

# Mormon Battalion Association

"Will be held in honorable remembrance..."



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### From the President Greg Christofferson

April is National Volunteer Month, the roots of which can be traced back to 1943 in Canada. It was to show appreciation for the people who volunteered to assist soldiers during and after WWII. In 1991, President George HW Bush declared National Volunteer Month as an official celebration in the United States. It is now an International event.



The need for volunteers is never ending. I'm so grateful to be associated with the cheerful and competent volunteers who make up the Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff and Board. Each contributes in their own unique way to the success of our Association.

I was reminded of the spirit of volunteerism recently when the need arose for someone to take over the responsibility of storing and supplying the accoutrements (including leathers and parade muskets) for the Battalion marchers as we lead the annual Pioneer Day Parade on the 24th of July in Salt Lake City.

I made a call to Mike Anderson from the Utah Living History Association, and he found someone in their organization willing to take that responsibility. Actually, two someones--the father and son duo of Mark and Scott Asay. We are appreciative of them volunteering to take this responsibility. **Continue p.2**



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

March 21, 2024

Dr. Richard Bennett

# General Membership Meeting

## WHEN

**Thur, Mar 21st  
7:00 PM MDT**

## PRESENTER

**Richard Bennett**

## WHAT

**"Celebrating Anew  
the Iowa Call of the  
Mormon Battalion and  
the new Kaneshville  
Visitors Center Site"**

## LINK

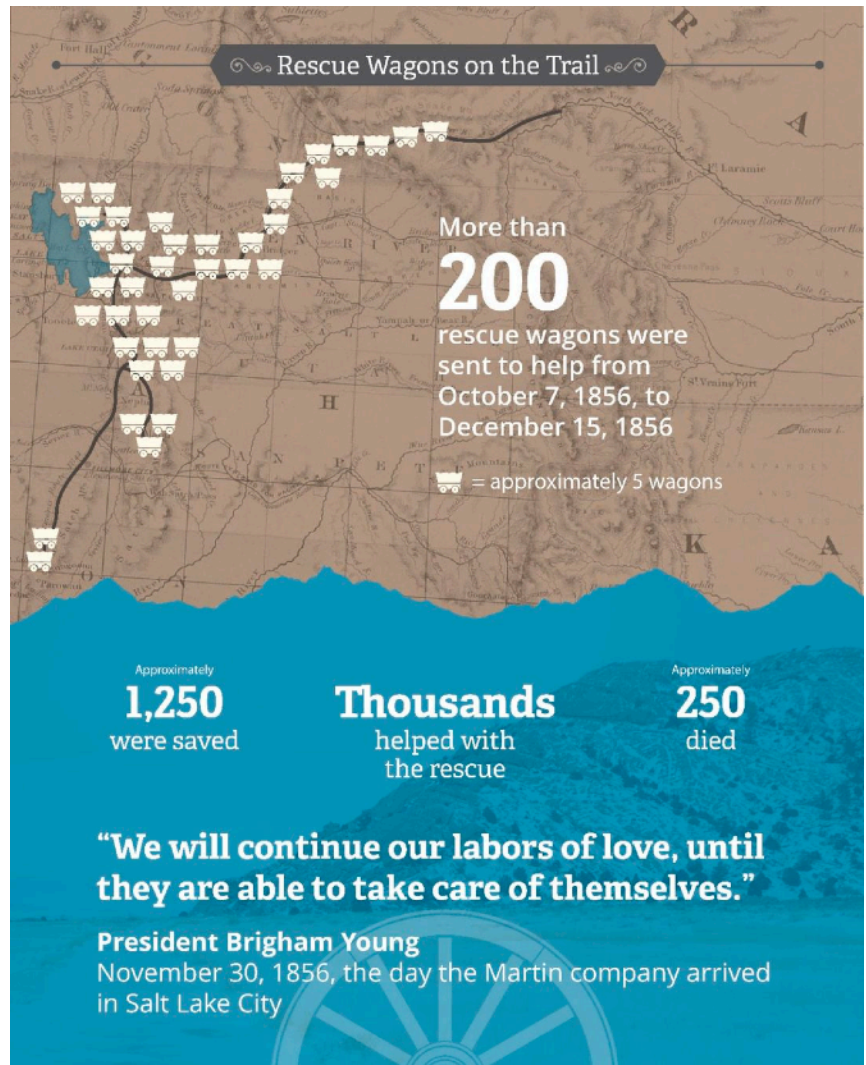
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The example of volunteerism is best exemplified by the courage of the men and women of the Mormon Battalion. May we not only cherish and promote their memory, but also follow their example in our communities as we give of our time and resources to worthy projects and people.



**Some Mormon Battalion veterans played a significant roll in this rescue effort including Arza Hinckley and Ephraim Hanks. Edward Martin, a Battalion veteran leading one of the desperate companies, was blessed by his friends.**

## MEET OUR PRESENTER

**MBA General Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 21st**  
**7:00 PM (Mountain Time)**  
**See Zoom link on page 2**



### Dr. Richard Bennett

Doctor Richard Bennett was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. He received a BA/MA at BYU and PhD at Wayne State University. He was the Director of Archives and Special Collections at the University of Manitoba, Canada for 20 years before being invited to join the faculty of Church History and Doctrine at BYU where he worked for 24 years becoming the Department Chair and Associate Dean of Religious Education. Bennet has published nine books and over 70 articles in Church History, including "Mormons at the Missouri" (University of Oklahoma Press), "Temples Rising" (Deseret Book), and "We'll

Find the Place". He has also edited and published with Deseret Book "The Journey West," the 1846-47 overland Mormon trail journals of Horace K. Whitney. He is presently co-authoring a study on the coming forth of the Book of Abraham.



Dr. Richard Bennett is married to Patricia Dyer. They have five children, twenty-nine grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Bennett and his wife, Patricia served as directors for the Nebraska and Iowa Historic

Sites from January, 2021 to February, 2023.

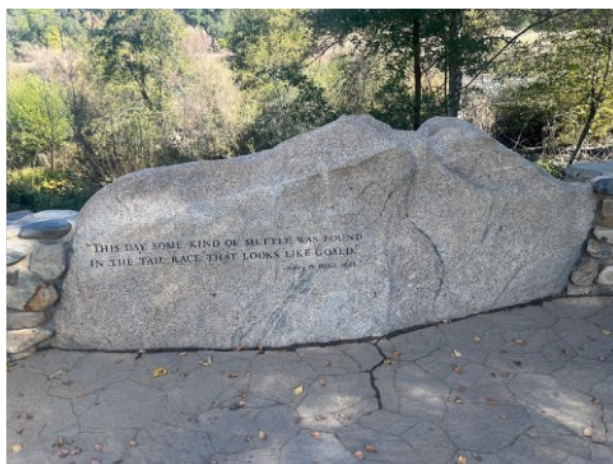
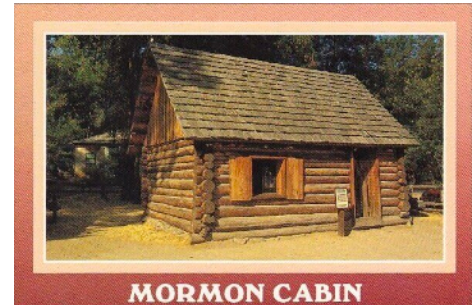
Dr. Bennett will share "Celebrating Anew the Iowa Call of the Mormon Battalion and the new Kaneshville Visitors Center Site". Bennett will be joined by President Dennis Fors of the Iowa Nebraska Historic Site.





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**Pictures from the Mormon Cabin Dedication at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Coloma, California, November 2023**



**"This day some kind of mettle was found in the tail race that looks like gold." Henry W. Bigler  
1846**





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# Trip to Washington DC

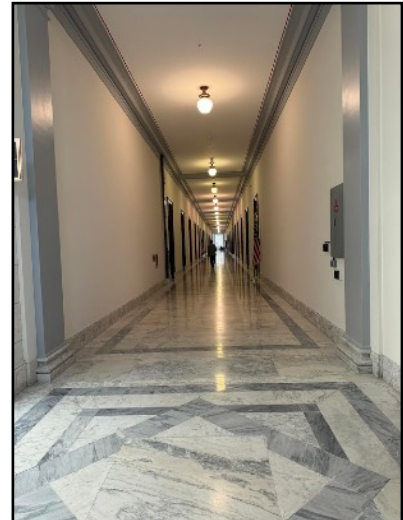
Laura Anderson and her husband Craig recently made their annual trip to Washington DC. Over the



past several years, she and Nauvoo Community Project director, Jill Crandell have gone through 570 boxes and located countless pay and muster documents. This trip was no different with about 162 new documents uncovered and scanned that hopefully can be uploaded to Kindex with permission soon. Laura also experienced blisters on her feet walking the halls of congress trying to find people to help move a bill along to get the Mormon Battalion trail recognized as part of the National Trails system.



It takes money to fund these trips! Your donations help us continue our ongoing research for



the Mormon Battalion. You can pay from our website or send your donations to Thomas Griggs, 495 Holbrook Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-4168.

## **Mormon Battalion Association Resources**

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Old Town San Diego State Historic Park  
Saturday, January 27, 2024  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Wendy & Brent Top holding  
an original 1847 Mormon Battalion brick  
(compliments of CA State Archaeologist)

