

DRAFT US Mormon Battalion National Staff Meeting 16 April 2005 11:05am Historic 10th Ward
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
LTC Doug Williams Excused: MAJ Robert D. Welti, MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, MAJ Don Shurtz, Guests: Noel Barton

1. Minutes: The minutes of National Staff meeting of 19 February were presented for approval and corrections. A proposal to accept the minutes as written was made by MAJ Roger Grua, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. 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. Staff: COL Norm Erikson introduced Doug Williams as the new staff Historian for the Battalion and he was sworn in as such. He retains his previous rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

3. New Members: New members as voted and accepted in the Executive meeting were read by COL Erikson. These were new Life Members Blake E Judd, Daryl Harris, Truman Lynch, Keith Alexander, and Clark F Olsen. New annual members were John Sehbstedt, Christopher Robison and Dean Cooper. A motion to accept the new members was made by Capt Dale Read, seconded by MAJ Roger Grua and all voted in the affirmative to accept.

4. New Building: LTC Robert Paul indicated that Larry Miller had donated an additional \$155K to the building fund. He also commented on offering a prayer and receiving an answer the next day in the form of a telephone call that offered one of only five bricks that were found in San Diego that had been made by the Battalion in 1847 and used to line a well. LTC Paul also mentioned the diorama and Battalion Man statue that were being donated to our organization for use in the new Visitors Center. He also commented that negotiations were in progress to obtain the items that were sold to Lagoon Corp. by the Sons of the Pioneers. These items are priceless items that had once belonged to the Mormon Battalion soldiers.

5. Heritage Day: LTC Max Jamison showed sample of he Heritage Day tickets and programs that will be used on June 11th. He commented that Bro. Johnson would be the keynote presenter. The program will be video taped for producing a DVD. The ticket prices include lunch and an entry fee, part of which will be given to the Battalion. MAJ Jerome Gourley will be in charge of ticket sales.

6. Valiant: Capt Earl Gillmore indicated that the next issue of the Valiant would be coming out in April or May pending completion of several articles. He also added that he would like to see the Companies design flags for their Company.

7. Financial: MAJ Tom Coyne indicated we have \$5K in the bank for operating expenses.

8. Comments: COL Erikson indicated that Brian Cole had been awarded a Life membership for his work on maintaining the website. A youth program for Northern California had been proposed for COL Erikson's approval. The program would be managed by Capt Denton Hoeh. Application to The Days of '47 Parade had been made Class A uniforms or re-enactors uniforms must be worn. COL Erikson indicated that we had been invited to man a booth at the Cowboy Poetry Festival in Richfield.

10. Michigan: River of Time in Michigan is planning that in 2006 they will travel the entire route of the original Battalion march and camp where the Battalion camped, as can be determined. They are also planning on a memorialization service on November 11th, Veterans Day, at the Elmwood cemetery in Detroit, Michigan to honor COL Philip St. George Cook, who led the Battalion.

12. Company Reports:

Company A Excused for funeral

Company B Excused for funeral

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.

Company E No report

Ship Brooklyn No report.

Adjournment at 12:05pm

Benediction: Capt Dale Reed