

U. S. Mormon Battalion, Inc.
National Staff Minutes - 21 March 1998
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attending:

National Staff - Cols. D. Clayton Fairbourn, R. Paul Madsen; Ltcs. George Bascom, Gaylen Maynes, Reed Nelson; Majs. D. Allen Jameson, Carl V. Larson, Glade I. Nelson, Fred Newsom, George van de Water

Division Officers - Lt. Sheldon Teeples.

Company Officers - Cpts. Don Schurtz, Grant Wood.

Ladies Auxiliary - Pres. Shirley Maynes; Vice Pres. Michelle Teeples; Sec. Cecily Nelson; Treas. Nancy Williams; Life Memb. Merle Schurtz; Memorial. Margaret Larson.

Conducting: Col. Fairbourn.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Lt. Bascom.

Invocation: Maj. C. Larson.

Minutes: The minutes of the 21 February 1998 meeting were approved upon a motion of Maj. Larson, seconded by Lt. Bascom.

Battalion Staff Matters:

1. **1998 Battalion Day Update.** Pres. Maynes reported on her findings regarding catering costs, etc. It was reported that the Salt Lake Community College now charges by item plus tax which makes it more expensive than originally thought.
Potential locations were discussed. Col. Fairbourn will investigate further.
Potential dates of 12 Sept., 29 Aug., or 19 Sept. were preferred, in that order depending upon other coordination factors.
A more detailed agenda should be available by next meeting.
2. **Mormon Battalion Rifle.** A request has been received to permit the Mormon Battalion rifle to be sent to San Diego. Following extensive discussion a motion was made by Col. Madsen, seconded by Maj. van de Water that a committee be established to develop policy on the use and care of the rifle, the committee to include Col. Madsen, Lt. Teeples, Maj. Jameson, and Maj. Wood; motion carried.
3. **Honorary Life Membership.** A motion was made by Lt. Bascom, seconded by Col. Madsen that Edward Fraughton, sculptor of the "Charlie" monument in the San Diego Mormon Battalion Visitors Center, be given an honorary life membership; motion carried.
Col. Fairbourn reported that he had met with Mr. Fraughton again. He is in

agreement to allow the U. S. Mormon Battalion, Inc. use of the "Charlie" image and sculpture for incidental use. We need to draw up a written agreement with him. He wants to insure that we produce high quality products using "Charlie".

A list of honorary life members is needed. Does anyone have such a list?

4. **Battalion Uniform.** Maj. Jameson explained that we need to consider several issues regarding the uniform. A general discussion on the uniform was held. A motion was made by Maj. G. Nelson, seconded by Maj. van de Water that a committee be established to recommend written guidelines on the battalion uniform, the committee to be composed of Col. Fairbourn, Maj. Jameson, Maj. van de Water, and representatives from the Arizona and California companies; motion carried.
5. **Involvement with 2002 Winter Olympics.** Tabled until next meeting.
6. **Ancestor's Lineage Certificates.** Maj. G. Nelson showed samples of possible certificates. He outlined the advantages of having consistency in all our certificates. It was pointed out that it would be nice to have the "Charlie" image on the certificates. Maj. Nelson will discuss with the designer.
7. **Certificate Procedures.** Maj. G. Nelson was assigned to develop procedures for preparing and presenting the various certificates, including the membership card.
8. **Procedures Section of the Organization Manual.** Ltc. Bascom reviewed the policies and procedures which had been distributed earlier. For items which had been before the National Staff a motion was made by Maj. G. Nelson, seconded by Ltc. Teeples that they be approved unless comments are provided back to Ltc. Bascom by 31 March 1998; motion carried.
9. **National Public Relations Officer.** Ltc. Bascom made a motion, seconded by Maj. Larson that George van de Water be appointed as the National Public Relations Officer with the rank of Major; motion carried.
10. **National Historian.** Ltc. Teeples made a motion, seconded by Maj. van de Water that Col. Fairbourn extend an invitation to Clyde White to serve as National Historian with the rank of Major; motion carried.
11. **BSA Trail Award Report.** Maj. van de Water reported he had not heard back from BSA LDS Relations office with approval to modify the patch. We need to hear from them before proceeding to design a new patch.
12. **BSA Eagle Courts of Honor.** Assignments were given to "A" and "B" companies to take care of specific Eagle Courts of Honor.

Staff Reports:

- Fred Newsom, National Trek Master reported on past treks. He explained the ingredients needed for successful treks: (1) whole hearted support from National Staff, (2) Interesting itinerary, (3) enthusiasm within the companies. Also there is always a minimum number of attendees to make it financially feasible. Pre-payment is absolutely necessary, as well as plenty of advance planning time.
- Maj. Nelson distributed (1) National Staff list, and (2) "Invitation to Join the U.S. Mormon Battalion and Ladies Auxiliary" brochure. Comments should be given back to him by 31 March 1998.
- Maj. Larson announced there will be a memorialization for William W. Spencer in Mercer county, Missouri. Volunteers are need to perform it.
- Capt. Schurtz reported that Shauna Bluemel is the new president of the ladies auxiliary in Company "B".
- Col. Madsen reported that Capt. Lloyd Smith in Mesa has been hospitalized for heart problems. He further reported that there will be a new monument at Yuma Crossing commemorating the original Battalion. Follow-up needs to be made with the Heritage Foundation regarding the State Capital Mormon Battalion Monument.
- Maj. van de Water indicated we have been invited to provide the color guard at the Utah State Prison graduation ceremonies on 3 June 1998 at 5:30 p.m., as well as a color guard at the Veterans Day ceremonies to be held at the Community College, Redwood and South City campus.

He recommended that short biographical sketches of national staff members be placed in *The Valiant* when space is available so that members can become more familiar with national officers.
- Maj. Wood reported that Kjeld Jorgenson's uniform is for sale.
- Ltc. Bascom reported that a memorialization for Benjamin Roberts will be held in Provo on 19 June 1998 at 10 a.m.
- Col. Fairbourn thanked all for participation and the openness of today's discussion. He also encouraged the companies to have more programs devoted to the original Battalion and early pioneers.

Benediction: Col. Fairbourn.