



US MORMON BATTALION THE VALIANT

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Commanders Message

Many exciting things are presently under way or being planned. Wonderful things have happened in the immediate past: A great celebration in San Diego Old Town Area in February brought welding and healing to relationships of the past. There were great activities in honoring the Mormon Battalion in March at New Port Beach and San Juan Capistrano. In May, at the BYU Conference Center, dancers honored the Mormon Battalion in dance and music.

Then in June, our capstone; The Mormon Battalion Heritage Day program at This is The Place Heritage Park where they unveiled "Duty Calls". In July, the Mormon Battalion led off the Day's of '47 Parade in Salt Lake with a colorful display of re-enactors, 4 Auxiliary members representing the 4 women who completed the march, and a color Guard leading the parade. Many more things have happened in Eagle Courts of Honor and community celebrations that were exciting. More events are presently under way.

A pass and review of activities are highlighted in this edition of the Valiant. Great strides have been made but even greater steps are being taken to honor the great men and women of the Battalion. Yet, much remains to do. Laying a strong structure (in our Companies and local organizations) that these lives of sacrifice, given for us, may continue to lead, enlarge, enlighten and encourage us (and others) to stay the course and finish with Honor. We continue in our project to erect a suitable place of study, revelation, and keeping in honorable remembrance these men and women of the Mormon Battalion. **OUR GOAL IS IN SIGHT!**

May we all unitedly work toward building this organization so that this magnificent Mormon Battalion Center, museum of history, research, artifacts and library may be realized? May we make known our predecessors' legacy of sacrifice, persistence, and accomplishment that the Battalion has handed to us to preserve. Let us use the great foundation they made for us to stand on, to bring to fruition this harvest of example. Will you answer the call, with a resounding, YES, "Huzzah! Hurray! That is my prayer and hope. Your participation and contributions of time, money, and many activities, are essential, and are appreciated to achieve these goals of keeping the Battalion's accomplishments in "honorable remembrance." May God bless our busy hands. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL! COL Norman T. Erekson**

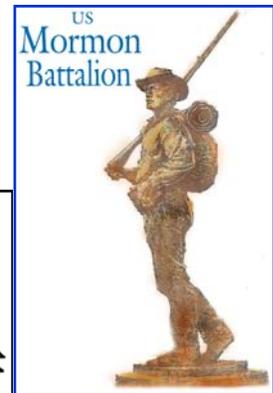
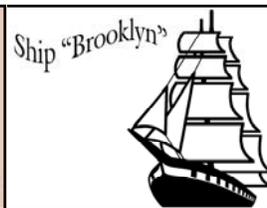
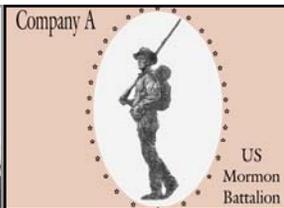


A 300lb bronze, 3 ft high, statuette of "Duty Calls" was unveiled at the Heritage Day Program. Made and designed by Dr Steven L Neal. It is the first sample of the two double life size (12 foot high) monuments for the Mormon Battalion Center. LTC Robert Paul donated one copy to the church, which was received by Elder Russell M Ballard and Elder Boyd K Packer of the Twelve Apostles.



Company Flags

Wonderful designs are coming in. Is your Company Logo here? Unite your Company under a banner, even as we all unite our desire to honor the Battalion under the Banner of the US Mormon Battalion.



AUXILIARY

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ATTENTION Mormon Battalion Womens Auxiliary Members! How would you like to enjoy a "Fun Fall Fling" with your National Board? We are extending an invitation to one and all MB Auxiliary members to come and learn the how and whys of the Auxiliary. Each auxiliary board member will explain their responsibilities. We will have a question and answer session and then (☺) a refreshing luncheon. When will this be ? Saturday, 15 Oct 05, at 10 AM at the Historic Tenth Ward Chapel, 420 South 800 East in SLC. Our luncheon will be "tasteless" without YOU! Please RSVP and come and enjoy the fun.



Anne Erikson, National Mormon Battalion Auxiliary President

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Seviah Egbert: The Miracle of the Mail

by Shirley Maynes, Advisor for the National Womens Auxiliary Board

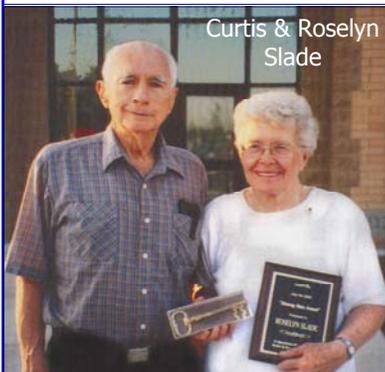
In the spring of 1848 when the saints began their westward journey to the Salt Lake Valley, young Seviah Egbert decided she would leave with her husbands family, the John Egberts. She drove her own team with the help of her young brother-in-law, Joseph Egbert and President Francis Marion Lymans young son. They helped her yoke and unyoke her oxen each day and tend to her cow and calf. Seviah had never heard from her husband, Robert, who was serving in the Mormon Battalion, Since he left, nor did she know if he were even alive.

As she was traveling along the dusty prairie, she was so lonely and desired to know where her husband was and if she would ever see him again. Just thinking about him made her cry; so weighed her emotions on her, as she traveled along. One day Seviah saw a man on a horse coming towards her from the opposite direction. Very strange, she thought, as she hadn't seen another person, except for the members of her wagon train and some Indians since she began her journey west. The stranger approached her wagon and inquired if she was Robert Egberts wife. She replied: "I am." The stranger went on to say: "Here is letter from him to you." She took the letter and it was written in Roberts own handwriting. The letter told her that he was well and that he would meet her at the head of the Sweetwater very soon. She looked up to see if the stranger was still there but he was gone. Seviah asked Joseph if he had seen the stranger. He replied that he had not. As she placed her precious letter in her apron pocket she thought it was very strange that others had not seen him. However, Seviah was happy again in knowing that she would soon see her husband. He had been gone from for eighteen months. Then when she reached into her pocket again to read the letter again, she could not find it. The Saints finally arrived at the head of the Sweetwater in Wyoming. Seviah patiently waited for Robert to come.

Robert, who had remained in the Salt Lake Valley during the winter, left in the spring to head to Iowa to find Seviah and his family. When he arrived at the Sweetwater, he saw a Co of Saints who were camped. He looked over the group to see if he recognized anyone who could tell him about his family. To his surprise he found his wagon and team. Robert looked into the wagon and discovered his young wife, Seviah was there. What a happy reunion for him and others members of his family. Seviah told him about the letter he had written to her and that she had received it from the hand of a stranger. He said he had never had the opportunity to write a letter to her. They both marveled over this experience but were very happy that it had taken place.

Seviah Cunningham Egbert was born 16th of October 1829 in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada to Dr. Charles Peter Cunningham and Sarah Stevens. She married Robert Cowden Egbert in April 1846. Robert was a private in Co A of the Mormon Battalion.

Robert and Seviah Egbert are the Great-Great Grandparents of LTC Gaylen D Maynes, Executive Finance Officer Special Operations. This true story has been told by their children to Grand children and on into through each generations as a testimony that the Lord watches over his own, that they are loved and He is always near.

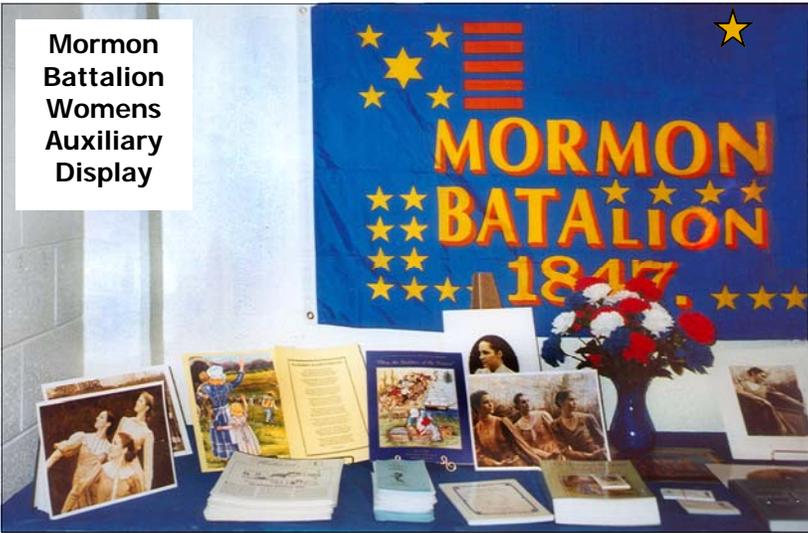


Curtis & Roselyn Slade

Mormon Battalion Woman is Unsung Hero in Kaysville information provided by Roselyn Slade

Roselyn Slade, Historian for the National Board of the MB Womens Auxiliary and active member of Company C, was honored in her hometown of Kaysville, recently. She was credited with her work preserving the history of Kaysville (history, artifacts, picture preservation, and of the early settlers) and her work at the local museum. She was designated Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade and accompanied by her granddaughters in the Parade. Besides a nice plaque she also received the key to the City. We of the Mormon Battalion have noticed the great contributions she makes to our organization, congratulations to a truly Unsung Hero.

**Mormon
Battalion
Womens
Auxiliary
Display**



L to R, Caroline Prokosky, Director of Dance & Choreography, BYU. Terri Hastings student helper. Shirley Maynes, Mormon Battalion Author.

Company D arranges Concert Violinists Performance to Raise Money for the Building Fund 30 Jul 05

Information provided by Shirley Maynes

Joshua Lohner, Stephanie Smith of Utah and Sarah Moench of Ohio Accompanied by Larry Gee, presented a violin concert, at the Peter Prior Recital in SLC, Utah. The concert was held for the purpose of raising money for the new Mormon Battalion Museum, Theatre, and Library at This Is The Place Heritage Park. This concert was very professional with excellent performances. Both of these young people donated their time and talent to help in our great cause. Arlene Miller, President of Company D Womens Auxiliary and her husband, Lynn Miller, conducted the meeting. Arlene Miller made all the arrangements for the concert which was well attended. Over 100 people were in attendance. Company D, Womens Aux raised \$475.00 and presented the money to LTC Gaylen Maynes, Finance Officer for the Building Fund. Gaylen and Shirley said they were glad they attended. Very talented performers.

Dee and Belva Broadbent: A Tribute

by Douglas G & Nancy Williams

Sister Allene Broadbent Stucki of Chubbuck, Idaho recently contacted the Mormon Battalion about some memorabilia left by her parents, Dee and Belva Broadbent. COL Norm Erekson and his wife President Anne, accompanied by Mormon Battalion historian, LTC Doug Williams and his wife, Nancy, made the trip to Chubbuck to pick up the materials.

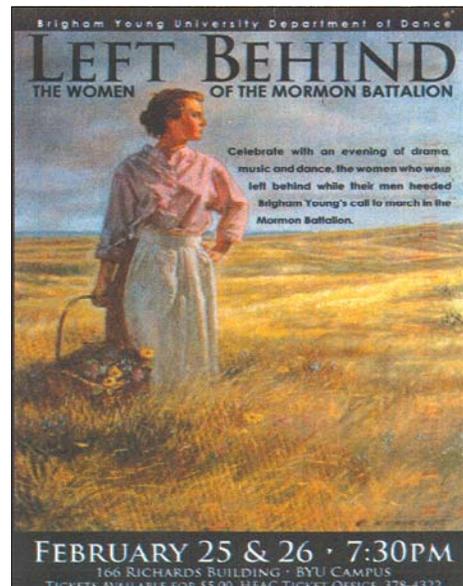
As the memorabilia was being reviewed and catalogued, a flood of memories of a great Mormon Battalion couple emerged.

For many years, Dee and Belva were members of Co D in Logan, Utah. In 1976, they were called to direct the Mormon Battalion Visitors Center in Old Town San Diego, CA. During this time, Dee developed an expert and profound background of the history of the Battalion while Belva worked on the stories of faith and inspiration that the men and women experienced on the Battalion march. They were faithful supporters of Company D in Logan as well as the National Staff. Dee and Belva have both passed away now, but their memory is preserved in these records as modern-day Mormon Battalion members.

Thank You Sister Allene for calling and donating this part of our history. Have you thought about preserving your own history with the Mormon Battalion.

The Brigham Young University Department of Dance presented "Left Behind: The Women of The Mormon Battalion"

In the Dance Studio Theatre on the BYU Campus dance, poetry, music, church history paintings and brief narratives combined to provide insights into the lives of women who were left on the plains by men joining the Mormon Battalion. Choreographer Caroline Prohosky helped to create this production about the pioneer women who were left behind as their husbands heeded the prophet's call to join the Mormon Battalion. Much of the information and stories used to create this production were provided from "500 Wagons Stood Still" by Shirley Maynes, a Member of the Mormon Battalion National Womens Auxiliary Board. These stories are drawn from authentic text drawn from pioneer women's journals and letters. Performers in the production were BYU students, faculty members and guest artists. Many used their talents to create a very lovely and enriching event that was enjoyed by all. A great booth was presented by Shirley Maynes and many applications were given out to join the Mormon Battalion.



Send More Mormonitos

by LTC Robert Pettegrew Paul

The Mormon Battalion men were men of extraordinary dependability and valor. As an example of these men was David Pettegrew. While Brother Pettegrew's non-Mormon neighbors remained safely behind their white picket fences, Brother Pettegrew gave up four homes to the mobocrats for his faith. Upon completion of three missions, he and his family were required to move westward at the age of fifty-five. Upon arrival at Council Bluffs, much to his surprise, he was asked by President Brigham Young to serve in the Mexican War as a "Father and spiritual leader" to the young men of the Mormon Battalion.

Three major factors sustained the men in the Mormon Battalion during their 2000-mile march to California. First, these men were Priesthood leaders and then soldiers. As military men, they were clean but not a "spit and polish" outfit. The military leaders regarded them as very dependable soldiers with a strong spiritual quality. Second, the ecclesiastical leaders were to be Elder Levi W. Hancock, President of the Seventy, and Brother David Pettegrew, High Priest, as assigned by President Young. Third, the council of the Apostles was to remember your prayers, see that the name of deity was revered, virtue and cleanliness were strictly observed, all men were treated with kindness, never take that which did not belong to them even from their worst enemies, if successful against enemies treat prisoners with kindness and never take life when it could be avoided. They would be held in honorable remembrance for their service.

Upon arrival in Los Angeles and San Diego, they became known as a military strength. General Kearney relied upon them to protect the people from lawless bands of Indians, Spanish and Mexicans and to enforce law and order. It is noted that six months prior to the Battalion arriving in California, General Kearney's Dragoons fought and were severely beaten by the Mexican Lancers in what was known as the "San Pasqual Battle" of 1846. The Mexican Lancers were fearful of attacking the Mormon Battalion. In addition, they build Fort Moore in Los Angeles, which was named after Captain Benjamin D. Moore who fought valiantly but lost his life in battle at San Pasqual. The Mormon Battalion, while in San Diego, also built Fort Stockton, named after Commodore Robert F. Stockton, U.S. Naval Commander in San Diego.

From the writings of B.H. Roberts we find further observations of their great strengths and performance: "They religiously respected the rights and feelings of the conquered people of California not a syllable of compliant, of a single insult offered, or an outrage done by a Mormon Volunteer, is the record of the (Mormon) Battalion according to the reports of them by Governor Mason. Such was the reputation of the Mormon Battalion; of its officers, chosen from its ranks, and of its men, the rank and file."

The faithful, where promises were made and where promises were kept, the men of the Battalion made a significant impact upon a nation, upon the California citizens and brought great honor to their church. The military commanders, the political leaders, the general citizens, and yes, even the enemies respected the men who were so very different from other soldiers. They did not want the Mormonitos to leave their cities. B.H. Roberts contributes: "The best evidence that the service of the Mormon Battalion was honorable and appreciated by both the people of California and the United States government exists in the fact of the efforts that were made on the part of both the people and the government to prolong their service. As the time approached for the Mormon companies to be mustered out of service the people of San Diego drafted a petition, begging the governor to use his influence to keep the companies. The petition was signed by every citizen in town and Governor Mason tried hard to induce the men to remain in the service another year; failing in that, then to stay six months longer."

Ironically, it is very important to understand that when the Battalion arrived, there was much prejudice against them, especially in San Diego. Many, as well as the writer of this article, believe this resentment was started by the California Volunteers under the command of John C. Fremont. Who is John C. Fremont? He was the son-in-law to the infamous, but powerful senator of Missouri, Thomas H. Benton and was very best friends of Governor Lilburn W. Boggs of Missouri. Governor Boggs issued the extermination order to drive the Mormons from Missouri back in 1838-1839.

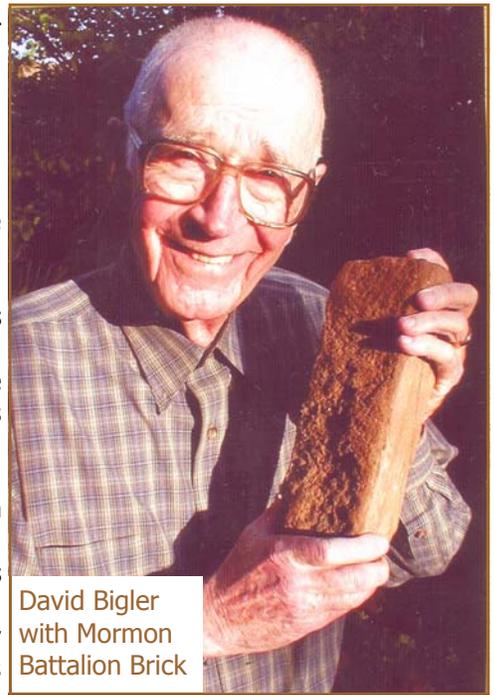
But who were the trusted soldiers? General Kearny chose the Mormon Battalions soldier to be to be escort guards of John C. Freemont who was being returned to Washington for treason against the United States for appointing himself the governor of California, which was against the orders of President James K. Polk.

The prejudice against the Mormon Battalion soon diminished and was replaced with respect for the Mormon Battalion men as they took on odd jobs and industriously worked to improve San Diego and Los Angeles. Dr. John S. Griffin explained the transformation: "The prejudice against the Mormons here seems to be wearing off, it is yet among the Californians a great term of reproach to be called a Mormon, yet as they are a quiet, industrious, sober inoffensive people, they seem to be gradually working their way up. They are extremely industrious, they have been engaged while here in diggin wells, plastering houses, and seem anxious and ready to work."

The off-duty soldiers performed the following work, which contributed substantially to the economic improvement of San Diego. They built a brick kiln and fired the first bricks made in California. 40,000 bricks were made to be used in buildings, chimneys, walls, walkways, wells, jails, school houses, court house, and more. Coupled with other skills of carpentry, tanning, baking, blacksmithing, and even many more skills, they soon replaced the prejudice with friendship and won the hearts of the people. With all of these accomplishments, the one that impressed the natives the most was the 20 wells that were dug and lined with fired brick. Before the Battalion arrived, they had mud puddles for drinking

water and had to travel long distances to obtain water that was suitable for drinking. The wells the soldiers dug were at least thirty feet deep. At each well one of the men rigged the windlass and bucket. The natives were impressed. Before breakfast was over the, the native men would gather at these wells, smoke their cigaritos and draw cool, clear, pure water. They loved and appreciated the Battalion men and sent a letter to Colonel Cook requesting more Mormonitos. When the Mormons departed, all the local citizens lined the streets and wept as they waved goodbye crying: "SEND MORE MORMONITOS! WE LOVE THE MORMONITOS!"

Mr. David Bigler, author and historian, presented to me one of the bricks that lined the well in Old Town Plaza. To me this brick is more precious than gold and shall be displayed in the new Mormon Battalion Center which shall be located at This is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City, UT. This brick was given to David Bigler by Norma Ricketts, July 23, 1999. She sent the following message to David Bigler: ...About six months ago a group in San Diego called Company B, U.S. Mormon Battalion, San Diego, found an old picture of San Diego which showed a building and in front of it the was a well the Battalion dug on the Plaza in Old Town. Because the building was identifiable and its location was known, they dug where the well was and after digging quite deep, found the original bricks made by the Battalion. These were kiln baked, very dense, and heavy. Because I have been working with them on several projects during the past couple of years, they sent one of the bricks to me. I am certain



David Bigler
with Mormon
Battalion Brick

both Albert and Azariah drank at that well during their stay in San Diego. Because of that, I wondered if it is something you might like or, if not, can you suggest what I should do with it. Kind regards. Norma

How grateful and appreciative we are for this treasure donated by David Bigler, which shall be preserved and displayed forever for those who shall visit this important Museum, Library and Center.

Please continue to send your tax-deductible donations for this building to:

LTC Gaylen Maynes, 9037 South 440 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

What shall we be remembered for? Will they say of us: "Send more Mormonitos" because of our willingness to work to preserve this great history of the Mormon Battalion? Our earnest desire is: Yes! Send More Mormonitos! We Love the Mormonitos!

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Reflections on our Visit to the Gravesite of Jean-Baptist Charbonneau

by Major Richard H Bullock

I was recently reading a book¹, which details the life experiences of one of the scouts of the Mormon Battalion. As I was finishing the book, it told of his burial at a site in Oregon. We were planning a trip to visit several graves in Idaho and Baker, Oregon so we added Jean-Baptiste grave to the list.²

As my wife and I, traveled along we compared notes and ideas about the life and times of Jean-Baptiste. He had been born 11 February 1805 to Sacagawea and Toussaint Charbonneau, of Lewis and Clark fame, at Fort Mandan, North Dakota. The young boy accompanied the Lewis & Clark expedition all the way to Oregon and back to Fort Mandan, a period of nearly two years. William Clark told how he grew to love the young boy during their expedition and gave Jean-Baptiste the nickname of "Pomp" and named a significant landscape feature "Pompys Tower" in his honor on 25 July 1806, a massive rock formation on the Yellowstone River that is now a National Monument. William Clark so loved the young boy that he talked the Charbonneaus' into letting him adopt the young man as his own and educate him in St. Louis. While there, Jean-Baptiste met Duke Paul Wilhelm of Württemberg and they became fast friends. The Duke even took Jean-Baptiste with him to Europe. Here Jean-Baptiste learned the finer things of life, receives a classic education and learns to speak German, French, Spanish, as well as his normal English and several Indian languages. After returning to America, he became a trapper and Mountain Man in the southwest, working out of Fort Hunt and Santa Fe where he meets the Mormon Battalion. General Kearney hires him as a scout for the expedition to California, assigning him to Colonel Philip St. George Cooke and the Mormon Battalion. He is instrumental in discovering the new mountain pass across the Continental Divide and located several sources of badly needed water. His help scouting for the Mormon Battalion to California was invaluable in preserving their lives.

After mustering out in Los Angeles, he traveled north to the gold fields. There he meets up with his old Negro friend James Beckworth, a fellow Mountain Man. After several adventures in the gold fields, they form a partnership in the hotel business at Murderers Bar. His competition is Isaac Harrison, late of the Mormon Battalion, and wife, Catherine Clarke Smith Harrison, late of the ship "Brooklyn" colony who run the only other hotel in town. His lifestyle of years traveling left him missing the trail and after a few years he grows tired of being a businessman. The gold strikes being made in Montana gave him the excuse he needed to leave. In 1866, he makes his overland trek to Montana by the shortest route possible. It follows what is today's US HWY 95 through the outback of Nevada and southeast Oregon. As he approached the Owyhee Mountains, he was forced to ford freezing rivers at the junction of Jordan Creek and Owyhee River, getting soaked in the process. The cold April rain kept him damp and he contracted fever and pneumonia. His companions took him twenty-five miles to a shelter at



Inskip Way Station

Inskips Station, near present day Danner, Oregon, where he died 16 May 1866. His remains were buried in a small plot a few hundred yards from the station, joined by several other pioneers over the years. In 1973, it was declared a Registered National Historic Place. This year, 11 February 2005 marked the

200th anniversary of the birth of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau. In the grave area, which is chained-off, there are several markers installed that tell his story. I approached his headstone with reverence and respect for the long-ago adventurer and felt surprise at the objects on and around his monument. There were several of the new dollar coins depicting him as a baby being carried on the back of his mother Sacagawea, two hats, many flowers, a small U.S. Flag, two Canadian \$2 coins and smaller denominations (In guessing from his Charbonneau relatives in Canada) and most interesting to me, a dream catcher (I imagine from his Native American relatives). Three very diverse cultures met within this man. After reading all the signs and plaques, which included the burial of five others in unmarked graves, we added a few coins of our own to the collection. The trip added a few hundred miles to our journey but certainly added to our respect, knowledge, and feelings about the stature of a great American and ultimately the great privilege it is to serve with the Mormon Battalion.



Offerings



Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau

¹ Sacagawea's Child – The Life and Times of Jean-Baptiste (Pomp) Charbonneau, by Susan M Colby, 2005, published by the Arthur H. Clark Co

² Directions we used: Leaving home we traveled to Mountain Home, Idaho where we left Interstate 84 to travel west on highway 67 to Grand View and then north on highway 78 to Nampa. Swinging a little west we picked up US 95 south to Jordan Valley, OR and then on to the second turn-off to Danner, OR that we had been advised to take. From there onto the well-maintained dirt road and drove for several miles before the road suddenly turned directly north. Go to a small ranch house and there on the right side of the road is the gravesite and monument to Jean-Baptiste.

USMB Calendar Aug Nov 20 August 2005

September 6 Tu Dixie Co Monthly Mtg. Contact Local Leaders.

15 Th Co B Monthly Mtg 7:00 pm, Old Rock Church, 1135 West 7800 South, West Jordan, UT CPT Duane Sutherland 801-253-4943

16 Fr Co A Monthly Mtg 6:30 pm, Granite Tabernacle, 20th South 9th East, Salt Lake City, UT CPT Jay Bowen 801-968-4173

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22 Th Co D Monthly Mtg 7:00 pm, Logan Senior Citizen Center, 240 North 100 East, Logan, UT CPT Rodney Rasmussen 435-245-4814

24 Sa Bonita Fest Parade and Festival to be held in Bonita, California. Contact Frank Szeles at 3225 Casa Verde Court, Bonita, CA 91902. (619)479-0954 or cell (619)987-0479. Wearing of uniforms is encouraged.

October Womens Graveside Memorialization: Sarah Kelly, Vienna, MO Contact Lisa James 573-744-5257.

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22 Sa Womens Graveside Memorialization: Elvira Annie Cowles Holmes. Contact Laurie Hillier at 801-544-3316.

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29 Sa Womens Graveside Memorialization: William Hyde Reunion All town members are invited to a reunion for the Founder of Hyde Park. 29 Oct 2005 Stake Center Rec hall, 525 E. 200 S. 6:00pm Would any descendants of Williams first wife Elizabeth Howe Bullard Hyde please contact me. The evening will include a Ladies Auxiliary of the Mormon Battalion Memorialization program for Elizabeth Williams. Descendants of Williams 4 other wives are welcome to come and enjoy the program. Also, please send me names of your ancestors and date, who settled in Hyde Park before 1875. I have become aware that some of them are not listed in books etc. Lets correct that from now on! Please start to gather up pictures etc. you have of history & settlers of Hyde Park. Do Not let any of this stuff out of your sight at reunion! Mary "Tina" Waite Mather, 5089 Sunset Lane, S Ogden, UT 84403 1-801-479-7834.

November 1 Tu Dixie Co Monthly Mtg 7:00 pm, Cottonmill Dance Hall, 300 West Telegraph, Washington, UT

11 Fr Womens Graveside Memorialization: River of Time. Grave memorialization for COL Philip St. George Cooke in Michigan. Contact Kevin Henson or COL Norman T. Erekson

17 Th Co B Monthly Mtg 7:00 pm, Old Rock Church, 1135 West 7800 South, West Jordan, UT CPT Duane Sutherland 801-253-4943

18 Fr Co A Monthly Mtg 6:30 pm, Granite Tabernacle, 20th South 9th East, Salt Lake City, UT CPT Jay Bowen 801-968-4173 Scheduled presentation by Gordon Johnson - "I Am A Soldier".

19 Sa MB Exec Board Mtg 9:00 am; **MB Nat Staff, and Nat Womens Auxiliary**, 11:00 am; at Historic Tenth Ward 420 S 800 E, SLC.

25 Th Thanksgiving Many Mormon Battalion members have ancestral ties to this Holiday.

December
Have a Happy Christmas
Events to be announced



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JEAN BAPTISTE CHARBONNEAU
1805 - 1866

THIS SITE MARKS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. BORN TO SACAGAWEA AND TOUSSAINT CHARBONNEAU AT FORT MANDAN (NORTH DAKOTA) ON FEBRUARY 11, 1805. BAPTISTE AND HIS MOTHER SYMBOLIZED THE PEACEFUL NATURE OF THE "CORPS OF DISCOVERY". EDUCATED BY CAPTAIN WILLIAM CLARK AT ST. LOUIS. BAPTISTE AT AGE 18, TRAVELED TO EUROPE WHERE HE SPENT SIX YEARS. BECOMING FLUENT IN ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH AND SPANISH. RETURNING TO AMERICA IN 1829, HE RANGED THE FAR WEST FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES, AS MOUNTAIN MAN GUIDE, INTERPRETER, MAGISTRATE AND FORTY NINER. IN 1866, HE LEFT THE CALIFORNIA GOLD FIELDS FOR A NEW STRIKE IN MONTANA. CONTRACTED PNEUMONIA ENROUTE, REACHED "INSKIP'S RANCHE", HERE, AND DIED ON MAY 16, 1866.

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