

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Staff Meeting

10:00 AM, Saturday, 16 May 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 were present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander), 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). Excused: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), 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: Ed Kimball (Chairman, Board of Directors), James Waite (Board of Directors). Excused: Ashley Hall (Board of Directors), Guy Dickson (Board of Directors), Al Matheson (Board of Directors), Dennis Holland (Board of Directors), Kevin Henson (Senior Historian), CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad), and David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

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 **James Waite**

Pledge of Allegiance **None**

Minutes of 16 April 2015 Executive Staff Meeting – Reviewed and Approved

General Business:

● **Recognition & Awards**

None.

● **Service Opportunities**

A major new service opportunity is coming. (See New Business below.)

● **Project Request Forms**

No *Project Request Forms* and *Annual Budget Request Forms* have been received from local units. We welcome your input on a list of potential projects in which local units can become involved. We need these forms for historical and IRS documentation purposes.

● Action Item Review:

Leadership:

- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**.
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FamilySearch™ Campaign:

(See *FamilySearch™ Campaign Report* below.)

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- LTC Jamison and Website Design Member Advisory Committee: Make as many final tweaks as possible, but activating website IMMEDIATELY. *Done. Website was activated on 6 May 2015.*
- LTC Jamison: Pay final i4 Solutions programming bill of about \$1,000.00. *Done.*
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- CPT Crappa: Come to Lehi on 1 May to pick up hard copy financial documentation and QuickBooks software from LTC Jamison. *Done. COL Gourley picked up and delivered both on 2 May 2015.*

Lecture by Dr. Lyman:

- Ashley Hall: Approach Dr. Leo Lyman for copy of lecture to post on the Battalion website.

Membership Reports

1. Board of Directors: Ed Kimball: Volunteered to make contact with Virginia City, Montana store providing old pioneer costumes and uniform parts from Army of the West. **Ashley Hall:** BG Ashley Hall and his wife, Lorna Marie Hall, met with LTC Jamison on 2 May 2015 to discuss how the Board can better support Battalion efforts, to volunteer to make Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief slide presentations in the Las Vegas area, and to purchase six Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief slides for family members, a lifetime membership for Lorna Marie Hall, and to make a sustaining donation of \$300.00 to the Battalion. BG Hall reported that he had given a presentation to about 45 members of the Southern Nevada Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Old Mormon Fort in Las Vegas. He discussed ways to promote cooperation with the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) he leads, and 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 details about the program 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 – MAJ Val John Halford:** Four members will be departing on 29 May for the California Trails Center in Elko, Nevada, where they will take part in the annual celebration of the California Trail and its historic significance in the exploration and settling of the West. The Mormon Battalion was unique. Having already trekked about 2,180 miles westward to California (creating [LTC Philip St. George] Cooke’s Wagon Road across the Southwestern desert in the process), the former Battalion members then returned eastward along the California Trail to meet their recently arrived families in the Great Salt Lake Valley. Many didn’t stop there, but made a complete “out and back” trip on the Mormon Trail to retrieve their families from the area of present Council Bluffs, Iowa, trekking well over 4,000 miles in less than two years. Over the course of the two-day educational event, the Historic Reenactment Group, dressed in correct time period clothing and military accouterments, will provide black power demonstrations, drill instruction for children, and recount the adventures of this intrepid group of Latter-day Saints.
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 in the Kaysville, Farmington, and Ogden areas.

Eastern Idaho Squad – CPT Thomas Griggs: No report.

Logan Squad (aka “D” Company) – CPT James Hansen: We have sent several Eagle Scout slides to various locations in Cache Valley. James Waite in discussions with MAJ Halford to procure proper accouterments so he can make presentations. He has been asked to make a Battalion presentation to 40+ eleven year old Scouts at a June meeting in Wellsville. *MAJ Halford will assist in the presentation.*

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: CPT Bachman made several Eagle Scout slide presentations.

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: No report.

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 have selected Celestial Arts to manufacture our patches and lapel pins/necklace pendants based on the following criteria:



- their higher quality 100% embroidery "core" patches, and 60-70% embroidery "segment" patches,
- more price breaks per "core" and "segment" type, allowing us to split the two "core" types half and half,
- lower wholesale cost between \$4.73 (high volume) and \$6.58 (low volume) for a set of one "core" patch plus one "segment" patch.

1" Oval
3D

- We have selected the 1" oval 3D Metal Pin design from Celestial Arts for our lapel pin/necklace pendant. It will cost under a dollar each, and we plan to retail it at about \$2.00 each.

Metal Pin

- **Individuals and Small Groups.** Given the fact that our management costs are already covered by Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides, we can offer a "core" patch plus one "segment" award to individuals and small groups for a retail markup of only 20% (vice the usual 100%), or somewhere between \$5.68 and \$7.90 plus shipping and handling. The ready acceptance of other Boy Scout awards and patches show *individuals* will be willing to invest the time, effort, and up to \$20.00 plus shipping and handling to earn our new award – if the requirements are both tough and rewarding. For many Scouts, this will be a *real* high adventure that can extend throughout their lifetime with family and friends.

- **Large Groups.** We need a pilot program to iron out the wrinkles, but it looks like we can offer large groups of 50 or more (typical for stake youth treks) a **single "unit award" certificate** featuring the "core" and "segment" patches they earned, suitable for framing and display in their display case, plus **1" lapel pins/necklace pendants** for about \$200.00 plus shipping and handling. Of course order forms would be provided for individuals to purchase their own "core" and "segment" patches.

2) **Requirements – Kevin Henson:** The committee has started general discussions on requirements, but does not expect to complete their work until sometime in 2016. We then plan on going to see to the LDS Scouting leaders, as well as the Young Men's and Young Women's Presidencies, about endorsing and publicizing our award as you have requested. It would be helpful if the committee could help us with some suggested "talking points." If the LDS Church endorses and publicizes our award program, we can expect patch orders to exceed 2,000 per batch with resulting decreases in price.

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: We finally went live with our new website on Wednesday, 6 May 2015. It is designed to be a constant “work in progress,” adapting to our changing needs. The following items still need completion:

- **General:**

- ❑ Our two line “Mormon Battalion Association” font is too large. The folks from i4 Solutions will reduce it to one line, re-add the shadow effect, and insert a black script copy of Brigham Young’s prophesy across the header. They are also going to restore the background to its original layout, so that it doesn’t begin fading out until after reaching the bottom of Mitchell’s map.

- **History Tab:**

- ❑ Original Battalion Roster Subtab – (*See FamilySearch Campaign below.*)
- ❑ Annals of the Mormon Battalion Subtab – COL Larson needs to visit i4 Solutions about posting his “Annals of the Mormon Battalion,” a merged, day by day history of 25 Battalion journals, diaries, and autobiographies written by original Battalion members.
- ❑ 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.

- **Publications Tab:**

- ❑ We have posted all known *.pdf files for *The Valiant* Newsletter from 2004 through 2011, and have requested copies of all known earlier issues back to its first issue in 1995 by MAJ George Bascom. We have received approval from the BYU Special Collections to link to all copies that they hold from our donation to them in 2010, and we have requested all early documentation about the modern Battalion from the 1940s through the 1970s held by the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

- **Contact Us Tab:**

- ❑ We will have activated the following “blind” email addresses on the Battalion Leaders page:
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)
Scouting Liaison: scouting@mormonbattalion.com (MAJ Clark Olson)
Quartermaster: quartermaster@mormonbattalion.com (MAJ Val John Halford.)
Webmaster: webmaster@mormonbattalion.com (LTC Jamison)
We will also soon be creating email addresses for select local leaders.

- **Continental Support Staff Reports:**

1. Quartermaster/Logistics Report – MAJ Halford: A recent inventory of the accouterments transferred from MAJ Don Shurtz’s home in 2010 revealed that we were missing nine of the ten leather belts left there by Kevin Henson upon completion of his 2008-2009 trek across the Mormon Battalion Historic Trail. We have asked “Cap” Cressap, who provided the original accouterments, to replace them for us. 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: COL Gourley transferred all financial records and our QuickBooks™ software to CPT Crappa on 2 May 2015, and he is busy reconstructing electronic copies of our financial records from the hard copies delivered to us by our former Executive Administrators. We are planning on

hosting the software on our website for remote internet access by Battalion and local leaders. **LTC Jamison:** All bills are paid, including payments to i4 Solutions of \$24.95 to renew our website domain for one year and \$1,083.30 for our website Release 3.0 upgrade support; and \$164.88 to the UPS Store for one month's shipping. Counting the pending \$131.13 deposit from PayPal and the \$620.00 deposit from the Ashley Hall family, our current balance is \$2,196.65, and growing daily. Our next major bills will be replacing the nine missing leather belts, and ordering the Mormon Battalion Historic Trails patches and pins/necklace pendants.

3. FamilySearch™ Campaign – LTC Jamison: We have received assurance from i4 Solutions that our new website is hosted on a robust server “backbone” capable of handling as many queries as FamilySearch™ sends our way. This is a *stupendous* accomplishment, as the FamilySearch™ database is the second largest in the world. (The largest is in the NSA data storage facility at Camp Williams, less than five miles from my home.) FamilySearch™ has advised us that, while we may get 100,000 “hits” on our website in a single day, the number of actual email queries will be significantly less and more manageable. They have reminded us that “a high percentage of the people will not be looking through the list of companies trying to find an ancestor, but looking at a page listing all their ancestors who participated in these events... While we want to be reasonably accurate in identifying the Mormon Battalion company and linking to the appropriate trail experience, for people who want to explore that option, most people will come to the page, sign in, and see the list of their own ancestors and the information about them, rather than a generic experience of trying to find an ancestor in the rather daunting list[s] of all the companies.” Nevertheless, we still need volunteers to help respond to the emails on that single day in July.

COL Larson, after learning of the FamilySearch™ project, provided them with a copy of the textual database of the Mormon Battalion he exhaustively researched and compiled over a period of 35+ years, to aid in creating their spreadsheet database. COL Larson's work provides the basis for the FamilySearch™ spreadsheet database of the Mormon Battalion. They advised us: “It will take some time for us to review the data, match it to the family tree information, and determine how best to integrate it into the rest of the pioneer information. The pioneer landing page will also be revised to provide a fresh experience for people this year, so it will be a while before we have this ready for you to pull onto your site. I will check with the data team as they begin working with the data to see what they suggest on the best way for you to implement the data with the tree links on your site.”

Full Name [linked to FamilySearch™] (Birth - Death) | **Trail Experience** [linked to FamilySearch™]

The following assignments have been made:

- Kevin Henson: Get the finalized version of his Battalion trails software ready for use and provide a link from our website.
- Kevin Henson and his historians: Research daily roll calls and monthly reports to find those who were reassigned by the Army to serve in or with the Battalion; also find as many as possible of those who “traveled with” the Battalion for safety and convenience; then deliver this list to FamilySearch™ to update their spreadsheet database. 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**.
- LTC Jamison: Upon receipt of the FamilySearch™ spreadsheet database, add three fields to create our own **Comprehensive Alphabetical List** to be the default display on our Original Battalion Roster Subtab:

Rank | **Full Name** [linked to FamilySearch™] (Birth date - Death date), | **gender, position/role/duty, Company, LDS (Yes, No), Death Location** | **Trail Experience** [linked to FamilySearch™] | **Other Links** [including links to our Annals of the Mormon Battalion, our Original Battalion Journals, our Graves Memorialization list, and to other websites such as Kevin Henson's Battalion Trek website]



This is FamilySearch's attempt at comparing the list of pioneer companies to those listed in your family tree. We recognize that it may not be comprehensive or completely accurate historically. We hope you enjoy this information.

Ancestor (Family Tree)	Company		
Annie Shackelton (1840–)	William Budge Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan (1830–1915)	Thomas C.D. Howell Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Daniel Williams (1783–1870)	Joseph W. Young Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
David Bowen (1837–1910)	Edmund Ellsworth Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Edson Whipple (1805–1894)	Wilford Woodruff Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Edson Whipple (1805–1894)	Brigham Young Pioneer Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Edward Payne (1832–1918)	Company Unknown (1865)	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Edwin Whiting (1809–1890)	Philemon C. Merrill Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Edwin Whiting (1809–1890)	Ezra T. Benson Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Ellen Curtis Spencer (1832–1896)	Brigham Young Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Frederick Thomas (1844–1926)	Joseph W. Young Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
George Cheshire (1822–1908)	Company Unknown (1863)	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
George Powell (1814–1893)	Joseph S. Rawlins Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Harriet Yeager (1826–1901)	Wilford Woodruff Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship
Harry M. Payne (1857–1940)	Joseph S. Rawlins Company	Trail Experience (Stories)	View My Relationship

- ❑ LTC Jamison: Create 14 subsets of our Comprehensive Alphabetical List accessible via a drop down at the top of the page (similar to the FamilySearch™ Pioneer Ancestors database):
 1. **Battalion Staff** – This would be the same as in Sherman Fleek's book, primarily the regular army dragoon officers, enlisted men, and scouts assigned to the Battalion by the U.S. Army, but also including CPT Brown and 1LT Smith, who served temporarily as Battalion Commander. It will be sorted into four subgroups:
 - Officers
 - Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
 - Enlisted Men
 - Scouts
 2. **“A” Company** – This would include those officially mustered into the company, plus the laundresses assigned to them, plus all of the accompanying families. It will be sorted into five subgroups:
 - Officers
 - Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
 - Enlisted Men
 - Laundresses
 - Wives, Children, Relatives, *Aides de Camp*, Servants, and Slaves
 3. **“B” Company** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
 4. **“C” Company** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
 5. **“D” Company** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
 6. **“E” Company** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
 7. **Detached Members of the Army of the West** – These are the support personnel from the Army of the West which accompanied the Mormon Battalion for safety. MAJ Cloud, Lewis Dent, 1LT Smith, Dr.

Sanderson, and others were initially part of this group, but some transferred to the Battalion at various times. Some, like Cloud and Dent, were never part of the Battalion. It will be sorted into four subgroups:

- Officers
- Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
- Enlisted Men
- Army Civil Service Employees

8. **Others** – The nebulous group of those who accompanied the Battalion for any significant distance for protection will be sorted into three subgroups:
 - Sutlers (contracted civilian supply provisioners)
 - Cattle Drivers
 - Camp Followers
9. **Higgins Family Detachment** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
10. **Brown Sick Detachment** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
11. **Willis Sick Detachment** – It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as “A” Company.
12. **General Kearny Escort** – It will be sorted into five subgroups:
 - Officers
 - Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
 - Enlisted Men
 - Army Civil Service Employees
 - Camp Followers
13. **Temporary Detachments** – With temporarily assigned leaders and regular army personnel who led or supported them *during their one year enlistment*. Each temporary detachment will be sorted into five subgroups:
 - Officers
 - Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)
 - Enlisted Men
 - Army Civil Service Employees
 - Camp Followers
14. **Mormon Volunteers** – Comprising members of the original Battalion who "re-upped" for another six months in the New York Volunteers Regiment. It will be sorted into the same six subgroups as "A" Company. This will be our first attempt to identify any "post-enlistment" groups of original Battalion members. We expect to add other “post-enlistment” groups later.

New Business

(Open to Floor)

1. Contacts with Mormon History Association and Old Spanish Trail Association – Greg Christofferson:

The Mormon History Association will be holding its annual convention in Provo, Utah in June. As a former member of the Board of Directors of that organization, propose holding a meeting of the leaders of our three organizations to find common ground. Also recommend that we propose a presentation in their 2016 convention describing our joint efforts with FamilySearch™ and Kevin Henson’s virtual trails activities.

2. GoToMeeting.com Connectivity Issues – LTC Jamison: Need to contact GoToMeeting.com to resolve connectivity issues. Only two members were able to connect to the 16 May 2015 meeting via computer. Others had to call in on the audio only phone line.

Projected Action Items:

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Lecture by Dr. Lyman:

- Ashley Hall: Approach Dr. Leo Lyman for copy of lecture to post on the Battalion website.

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.

Battalion Accouterments:

- "Cap" Cressap: Replace nine missing belt accouterments.

GoToMeeting.com Connectivity Issues:

- LTC Jamison: Contact GoToMeeting.com to resolve connectivity issues.

Closing Remarks & Inspirational Thought

LTC Max W. Jamison

Extract from 16 May 2015 email to FamilySearch™:

Ed, Kathy, Tim, Cris, and your FamilySearch™ Team,

We appreciate your patience with us. When you told us you needed all of our data in an Excel spreadsheet in less than a week, our historians did belly flips! They knew that our best documentation ("Plan A") was the 307 page WordPerfect text document lovingly compiled over 35+ years by Carl Larson, our Graves Memorialization Officer. We have long wanted to convert his single spaced text document into a spreadsheet, but just did not have the manpower to do it. And you wanted it in less than a week! Our best scrambling response ("Plan B") was to try to merge all the Excel spreadsheets we had. We are grateful that Carl had the wisdom and extended vision to realize that this feeble attempt was not what the Lord wanted, and to go out of his way to share his work with you.

We are grateful that you recognized the special, sacred value of Carl's work by dedicating so many of your people to the huge task of converting it into the spreadsheet format you need. We are doubly grateful that you are taking the time to link all of the carefully researched individuals and citations in his list to the individuals in your huge database. The synergy you are creating is going to be astounding beyond our wildest dreams, something that will be appreciated more and more with each succeeding generation! We are even more humbled that you are willing to share the combined result with us, so that we can post it on our website. We are eternally grateful for your efforts!

We hope that you – like we – feel the influence of these great men as you do their sacred work - and help the world to gain a greater understanding of them. They saved the Church many times over, first by sharing their desperately needed uniform allowances and pay with the Church when it was in greatest need, then by learning how to survive as a team in the merciless desert, then by unselfishly serving the people of Southern California, and finally by their selfless dedication the rest of their lives as they shared their live saving knowledge with thousands of Eastern and European "greenhorns" in settlement after settlement all over the West. We are just beginning to understand how much we owe these humble "giants." There is no wonder Brother Brigham loved his "boys" so much.

You are taking a huge step forward in helping us fulfill the charge given by David O. McKay to his neighbor Fred E. Reese to fulfill the February 1855 prophesy of Brigham Young by creating a modern Mormon Battalion in the late 1940s:

“Brethren, you will be blessed if you will live for those blessings which you have been taught to live for. The Mormon Battalion will be held in honorable remembrance to the latest generation; and I will prophesy that the children of those who have been in the army, in defense of their country, will grow up and bless their fathers for what they did at that time. And men and nations will rise up and bless the men who went in that Battalion. These are my feelings, in brief, respecting the company of men known as the Mormon Battalion. Consider the blessings that are laid upon you, will you not live for them? As the Lord lives, if you will but live up to your privileges, you will never be forgotten, worlds without end, but you will be had in honorable remembrance, for ever and ever.” (Daniel Tyler, *A Concise History of the Mormon Battalion in the Mexican War, 1846–1847* (n.d.), p. 354)

Sincerely,
LTC Max W. Jamison
Battalion Commander

Benediction / Adjournment

LTC Max W. Jamison

Next Executive Staff Meeting:

10:00 AM- Noon, Saturday, 20 June 2015
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