

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

10:30 AM, Saturday, 17 November 2012

West Valley City Library, 2880 W. 3650 South

West Valley City, UT 84119

The regular monthly meeting of the Mormon Battalion Association Executive Leadership is held at 10:00 AM on the third Saturday of every month, excepting August and December, or when that day is a holiday. In that case, the meeting will be re-scheduled and the Executive Leadership will be notified of the change. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Executive Staff Members in Attendance: LTC Max Jamison (Battalion Commander), COL Carl Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), John Hayes (Multimedia/Operations Officer), Anthon Jeppesen (Communications Officer), and Margaret Larson (Acting Membership/Human Relations Officer). COL Jerome Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor) and Steven Rinehart (Judge Advocate General) were excused.

Executive Leadership in Attendance: COL Norm Erekson (Battalion Commander's Advisor). MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Relations Officer) was excused.

Also in Attendance:

TBD

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests

LTC Max Jamison

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Anthon Jeppesen

Minutes of Previous Month – Review and Approval

LTC Max Jamison

General Business

(Open to Floor)

- Service Opportunities –
 - St. George Veteran's Day Parade
- Grants / Funding / Sponsorship Updates – No report
- Recognition & Awards – No report
- Battalion Projects [*Project Request Form*] – No report
- Presentations of Projects, Review & Approval – No report
- Review of Action Items:
 - COL Carl V. Larson: Send current copy of database to Oscar McConkie. *Need address.*
 - COL Carl V. Larson: Make Eagle Scout slide presentation in Payson on 13 November at 900 S. 930 West, Payson. *Completed.*
 - COL Carl V. Larson: Draft letter of intent to University of Utah Special Collections Library requesting correction of transcript of Dr. Sanderson's Journal, and then coordinate with Kevin Henson. *Recommend sending after February 2013.*
 - Anthon Jeppesen: Provide LTC Max Jamison and Margaret Larson with online Adobe Acrobat fillable versions of *Unit Leadership Survey* and *Membership Survey*. *Not done yet.*

- John Hayes: Contact Ron Valentine, our tax accountant, regarding 31 October review of 2012 IRS tax forms. *Done.*
- John Hayes & Anthon Jeppesen: Review brochure about Mormon Battalion Monument Plaza and Museum submitted by Robert and Helen Paul for posting on website. *Done.*
- John Hayes: Respond to 8 August 2012 email from Robert Paul regarding our Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park. *Postponed until March 2013.*

New Business

(Open to Floor)

John Hayes to explore possibilities for Requests For Proposal (RFPs) for liability, renter's, and Director's and Officer's (DNO) insurance, but not exhibitor's insurance. Will report back mid-2013.

Subordinate Unit Reports (in person or electronic)

Company Commanders and representatives are invited to attend and make a report. Such reports may also be made by e-mail, or written report.

Affiliated Organizations:

- **Battalion Trek** – No report
- **Mormon Volunteers, "A" Company, Historic Reenactors** – No report
- **Sons of Utah Pioneers** – No report
- **Friends of the Battalion** – No report
- **Mesa Squad** – No report

Subordinate Units:

Albuquerque Squad - On October 6-7 the annual U.S.-Mexican War commemorative living history event was held at El Rancho de las Golondrinas living history museum near Santa Fe, NM. Participants included Kevin, Denny and Brian Henson (of Battalion Trek fame), Randy and Kathy Madsen (Tucson), Ron Kirkpatrick (Albuquerque), Tony Campisi (Mexican infantryman impression), four members of the Corps of Topographical Engineers (from CO, Don Erickson commanding), and me (Dragoon lieutenant impression).

Living history camp was set up and the Battalion contingent made impromptu presentations to visitors on both days. The Topogs demonstrated the use of 19th Century surveying and map making gear. On both days, Kevin Henson made a presentation at the museum covering the topography and location of the Trail.

-Blaine Bachman

"C" Company –We didn't march in the VFW parade because of bad weather. Our company Christmas dinner will be Nov.29 at 7PM at Granny Annies in Kaysville, like last year. Contact Roselyn for more info.

I'm sorry I won't be to the meeting, but we have a small window in the weather to shoot a bunch of outside scenes for our "trailer preview" of my screenplay, *A Tale of Two Sicilies*, on a ranch in Morgan County.

As some of you may know, I wrote a story in 1995 that was intended to become a movie. The script has won various awards during the past 17-18 years, but as of this year it has not been transformed into a movie, until now that is. The storyline takes place with the invasion of Salerno, Italy, featuring American and British armies fighting Italian and German troops in the year 1943. A long-lost treasure is discovered resulting in drama, intrigue, and romance.

Negotiations are underway with the organization that provided props, equipment and reenactors for such films as "Band of Brothers," "Saints and Soldiers," and "Air Assault."

I want to offer you a special invitation to invest in a WWII movie trailer (preview) to be used for fund raising to produce an exciting theatrical movie. I have teamed up with THURGOOD PRODUCTIONS/ZEUS FILMZ to bring a great fictional story (based on fact) to life. It is my intent to make a multi-million dollar production for a fraction of the cost. Thurgood Productions has scheduled to shoot the scenes in the week of October 29 - November 4, 2012.

The script is professionally written and in need of adventurous backers. I need anywhere from \$10.00, \$20.00, \$100.00, \$5000.00, or more. Literally any amount will help. If you would like to be recognized, I am happy to list you as a backer of this film. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would be interested in investing.

Sincerely,
Clark Olsen

P.S. Remit to: Thurgood Productions
377 Marshall Way Suite 1
Layton, UT 84041

"D" Company – No report
California "B" Company – No report
California North Company – No report
California Orange County Company – No report
Cedar City Company – No report
Dixie Company – No report
Eastern Idaho Company – No report
White Mountain Company – No report

Inspirational Thought

COL Carl V. Larson

Astronaut Neil Armstrong, on steps to Temple near West Wall in Jerusalem: It is more exciting to have walked where Jesus actually walked than to have stood on the Moon.

Executive Leadership Reports

Battalion Leadership

Acting Adjutant – No report
Acting Membership Officer – No report
Acting Finance Officer –2012 IRS 990 tax forms to be filed in December. Per advice from accountant, we are converting from fiscal year to calendar year reporting.
Multimedia Officer – No report
Scouting Relations Officer – No report

Communications Officer – No report
Graves Memorialization Officer – No report
Judge Advocate General – No report. Available only for legal consultation.
Acting Chief of Chaplains – No report
Acting Affiliated Organization Representative – No report
Battalion Commander’s Chief Advisor – No report
Battalion Executive Officer – We are finding new families descended from Battalion members.
Battalion Commander – No report

Review of Action Items: **LTC Max Jamison**

- LTC Max Jamison: Pick up remaining grave markers from Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters and transfer to Battalion storage unit.

Working Session **Battalion Executive Staff**

Closing Remarks **LTC Max Jamison**

One of the chief complaints of our membership is their exclusion from participating in decision-making due to requirements to be legal, lawful, ethical, and professional. While the Battalion is not a democracy, we will restore member participation by creating member-level advisory committees to develop and carry out concepts and programs.

Benediction / Adjournment **John Hayes**

Next Meeting: 10:30 AM, Saturday, 19 January 2013
2880 W. 3650 South, West Valley City, Utah 84119
(possibly at another location TBD)