunteers”. They were subsequently discharged March 14, 1848. Previously, the small group of men assigned to escort General Kearny to Ft. Leavenworth was discharged after arrival there, on August 24, 1847. Thus, the above are the important dates for ending the military service of the Mormon Battalion and Mormon Volunteers.

In forming this Honor Roll, I have mined and re-mined four enormously important works, noted here in sequence of their publication: “The Mormon Battalion: U.S. Army of the West, 1846-1848,” by Norma Baldwin Ricketts, 1996; an updated CD of the 1997 second edition of “A Database of the Mormon Battalion: An Identification of the Original Members of the Mormon Battalion and the Documentation for that Identification,” by Carl V. Larson; “Army of Israel: Mormon Battalion Narratives,” edited by David L. Bigler and Will Bagley, 2000; and “Roster: The Mormon Battalion—U.S. Army of the West, 1846-1848,” by Norma Baldwin Ricketts, 2003. Combined, these works have been “the Bible” for this Honor Roll. If other works exist with data on the issue at hand that these four authors/researchers did not review or if other works have appeared after the publication of their four works with new data on these issues, I would much appreciate being informed of such new data or materials. Though these four works give information on numerous points sufficient to provide a consensus on many items, on other points each frustratingly provides conflicting information and judgments; further, inherent to all editorial works each has typos and human error in keystrokes that make one quite unsure on some dates, spellings, and other points. Even so, these four works have been the gold mine into which I have scoured and re-scoured to prepare this “Honor Roll” and, thus, I first wish to warmly and buoyantly thank Norma Baldwin Ricketts, Carl V. Larson, David Bigler and Will Bagley.

So, here it is--a proposed “*Honor Roll of Those Who Died While Serving in the Mormon Battalion and Mormon Volunteers and Those Who Died While Accompanying Them During Their Military Service.*” I have identified 30 persons—22 soldiers and 8 non-soldiers. I thought of alphabetically listing the names in two categories, soldiers and non-soldiers (and you can quickly take the 30 names and re-create any list that meets your needs, such as of these 30 persons, 27 were males and 3 were females). But I found it instructive and poignant to sequence the deaths as chronologically as possible so I could get a better feel for life in the Mormon Battalion and the Mormon Volunteers.

The "Honor Roll" "The Mormon Battalion Roll of Those Who Gave Their Lives"

1. **Pvt. Samuel Boley**, age 21; died July 22, 1846, near Linden, Missouri.
 2. **Lt. Col. James D. Allen**, 40; head of the Mormon Battalion, August 23, 1846, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.
 3. **Jane Bosco**, "an aged lady"; about August 27, 1846, Council Grove, Kansas.
 4. **John Bosco**, elderly; about August 30, 1846 (husband of Jane, 2-3 days after her death), teamster, Council Grove, Kansas.
 5. **Pvt. Alva Phelps**, 32; September 16, 1846, near Cimarron Cutoff on Arkansas River, Kansas.
 6. **Fent Allred**, 1 day old infant son of Pvt. James T. S. and Eliza B. Allred; latter part of September 1846, Cimarron, Kansas area.
 7. **Pvt. Norman Sharp**, believed to be 19; last week of September 1846, was with the family detachment heading from Kansas to Pueblo, Colorado, at an Indian village near Arkansas River hoping for recovery from accidental self-caused gunshot wound.
 8. **Pvt. Milton Smith**, 28; October 27 or 28, 1846, with sick detachment heading from Santa Fe to Pueblo, Colorado.
 9. **Pvt. Abner Chase**, 33; sometime in late October or early November 1846, with sick detachment heading from Santa Fe to Pueblo, Colorado.
 10. **Pvt. James Hampton**, somewhere between 24 and 49; November 3 or 4, 1846, near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.
 11. **Milton Kelley**, 38; November 4 or 7, 1846, accompanying his uncle Jefferson Hunt's family, Pueblo, Colorado.
 12. **Betsy Prescinda Huntington**, 3 week old infant daughter of Pvt. Dimick B. and Fanny Allen Huntington; November 4 or 9, 1846, Pueblo, Colorado.
 13. **Pvt. John W. Green**, thought to be 32; mid November 1846, with sick detachment near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico heading to Pueblo, Colorado.
 14. **Pvt. Elijah Norman Freeman**, 24; mid to late November 1846, with sick detachment near Socorro, New Mexico heading to Pueblo, Colorado.
 15. **Pvt. Richard Carter**, 25; mid to late November 1846, with sick detachment near Socorro, New Mexico heading to Pueblo, Colorado.
 16. **Company musician Joseph William Richards**, 17; November 19 or 21, 1846, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 17. **Elisha Smith**, 48; early December 1846, teamster and helper of Capt. Daniel Davis, near Douglas, Arizona.
 18. **Pvt. George Coleman**, 29; mid December 1846, with sick detachment near New Mexico-Colorado border heading to Pueblo, Colorado.
 19. **Parley Hunt**, year and half old son of Capt. Jefferson and Celia Mounts Hunt; January 1, 1847, Pueblo, Colorado.
 20. **Pvt. John Calvin Perkins**, believed to be between 18 and 25; January 19, 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 21. **Cpl. James Allen Scott**, said to be a "young man"; early to mid February 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 22. **Pvt. Melcher Oyler**, 33; February 25, 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 23. **Pvt. Eli Dodson**, 19; March 21 or 27, 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 24. **Pvt. David Smith**, 26; March 23, 1847, San Luis Rey, California.
 25. **Cpl. Arnold Stevens**, 44; March 26 or 27, 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado, not recovering after being severely drug over logs by a mule being tamed.
 26. **Pvt. Mervin S. Blanchard**, 22; April 10, 1847, with sick detachment at Pueblo, Colorado.
 27. **Lydia Edmonds Hunter**, 23; April 26 or 27, 1847 a week after childbirth, wife of Capt. Jesse D. Hunter, San Diego, California.
 28. **Pvt. Albert Dunham**, 18; May 11, 1847, San Diego, California.
 29. **Sgt. Lafayette N. Frost**, 22; September 8, 1847, Mormon Battalion re-enlistee with Mormon Volunteers, San Diego, California.
 30. **Pvt. Neal Donald**, believed to be about 27; November 5, 1847, Mormon Battalion re-enlistee with Mormon Volunteers, San Diego, California.
- Recently retired after 30 years as managing editor of the *Ensign*, Jay M. Todd is serving as chair of the Utah Mormon Battalion Heritage Day scheduled for June 17, 2006 at the Bountiful Regional Center.

(Cont from front page)-**Col Cooke** -

orders to assist in the war against Mexico, secure the American Southwest, find a southern route to the Pacific Ocean and construct a road thereto. A strict disciplinarian, he quickly determined that the Battalion was encumbered with too many women, children and sick soldiers. He dispatched two additional sick detachments to Pueblo, Colorado for wintering, reduced the overall Battalion strength to some 367 and successfully arrived in San Diego, California in Jan 1847.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Cooke was stationed in Utah. He was commissioned Brigadier General on November 13, 1861, and was in command of a brigade of cavalry in Washington D.C. He participated in the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Gaines Mill and Glendale. Cooke was transferred to Detroit in 1870, and retired from the army in 1873. Cooke practiced law and wrote, "Scenes and Adventures in the Army." He remained in Detroit until his death on March 20, 1895. His wife is buried by his side and their matching Vermont granite grave markers measure six feet long by two feet wide and were replaced in the mid 1970's by family members.

For anyone interested in visiting COL Cooke's gravesite, the historic Elmwood Cemetery is located on 1200 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48207. Their e-mail address is: www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org and their telephone number is 313-567-3453. They are open M-F 9am-4pm, and Sat 9am-noon. (Cooke is buried in Lot 94, Section H, Map #5).

Kevin and Denny Henson, husband and wife, chair the Michigan chapter of the River of Time and live about 100 miles away in Midland. It was their interest and perseverance that lead to the contact with COL Larson and the actual memorialization plaque. Mr. Chancey P. Miller, Executive Vice President of Elmwood Cemetery was so helpful in allowing us to use the Chapel for our program and hosted us the entire morning. He also attended the fireside held at the Woodward Stake Center Friday evening where additional historical subjects were presented.

Dear Battalion Members and interested people;

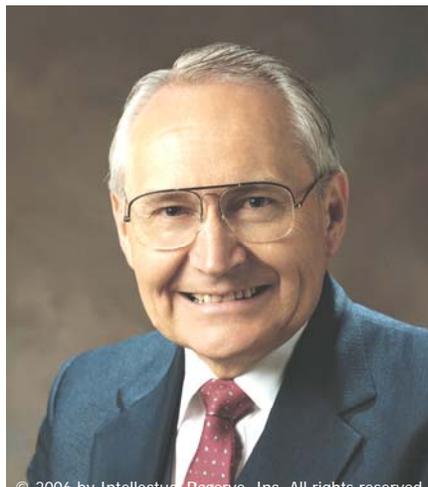
Another year is beginning and the prospects are bright for many accomplishments to happen in our quest to "keep in honorable remembrance the men and women of the US Mormon Battalion "and the great achievements and foundation they laid for us.

The plans for the US Mormon Battalion Heritage Day are well under way. It will feature Elder L. Tom Perry and the Sterling Singers with other inspiring features. We hope you will all make plans to attend this monumental program 17 June 10:30 AM at the Bountiful Regional Center (The Old Valley Music Hall). We will feature Battalion memorabilia to be on display in the foyer from 9:00 am.

Please take the challenge to recruit a new member this year and bring them to the meeting.

It is an election year for new Battalion officers so please respond when the nominating committee asks for your input and help. Maj Roger Grua is head of that committee. Rewrites of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws are under way and if you want input get your suggestions to Maj Richard Bullock. Yours in the Service;

Col **Norman T. Erekson**, Commander.



**Elder L Tom Perry
of the
Twelve Apostles
to speak at the
June 17
Mormon
Battalion
Heritage Day
held this year at
the Bountiful
Regional Center**

Elder L. Tom Perry
of the Quorum of the
Twelve Apostles of
The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints headlines this year's exciting Saturday June 17, 2006 Mormon Battalion Heritage Day program as its featured speaker.

This year's annual event will be a morning program as was last year's and begins at 10:30 a.m., going until nearly noon. It will be held at the beautiful 2,200 capacity Bountiful Regional Center, 835 North 400 East, in North Salt Lake. The Center is accessed from I-15 by exiting at 2600 South, getting on the frontage road, which is 400 East.

Doors are open 9 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. for persons to enjoy an impressive "Mormon Battalion Memorabilia Display" that the Women's Auxiliary, under the direction of vice president Norma Bench, will present in the foyer.

A member of the Quorum of the Twelve since 1974, Elder Perry served in the U.S. Marines in World War II and has intimate understanding of the demands of military service and has great respect for the Mormon Battalion.

---In addition, the 150 voice Sterling Singers, directed by Kelly DeHaan, will sing selections about the Mormon Battalion and a piece written by a Battalion member.

---Gordon Johnson will give a 6-minute slice of his highly praised "A Soldier's Tale."

---A short video will be shown on the unprecedented attention the Mormon Battalion story has received the past few years.

---"Mormon Volunteers, Company A, Historic Re-enactors" will post the flag and parade in vintage Battalion accoutrements.

---Weaving this year's outstanding program together will be Bob Evans, Fox 13's well-known news broadcaster.

Mark your calendars now and invite friends, family, and neighbors to a wonderful June morning.

The U.S. Mormon Battalion proudly announces

HERITAGE DAY

commemorating the 160th anniversary
of the enlistment of the

MORMON BATTALION

Saturday, June 17, 2006

from 10:30 am - 12 noon

LDS Bountiful Regional Center

835 North 400 East

North Salt Lake, Utah

(Exit 315 off I-15)

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ELDER L. TOM PERRY

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OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

AND

THE STERLING SINGERS

Doors open at 9 AM. Displays and reenactments will be available.

Please post till June 17, 2006

US MORMON BATTALION CALENDAR 2006

February Saturday the 25th. Old Town Park, San Diego, CA 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Speaker Hartman Rector Jr Contact info: Frank Szeles, cell 619-987-0479 or fjszeles@cox.net

April Saturday the 1st. Re-enactment Celebration, Ft Leavenworth, KS Celebration, lectures, re-enactment of Custer, General Grant, Mormon Battalion, music, food, and more. Contact and Info: Col Peter Goldberg, & Marti Goldberg, 4 Summer Place, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027 913-364-4000 martigoldberg@yahoo.com

May 25-28 Thursday through Sunday Mormon History Association Casper Conference Annual conference at Casper, WY, It will be held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, 123 West E Street, Casper, WY, For reservations call 1-800-270-7829, For Info www.mhahome.org

May Saturday the 27th. Weber County Memorial Trek. 9:00 am Trek to the four cemeteries in Weber County that have Battalion Members buried there. Carl V Larsen will guide the trek and give history of the Battalion men. Contact Carl V Larsen, 623 S 1700 E, Spanish Fork, UT 84660, For Info 801-798-3661

June 2-3 Friday and Saturday 150th Handcart Celebration Kearney, NE, contact Joe Carlson carlson@unk.edu

June Saturday the 17th. Annual Battalion Business Meeting 2:30 pm 10th Ward at 420 S 800 E, SLC. Voting on new By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. Must have dues paid one month prior to vote.

June Saturday the 17th. Heritage Day 10:30 am to Noon Bountiful regional center (Old Valley Music Hall), 835 N 400 E, North Salt Lake, UT Info Contact Jay Todd, chairman, jaja64@msn.com or 801-272-326324.

June Saturday the 24th. Grave Memorialization for Elvira A Cowles and Jonathan Harriman Holmes to be held at Farmington City Cemetery. Contact and Info: Laurie Hillier 801-544-3316 or hillierlw@ldschurch.org

US MORMON BATTALION MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday Dixie Co Monthly Mtg, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6, 7:00 pm, Cottonmill Dance Hall, 300 West Telegraph, Washington, UT CPT Johnnie Johnson, Commanding 435- 673-3049

3rd Thursday Co B Monthly Mtg Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15, Contact MAJ Terry Wirth at 801-968-6988, terrywirth@comcast.net or cell 801-808-6413 or for time and location.

3rd Friday Co A Monthly Mtg Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16, 6:30 pm at Granite Tabernacle, 20th South 9th East, SLC, UT All are invited to attend. CPT Jay Bowen Commanding 801-968-4173

3rd Saturday Monthly Battalion Executive Board Mtg, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, 9:00 am at 420 S 800 E, SLC, UT

3rd Saturday Monthly Battalion National Staff Mtg, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, 11:00 am at 420 S 800 E, SLC, UT

4th Thursday Co D Mtg Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 29, 7:00 pm, Logan Senior Citizen Center, 240 North 100 East, Logan, UT 435-573-5714 CPT Gordon Coulson Commanding

Last Thursday Co C Mtg Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 29, Thu 7:00 pm, Roy City Library, 1950 West 4800 South, Roy, UT readscrad@comcast.net, 801-392-1254 CPT Dale Read Commanding.

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