


Association 


... OF

## VETERAN ARTILLERYMEN

... of the NAUVOO LEGION.



Organized, Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 14th, 1847.

HE people of Utah, in early days, were sometimes sorely harassed by Indian depredations, and they found it necessary to inaugurate military proceedings for the protection of their lives and property. As many of the Pioneers had been enrolled in the Nauvoo Legion of Illinois, and therein acquired experience in military tactics, it was considered advisable to use them in the emergencies associated with early settlement of Utah. Accordingly by statute of the Territorial Legislature, passed in March, 1852, the officers and men of the Nauvoo Legion were reorganized for active service.

The Legion, thus re-established, and subsequently augmented in numbers, proved effective in subduing the Indians, and naturally developed into the militia of the Territory. It was maintained in good working order, by frequent drilling and yearly reviews, until 1870, when Governor Shaffer issued his edict forbidding further gatherings of that character. This action virtually disbanded the Legion, although it was not officially dissolved until March, 1887.

The men who enlisted in the Legion, and were comrades in arms during the trying scenes of Nauvoo, and afterwards in this region, naturally became affectionately attached. The surviving artillerymen of the Legion having been invited to take part in the Jubilee exercises of 1897, were so pleased to meet again that they

society to organize a society to perpetuate the history of their country, encourage social relations among the members, and render aid to each other and their families, in cases of sickness or death. An organization of that character was accordingly effected, and the name assumed appears at the head of this circular.

The plan of the association is similar to that of other friendly societies, and it is not a secret order. The members hold social and business meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, in the College Lecture Hall, Templeton Building, commencing at 7:30 p. m. A committee is appointed to visit those who are reported to be sick or destitute. A leading feature is the establishment of a mortuary fund, each member being assessed one dollar on the death of any one of their number; the amount thus collected is paid to the family of the deceased.

The "Old Sow" and several other historic cannon have been placed in care of the association, and an armory has been established in the basement of the Presiding Bishop's Office, Salt Lake City, where the guns alluded to and numerous other relics of the Nauvoo Legion have been deposited, and can be seen by visitors. Persons who have in their possession arms, accoutrements, flags or other mementoes of the Legion are invited to deposit them also in the armory.

Although the association has been organized by the Veteran Artillerymen, it is provided that any others who were enrolled in the Nauvoo Legion, before 1871, may become members on the same conditions as the artillerymen. Male descendants—over eighteen years of age—of any of them are also eligible to membership. In all cases good moral character is a pre-requisite. Female relatives are regarded as honorary members, and can attend the social gatherings.

All who are eligible are invited to join the association.

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Elected Oct. 4, 1898.

# Application for Membership.



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Secretary A. V. A. N. L.

*Dear Sir:*

*I hereby apply for membership in the Association of Veteran Artillerymen of the Nineteen Legion.*

*Sign name in full*

*Date and place of birth,*

*Occupation,*

*Address,*

*When and where enrolled in the Legion*

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(If exact date cannot be given, approximate to it thus: About  
1892, or other probable year)

*Recommended by* \_\_\_\_\_



When filled out, detach the above and forward it to Wm. H. Perkes, Secretary, Headquarters Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

A notification of acceptance will be forwarded to the applicant immediately after the meeting at which the application is presented.

New members will not be entitled to participate in the benefits of the Association until the required fees are paid, viz \$1.00 Initiation, \$1.00 Mortuary Fund, and 25 cents for first month's dues. This amount (\$2.25) they are expected to pay on receipt of notice of their acceptance.

Payment to the Mortuary Fund is not compulsory but the benefits thereof can not be realized without such payment.

