

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Staff Meeting 10:00 AM, Saturday, 29 August 2015 LTC Max Jamison Residence, 2854 N. Augusta Drive Lehi, UT 84043

The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets at least once per quarter on the third Saturday the month at 10:00 am, except when that day is a holiday or conflicts with another event. In that case, the meeting will be re-scheduled and the Executive Staff will be notified of the change. Members of the public are invited to attend. *Policy:* As with U.S. Congressional minutes, anyone can read appropriate items into the minutes. In the interest of expediency, all participants should be familiar with our proposed minutes *before* each meeting. We will only discuss items requiring discussion and decisions. Also, detailed discussion of Action Items will be referenced to equivalent sections in Membership Reports, Member Advisory Committee Reports, and New Business.

Executive Staff Attendance: The following was present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander). Excused: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), COL Jerome G. Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor), MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer), and CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer and member of Board of Directors) MAJ Clark Olsen (Community Relations Liaison), Margaret Larson (Membership Officer), Steven L. Rinehart (Judge Advocate General), and CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major).

Leadership and Guest Attendance: James Waite (Board of Directors) and CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad). Excused: Ed Kimball (Chairman, Board of Directors), Ashley Hall (Board of Directors), and Kevin Henson (Senior Historian), Guy Dickson (Board of Directors), Al Matheson (Board of Directors), Dennis Holland (Board of Directors), and David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

Note: We had significant difficulties with GoToMeeting.com. Only James Waite and CPT Bachman were able to access the meeting online. They could hear and see LTC Jamison and each other, but he could not hear or see or hear them. He had to call them on his cell phone. We have since addressed the issue in a test session with GoToMeeting.com and found no video problems, but found that the microphone on the video camera wasn't talking to the entertainment center sound system. LTC Jamison will address this with his computer tech support. We may also invite select remote viewers to a test session before next month's regular meeting.

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items **LTC Max W. Jamison**

COL and Margaret Larson's responsibilities in the new Payson Temple will indefinitely preclude their attendance at our Saturday morning meetings, but they will continue performing their duties during the rest of the week.

Invocation **CPT Blaine Bachman**

Pledge of Allegiance **None**

Minutes of 20 June 2015 Executive Staff Meeting – Lost and Need Reconstruction

Note: LTC Jamison's personal computer suffered two catastrophic failures, the first when his motherboard died on 21 June 2015. He was still reconstituting his programs and data when his hard drive died on 3 August 2015. He was able to restore all data up from on or before 19 June 2015 from his external backup drive, *but lost all data and emails during the period from 19 June through 3 August 2015.* He has been able to recover most Battalion-related emails during that period, and solicits your assistance in restoring all missing data and emails from this period, particularly any and all inputs to the *20 June 2015 Minutes.* We will recompile these entries and submit the reconstructed *Minutes* to you as quickly as possible. We are preparing a plan to regularly back up all Mormon Battalion data on our offsite server.

General Business:

● Recognition & Awards

We were notified of the death of former Battalion Commander, COL Grant Wood, on Sunday, 23 August 2015, but the family did not request our participation in the funeral.

● Service Opportunities

None.

● Action Item Review:

Leadership:

- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**. We have two remaining unfilled positions.
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- LTC Jamison: Contact individual in Utah who may be willing to serve as Battalion Commander. *Done. Individual is willing, but not yet ready.*
- LTC Jamison: Send cover letter, *Membership Forms*, and *Nomination Forms* to all current and former members for future general elections. *This has been a long time coming, but our Membership Application Form is finally on our website. Awaiting website programmer inserting small PayPal buttons so new and continuing members can pay their dues online.*
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- Col Gourley (Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors): Swear in Greg Christofferson as member of Board of Directors.
- LTC Jamison: Swear in CSM David L. Mumford as Command Sergeant Major.

Recruiting:

- LTC Jamison: Provide James Waite with contact information for CPT James Hansen to reactivate Logan Squad (aka "D" Company).

Graves Memorialization:

- COL Larson, LTC Jamison, and Kevin Henson: Locate living descendants of **Lewis Dent** and **Dr. George Sanderson** to invite to graves memorialization. COL Larson to research placing ad in local St. Louis newspaper.
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Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award:

- Kevin Henson: Lead Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Member Advisory Committee in updating requirements list, booklet, and appropriate bibliographic/resource documentation, and provide to the BSA National Trails Office, the LDS/BSA Relations Office, and the Battalion's webmaster for use on their websites. This committee should make a diligent search of the internet to identify the sources of outdated copies of the Award and replace them with links to the new award on the Mormon Battalion Association website.
- Kevin Henson: Rewrite History of the Battalion using previously written articles written by Larry Porter as "jumping off" point.
- COL Gourley: Coordinate with Elder D. Todd Christofferson regarding continued association between LDS Church and Mormon Battalion Association, including historical research and LDS participation in BSA Mormon Battalion Trail Award after Mormon Battalion Association takes over.

FamilySearch™ Campaign:

- COL Gourley: Advise Elder D. Todd Christofferson of FamilySearch™ Campaign and discuss implications.

- Kevin Henson: Get the finalized version of his Battalion trails software ready for use and provide a link from our website. *Done.*
- LTC Jamison and Dan Roper: Extract data from Dan Roper's Linux Master Database to create our own **Alphabetical Listing**, which will be the default display on our Original Battalion Roster. *Done.*

Website Release 3.0:

- LTC Jamison: Create new recruiting materials (brief background of Association and donation page with receipt) for website to go with Membership Application. Forward copies to David Jamiel.
- COL Larson: Visit i4 Solutions about posting his *Annals of the Mormon Battalion* in new tab. *This will no longer be necessary. Dan Roper will display a parsed, searchable version of COL Larson's Annals on the new tab. We will provide a way for individuals to purchase copyrighted hard copy editions of the Annals directly from COL Larson.*
- LTC Jamison and Steven Rinehart: Determine how to protect copyrights, while permitting downloading and copying from website, collecting fee via PayPal, and forwarding royalties to authors. *This will no longer be necessary, as we will act as a clearing house of data from multiple sources. Mr. Rinehart can prepare an intellectual property rights notice to be posted on the website.*

Chief Finance Officer:

- LTC Jamison: Contact i4 Solutions about hosting Quickbooks on our website to permit remote access by CPT Crappa and select members of Executive Staff. *I4 Solutions recommends we host an interactive server version of Quickbooks with unrestricted logons for our Finance Officer and Inspectors General, with restricted logons for local finance officers.*

Lecture by Dr. Lyman:

- Ashley Hall: Approach Dr. Leo Lyman for copy of lecture to post on the Battalion website. *Mr. Lyman has assured Bg Hall that he will get his lecture/article to us for posting on our website.*

Men's Uniforms:

- Ed Kimball: Contact Virginia City, Montana store regarding old pioneer costumes and uniform parts from the Army of the West.

Membership Reports

- 1. Board of Directors: Ashley Hall:** As President of the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA), Bg Hall invited us to send representatives to attend the inaugural joint **Three Trails Conference** of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA), the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), and the Old Spanish Trail Association being held on 17-20 September 2015 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (See http://www.oldspanishtrail.org/participate/conference/annual_conference/program for program details and speakers.)



Associate Organization Reports:

1. **Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin Henson:** No report.
2. **Boy Scouts of America:** No report.
3. **California Pioneer Heritage Foundation:** No report.
4. **Daughters of Utah Pioneers:** No report.
5. **Early Saints Research Group:** No report.
6. **FamilySearch™:** *See FamilySearch™ Campaign report below.*
7. **Friends of the Battalion - Pres. Erma Bullock:** No report.
8. **Heritage Trails Association – Ms. Marilyn Mills:** No report.
9. **Mormon Battalion Arizona (Mesa Company) – Cpt Gary L. Smith:** No report.
10. **Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Historic Reenactment Group. Utah Living History Association – David Jamiel:** No report.
11. **Mormon History Association:** No report.
12. **Old Spanish National Historic Trail Association – Pres. Ashley Hall:** *See Board of Directors report above.*

13. **Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers – Peter D. Guilbert:** Received numerous reports.
14. **Sons of Utah Pioneers:** Received monthly report from Lehi Chapter.

Local Unit Reports:

Headquarters (HHC) Company – MAJ Clark Olsen: No report.

Utah North Platoon – CPT Robert Olson: MAJ Olsen, MAJ Halford, and CPT Olson made numerous Eagle Scout slide presentations.

Eastern Idaho Squad – CPT Thomas Griggs: No report.

Logan Squad (aka “D” Company) – James Waite: No report.

Ogden Section (aka “C” Company): No report.

Salt Lake Squad (aka “A” and “B” Companies): “Cap” Cressap is in the final stages of moving from California to his new ranch house in Eagle Mountain, Utah, and will be available for active participation here.

Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris: No report.

Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman: No report.

Cedar City Squad – CPT Robert Tingey: No report.

St. George Squad (aka Dixie Company) – CPT Robert Wood: COL Gourley and CPT Wood made several Eagle Scout slide presentations.

White Mountain Squad – CPT David Crockett: No report.

Field Company – CPT Lynn Tegland: No report.

California Detached Section – LTC Frank Szeles: No report.

California South Squad (aka “B” Company) – No report.

Arizona Detached Section – LTC Lloyd Smith: No report.

Yuma Squad – CPT Gary L. Smith: CPT Smith made several Eagle Slide presentations.

Colorado Detached Squad – David Jamiel: No report.

• **Membership Advisory Committee Reports:**

1. **Battalion Flag Committee – Mike Anderson, Chair:** No report.

2. **Graves Memorialization Committee – COL Carl V. Larson, Chair:** No report.

a. **Dr. George Sanderson and Lewis Dent –** No report.

b. **Milton Smith –** No report.

c. **Thomas P. Dutcher and William Reynolds (Reynolds) –** No report.

3. **Historians Committee – Kevin Henson, Chair:**

a. **Journals Transcription:** No report.

4. **Membership Committee – Margaret Larson, Chair:** No report.

5. **Scouting Relations Committee – MAJ Clark Olson, Chair:**

a. **Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Member Advisory Committee – Kevin Henson:**

1) **Patches and Lapel Pins/Pendants – LTC Jamison:** We are ready to order our patches and lapel pins/necklace pendants from Celestial Arts. They will not be needed until the committee completes the requirements in 2016.

2) **Requirements – Kevin Henson:** The committee has temporarily interrupted it’s work until completion of the FamilySearch™ campaign in late June.

6. **Men’s Uniform Committee – [TBD], Chair:** No report.

7. **Women’s Dress Committee – Kayla Willey and Wendy Sorenson, Co-chairs:** No report.

8. **Website Release 3.0 Committee – LTC Jamison:** Our new website is a constant “work in progress,” adapting to our changing needs. The following items still need completion:

• **General:**

□ Our i4 Solutions programmers still need to restore the page background so that it doesn’t begin fading out until it reaches the bottom of the annotated 1846 S. Augustus Mitchell map.

Key to Individual History



Thomas Leonard Frazier

Private, Company D



Individual Information

BIRTH DATE
11 June 1826

BIRTHPLACE
Paris, Henry, TN

DEATH DATE
27 July 1868

DEATH PLACE
Wanship, Summit, UT



Thomas Leonard Frazier was a Private in Company D. He completed the journey to California and was discharged at Los Angeles, California on 16 July 1847.

Ranks/Positions/Duties in Muster Rolls ▼

[Back to Comprehensive Alphabetical Listing](#)

Age when joined the Mormon Battalion: 20

Mormon Battalion Association™ Sources

[Larson, Carl V., A Database of The Mormon Battalion](#)

[Larson, Carl V., The Annals of The Mormon Battalion: 1846-1848](#)

[Larson, Carl V., Graves Memorialization Reference](#)

References in Original Diaries and Journals

[Doe, John, Diary](#)

Other Sources

[Doe, John, Other Source](#)

• History Tab:

- Original Battalion Roster Subtab – Kevin Henson and his historians: Research the M351 CMSR cards, aka *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Mormon Organizations*, compiled between 1886 and 1894 by U.S. Army Adjutant General's Office pension examination clerks from the eight bimonthly *Muster Rolls* and twelve monthly *Post Reports* during their 16 July 1846 through 16 July 1847 enlistment period; also find as many as possible of those who “traveled with” the Battalion for safety and convenience. This is virgin turf, a new tactic no one had considered, well worth pursuing, but very hard research. Kevin is reaching out to all of the expert military and Church historians he knows for help, including the **LDS Church History Library** and the **Early Saints Research**

Group. Dan Roper is working on upgrading our Individual History screens (see 20 June 2015 Minutes) to become “switching stations” to numerous other locations; the BillionGraves.com logo, MapNTour.com logo, and all of the entries printed in **blue** are links to other sites or website pages. (See sample on following page.)

- Annals of the Mormon Battalion Subtab – (See Website Release 3.0 action item above and FamilySearch Campaign below.)
- Images and Descriptions Subtab – We will soon post Margaret Larson’s information about Women’s Dress.
- Annotated References Subtab – We are gradually adding new annotated references. We will soon be submitting full citations and annotations for: “Army of Israel” by Bigler & Bagley, “History May Be Searched in Vain” by Sherman Fleek, and “The Mormon Battalion” by Norma Ricketts. Kevin Henson is preparing a list.

• **Publications Tab:**

- We have posted all known *.pdf files for *The Valiant* Newsletter from 2004 through 2011. Need to coordinate with BYU Special Collections to obtain electronic copies of all known minutes in their possession. The Sons of Utah Pioneers have not yet responded to our request for copies of all documentation they hold about the modern Battalion from the 1940s through the 1970s.

• **Contact Us Tab:**

- We will have activated the following “blind” email addresses on the Battalion Leaders page, but have not received any notices that anyone (other than the Battalion Commander) has started using their new “blind” email addresses:
 - Battalion Commander: battalioncommander@mormonbattalion.com (LTC Jamison)
 - Graves Memorialization: gravesmemorialization@mormonbattalion.com (COL Larson)
 - Membership Recruiting: membership@mormonbattalion.com , (COL Gourley)
 - Historians: historian1@mormonbattalion.com , (Kevin Henson)
historian2@mormonbattalion.com , (Kevin Henson associate)
historian3@mormonbattalion.com , (Kevin Henson associate)
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 - Webmaster: webmaster@mormonbattalion.com (LTC Jamison)

Contacts with Mormon History Association and Old Spanish Trails Association:

- Greg Christofferson: Arrange meeting between leaders of Mormon History Association, Old Spanish Trails Association, and the Mormon Battalion Association to find common ground during annual convention in Provo, Utah in June. Propose a presentation in their 2016 convention describing our joint efforts with FamilySearch™ and Kevin Henson’s virtual trails activities.

• **Continental Support Staff Reports:**

1. Quartermaster/Logistics Report – MAJ Halford: “Cap” Cressap, who provided our original set of 10 musket replicas and accouterments in 2008, is repairing our muskets and replacing nine missing leather belts. It will take at least two months to acquire the white leather. We will reimburse him for the cost when delivered.

2. Chief Finance Officer Report – CPT Todd Crappa: Continuing to rebuild QuickBooks account. We are planning on hosting the software on our website for remote internet access by Battalion and local leaders. (See action item.) **LTC Jamison:** Our financial status continues to steadily improve. After paying \$538.92 for two sets of printer cartridges from Cartridge World (and received nine reams of paper due to special store incentive), we have a current balance of \$2,643.77. Our next major bills will be replacing the nine missing leather belts, and ordering the Mormon Battalion Historic Trails patches and pins/necklace pendants.

New Business

(Open to Floor)

None

Projected Action Items:

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Benediction / Adjournment

James Waite

Next Executive Staff Meeting:

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