

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
21 April 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** COL Norman T. Erekson
- Attending:** COL Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock,, LTC Gaylen Maynes, LTC Max Jamison, LTC Jerome Gourley, MAJ Tom Coyne, LTC Bob Paul
- Excused:** Pres. Annie Erekson, Maj Gloyd Sprouse
- Visitors:** Erma Bullock, Shirley Maynes, Kayla Willey, Norma Bench,
- Invocation:** LTC Gaylen Maynes
- Welcome:** COL Norman T. Erekson
 - Minutes:** The Minutes of 17 March 2007 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Motion passed.
 - Calendar:** The proposed calendar was reviewed and several changes were made.
 - Members:** New Members were presented by Erma Bullock. Thomas G. Benson, Vermont; LTC Jeffrey L. Wingo, Kyle L. Wingo, Kansas; Christopher W. Perry; Steven J. Burton; George S. Dodge II, George S. Dodge III, William S. Dodge; Joseph Leon Kosta. Upgrade to Life Member David LaRue Crockett, Show Low, Arizona. Motion to accept these members into the Battalion made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by MAJ Tom Coyne. Motion passed.
 - Financial:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that there is \$5468.04 in the working account (Down \$894.25), and \$2971.87, plus CD, in the Lifetime account. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that the funds are now in place to facilitate starting Plan B on the Visitors Center.
 - Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison indicated the next issue of the *Valiant* has been started. It will be eight pages.
 - Trek 2008:** Kevin Henson sent an email to report that contact with most states and counties has been made. He will be at the Mormon History Conference to announce the Trek 2008 event and seek sponsors of the event. He may try to place markers along the trail. His contact is info@battaliontrail.com. Virtual Trails website is coming along but not yet ready to launch. He needs positions filled to help his effort and is calling for volunteers. 1st is someone to research contacts and phone numbers along the entire route. This can mostly be done from the internet. 2nd is a staff recruiter to help in confirming campsites, schedules etc. 3rd is an application registration coordinator to help the Trek staff in scheduling day hikes etc. Erma Bullock volunteered to help with # 1.

COL Erekson reported that ten sets of accouterments have been ordered to support the TREk 2008 plans and most have been delivered to Maj Don Schurtz. Samples were presented for inspection and COL Erekson reminded the Battalion that donations are expected to help pay for the items.

- 8. Essay Contest:** The contest is in process. The judging committee will consist of the Bullocks, Maynes, Ereksons. Ltc Jerome Gourley and Maj Val John Halford.
- 9. Days of '47:** COL Erekson indicated that we still have not been contacted by the parade committee.
- 10. Special Award:** COL Erekson read part of a letter he had received from LTC Doug Williams serving in Africa. A proposal was made by MAJ Richard Bullock to award Lifetime memberships to LTC Doug Williams and his wife. Seconded by LTC Jerome Gourley. Approved by vote. LTC Williams has paid his annual dues for over 30 years.
- 11. MHA:** COL Erekson reported that we have signed for a booth at the Mormon History Association on May 24th through May 27th. We will be Booth # 3 in the foyer, next to Virtual Trails and SUP. LTC Max Jamison indicated that with LTC Pauls approval he will order two Mitchell maps prepared for the event, one of which will be given to Elder Carmack on Heritage Day. The Maynes and Bullocks will be the main support for the booth but more are requested to help.
- 11. Heritage Day:** LTC Max Jamison passed around a sample program and status report of Maj John Hayes preparations for the event. LTC Jamison also reported that he has ordered an 1846 version of the American Flag from Colonial Flag. It will be displayed at the Heritage Day program and then be donated to the Battalion.
- 12. Building Status:** LTC Bob Paul made a presentation to the Executive Committee of his plans for a PowerPoint presentation to be shown at the Heritage Day program. He showed in support of his proposed program many visual aids and documents that are rarely seen. He summarized by stating that the Battalion and ship *Brooklyn* members had donated the equivalent of nearly \$100 million in today's dollars to the early support of the Church! LTC Jerome Gourley indicated that he would work with LTC Paul in finalizing the presentation of the status of the building project for the Heritage Day program.

LTC Paul indicated that nearly 100 yards of road base fill had been donated to the Battalion and that the County would use six trucks to bring the material to the building site - all at no charge to us!

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Women separated for their own meeting.