

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

**17 September 2005 - 11:05 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Ltc Robert P. Paul
- Invocation:** Capt Rodney Rasmussen
- Attending:** Ltc. Robert P. Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, Maj Thomas Coyne, Maj Val John Halford, Maj Don Schurtz, Ltc Max Jamison, Capt Earl Gillmore, Jay M. Todd, Capt Jay Bowen, Capt Rodney Rasmussen, Capt Dale Reed, Maj Terry Wirth
- Excused:** Maj. Robert D. Welti, Col. Norman T. Erikson, Pres Annie Erikson, Maj Gloyd Sprouse,
- 1. Minutes:** The minutes of National Staff meeting of 20 Aug were presented. A correction to the minutes of 17 July was noted by Ltc Max Jamison. A proposal to accept the minutes of 20 August was made by Maj Val John Halford, seconded by Ltc Max Jamison. Vote passed.
  - 2. Calendar:** The new calendar as revised in the Executive meeting was presented for review by Maj Richard Bullock.
  - 3. New Members:** No new members in the past month. A letter is being prepared as a reminder of dues for 2006 and will include a special message to members for suggestions for new memberships and how to improve the Battalion.
  - 4. Valiant:** Capt Earl Gilmore indicated that the last issue of this year will contain a Christmas message from the Battalion, a note on dues, contributions from members to improve the Battalion, the Ship *Brooklyn* story and a page of articles for sale from the Companies that can be used for Christmas gifts.
  - 5. Financials:** Maj Tom Coyne indicated that we are still in the black and Ltc Robert Paul disclosed that nearly \$500K has now been received for the building.
  - 6. Heritage 2006:** Jay M. Todd, Chairman of Heritage Day 2006, indicated that a lot of ‘catching up’ on Mormon Battalion activities and people. He had requested a member of the Quorum of Twelve to address the Battalion on Heritage Day, but if not have formal approval yet. He indicated that a second statue “Duty Triumphs” could be unveiled, but Ltc Paul said that in his view it would be unlikely that Dr.

Steven Neal would finish of provide another statue for potential display at next years annual meeting. Brother Todd asked for the Re-enactors to be included in the event. From group discussions came the suggestion that Jared Cornell be added to the Heritage Committee. Ltc Robert P. Paul added the importance of fund raising as part of the program.

7. **New Building;** Ltc Paul then displayed two new watercolors from Helen Paul. The first reflects Santa Fe at the time the Mormon Battalion arrived and the second the burial of the son of William and Melissa Coray at Monterey, California. The little boys grave is now lost. Two additional pieces were added this past month, which were displayed. Helen Paul is considering adding more pieces and publishing a portfolio of art on the Battalion.
8. **Website:** Ltc Jamison noted that if you right click on the soldier logo on the website it comes up with the name of “Charley.” He also noted that the official title of this statue by Ed Fraughton is “The Battalion Soldier.” He made a motion to have the name of the logo corrected to read “The Battalion Soldier.” Seconded by Don Schurtz and vote passed as approved.

#### 9. **Company Reports:**

Company “A” Capt Jay Bowen indicated that he is only having some 14 people attend their meetings and that he needs help in getting the inactive members involved. The discussion from the Executive meeting was repeated to show that it is a universal problem and that help is on the way. He displayed an engraved stone made for the ship *Brooklyn* Company and said that his neighbor can make anyone a stone with any message for \$50.

Company “B” Maj Terry Wirth reported 35 people at his last meeting. His last speaker was E. Denton of the National Guard Gulf War Medical Unit. He requested that some form of honor be made to past Battalion leaders by the Valiant or other means. Maj Bullock pointed out that there is no list of who these persons are or what they have done. Maj Wirth passed out the same article that had been passed out in the Executive meeting plus one other one. No action was taken after some discussions were held.

Company “C” Capt Dale Reed indicated that their picnic had been held at the last meeting, with about 30 attending. No meeting in November but a special program in December with M. Gordon Johnson

Company "D" Capt Rodney Rasmussen reported that the Nov/Dec Christmas family meeting time has not been determined yet. He turned over the D Company historical record for 2004 that had been prepared by Asst Historian Dean Cooper. They have two meetings a year where family is invited. They will be holding elections in October.

Company "E" Capt Earl Gillmore deferred

Ship *Brooklyn* Maj Richard Bullock reported on the recent acquisition of the original painting of the ship *Brooklyn* by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The painting is now in the hands of the Church Museum of History and Art and is being processed. There will be an article in a forthcoming Church News and plans are being made for its display.

10. **Heritage DVD:** Ltc Max Jamison reported on the DVD status. He indicated that his book will be published by Covenant Press.

**Benediction:** Ltc. Max Jamison

Adjournment at 12:30 p.m.