

Slogan: "Draw on the past, live in the present, build the future."

Motto: "Serving our communities."

Mission: "We, the Mormon Battalion Association, will learn and honor our heritage, while serving others to create a lasting legacy."

Vision Statement: "We will continually create an atmosphere of unity which allows our members to be passionately engaged in:

- Community enhancement,
- Service to others,
- Historical studies, and
- Youth activities,

by providing exemplary leadership, while encouraging individual expression and growth."

Please join us online to stay up to date on programs and events of the Mormon Battalion Association. We welcome your stories and photographs of both past and current events, along with stories that you would like to share with us and others.

We invite all to become a member of the Mormon Battalion Association. Visit our website for more information.



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Lyrics to first verse of America, the Beautiful:

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood,  
From sea to shining sea.

## 2011 Mormon Battalion Heritage Day

Sons of Utah Pioneers, Headquarters Building  
3301 E. 2920 South (Louise Ave.)  
Salt Lake City, UT 84109  
Saturday, 11 June 2011, 2:00 PM



The Battalion Soldier, by Ed Fraughton



M. Gordon Johnson is the former Director of the Mormon Battalion Visitors Center in San Diego, California for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the "Mormons"). During his mission, he prepared a living history entitled A Soldier's Tale, inspired by the journals of actual Mormon Battalion writers as compiled by Norma B. Ricketts in her book, The Mormon Battalion: U.S. Army of the West, 1846-1848.

During a lifetime of volunteer service, Gordon has served twice as an LDS Bishop, a member of a Stake Presidency, and a member of the Mutual and Aaronic Priesthood General Boards, as well as chairing or serving on numerous volunteer community boards and committees. He is a former Manager of a broadcast division of Bonneville International Corporation. A real estate developer for 32 years, Gordon is now President of Legacy Management/Development. He is an alumnus of both the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. He and his wife, the former Vee Drienne Hormon, live in Sandy, Utah, and have six children and fifteen grandchildren.

Jasen Wade made his official debut, outside the film festival audience, with 17 Miracles, which premiered and opened in Utah theaters this past week. Jasen plays the role of Levi Savage, who marched with the Mormon Battalion and was recruited to help a handcart company. This film is Jasen's third – and hopefully not the last – collaboration with T.C. Christensen and his immensely gifted crew, the first being The John Tanner Story, and the second a Questar commercial. Jasen is appearing in three other films which are currently finding much success in film festivals this year. They are The Farm, Amber Alert, and Dead West. Jasen's favorite roles are any that require riding a horse or using dirt for make-up. Jasen has also been seen in several commercials for companies such as Symantec, Novell, and Payless Shoes and is currently the spokesperson for Union Wireless. In his "other life," Jasen has been employed for nearly 10 years by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a wild land firefighter.

## Heritage Day Program:

- Conductor..... Randy N. Miller
- Accompaniment..... Andrea Miller
- Master of Ceremonies..... Russell Slade  
Broadcast Designer at FOX-13 Television
- Invocation..... MAJ Roger Grua  
Chaplain, Mormon Battalion Association
- Posting of the Colors..... Boy Scout Color Guard
- National Anthem..... The Star-Spangled Banner  
Lyrics: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), Music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)  
Boy Scout Choir
- Essay Contest Winners..... MAJ Roger Grua  
Chaplain, Mormon Battalion Association
- Speaker..... COL Jerome Gourley  
Commander, Mormon Battalion Association.
- Speaker..... Jasen Wade  
Actor-Levi Savage/17 Miracles
- Intermediate Song (Choir and Congregation)..... America, the Beautiful  
Lyrics: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), Music: Samuel A. Ward (1838-1876)  
Boy Scout Choir
- Keynote Speaker..... M. Gordon Johnson  
Former Director, Mormon Battalion Visitors Center, San Diego, California
- Closing Song..... Battle Hymn of the Republic  
Lyrics: Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), Music: William Steffe (1830-1890)  
Boy Scout Choir
- Retiring of the Colors..... Boy Scout Color Guard
- Benediction..... MAJ Clark Olsen  
Boy Scout Relations Officer, Mormon Battalion Association

### The Star Spangled Banner – First Verse

O say, Can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd, at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose  
broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the Ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the Rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night; that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

### Battle Hymn of the Republic – First Verse

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
He is trampling out the vintage  
    where the grapes of wrath are stored.  
He hath loose'd the fateful lightning  
    of His terrible swift sword.  
His truth is marching on.  
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