



175th Anniversary Celebration

MORMON BATTALION

U.S. ARMY OF THE WEST

Parade & Community Event

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

Saturday, January 29th

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, we will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the arrival of the Mormon Battalion in San Diego. We are blessed to have Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles attend this regional event. This is a community event and a wonderful missionary opportunity for members to invite their friends, family and neighbors, and to share their experiences from past Mormon Battalion Commemorations.

We encourage families to come and teach their own youth about what the Battalion did 175 years ago. This is also a great event for 4th graders as they learn California history.

The celebration begins at 10 am with a children's parade. We invite you to decorate your wagons, strollers, and bikes. We also invite participants to dress in culturally appropriate (time period) clothes, such as traditional Spanish dresses, western wear, pioneer clothes, etc. because this was a time of gathering of different cultures.

During the event there will be entertainment, displays, games, music, and a Dutch oven cook-off. If someone would like to enter into the Dutch oven cook-off, please contact Jay or Marla Farnes at brotherfarnes@gmail.com or mfarnes58@gmail.com or call 858-484-9390 prior to the event. All entries must pre-register.

Our legacy is one of faith, service, and sacrifice. The Mormon Battalion, in a very short time, brought a very diverse community together through their service to the community. Today we enjoy that same spirit of service as we live in one of the best communities in the world.

In the next few weeks, there will be "pioneers" visiting each Primary, and extending an invitation to the children and their families. Flyers will also be available and posters will be placed in foyers to remind people of this huge celebration. Everyone is invited to participate in this memorable celebration!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Dunn, Poway Stake Communications Director at darlene-dunn@san.rr.com.