

# Mormon Battalion Association

## Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

10:00 AM, Saturday, 19 August 2017

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 Leadership 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 address items requiring discussion and decisions. The Action Item Review may refer to more detailed discussion in Membership Reports, Member Advisory Committee Reports, and New Business.

**Executive Staff Attendance:** The following were present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander), MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer), Kevin Henson (Trails Expert), and Mike Anderson (Chair of the HERB). The following were excused: MAJ Laura Anderson (Senior Historian) who is on a trek at Martin’s Cove, Wyoming, COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer) and Margaret Larson (Membership Officer) who are working at the Payson Temple, and Steven L. Rinehart (Judge Advocate General) who is hosting a radio program.

**Board of Directors Attendance:** The following were present: James Waite (Vice Chair) and Guy Dickson (Member).

**Local Leadership Attendance:** SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

**Associated Organization Attendance:** The following was present: Peter Guilbert (California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area).

### **Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items**

**LTC Jamison**

LTC Jamison is selling his home in Lehi in late August or early September, and plans to move to Orem in late September. He will be “out of pocket” with only minor internet service and phone calls via his smart phone during that time. We will therefore have a meeting vacation in September, and resume our regular meetings on 21 October.

### **Invocation**

**S GT David Jamiel**

### **Minutes of 15 July 2017 Executive Leadership Meeting – Approved as Amended**

Minutes were posted on Battalion website for review. Corrections will be included.

### **General Business:**

#### **Recognition & Awards**

None

#### **Service Opportunities**

See <https://www.JustServe.org>™ website.

#### **Project Request Forms and Annual Budget Requests**

We have received no *Project Request Forms* and *Annual Budget Requests* from local units. We can only allocate funds to you if we know your plans and needs.

## Action Item Review:

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### **Membership Reports**

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**Board of Directors:** No report.

### **Affiliate Organization Reports:**

**1. Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin and Denny Henson:** If you want to link to what we have up for the Battalion routes, link to the following cap sensitive URL: <http://mapntour.com/view/mbtFS> I will be putting up more stuff (Willis Sick Detachment and General Kearny return routes), and then revising the other stuff. We have moved the hosting our software from GoogleEarth™ to Cesium™, a company from Australia. As newer versions of my work goes up it will automatically link to this URL. I will be forwarding the link to our YouTube™ video of the dedication fo Dr. Sanderson's gravesite shortly.

**2. Boy Scouts of America:** No report.

**3. California LDS Living History Mission, Southern California Area – President Guy Dickson, 2nd Counselor in the Mission Presidency:** No report.

**4. California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area (formerly referred to as Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers) – Peter D. Guilbert:** The mission is in the process of reorganization to fit established LDS mission structure, including districts and district presidencies. More to follow after 30 August Leadership Meeting. (Last month, President Dickson reported that the mission includes seven districts in Chico, Sacramento, the Bay Area, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, with a new district coming in the San Bernardino/Redlands area.)

The Bay Area is having a big pioneer event the end of July 2018. The San Bernardino group is having an event sometime next year. We will not be having a Coloma event in 2018. The plan is for us to do the Coloma event every other year. So, looks like we can do Columbia Diggins this year.

### **Old Business:**

**15 July, Hands on History.** Sutter's Fort, CA. Theme: "Commerce at Sutter's Fort."

**16 July, Sacramento Area Group Meeting.** Citrus Heights Stake Center, California.

**18-19 July, Dean Haumshilt Funeral and Interment.**

**21-22 July, Family History Activity.** Placerville, CA.

**24 July, Days of '47 Parade.** Salt Lake City, UT. Virginia and Peter Guilbert, the Garbett family (Michael, Donna, 2 boys), Michael Fitzgerald, and others attend the Sunrise Service and marched in the parade on the 24th.

**3-5 August, Auburn Stake Youth Encampment.** French Meadows Reservoir.

## Upcoming Events:

**19 August, Hands on History.** Sutter's Fort, CA. Theme: "California's First Hospital." If any of you budding doctors and nurses want to attend, please let me know by Wednesday afternoon, so I can give the Fort a number of folks to expect for lunch.

**20 August, 7:00 pm, Group Meeting.** Citrus Heights Stake Center, California. Lots to discuss concerning plans for the Gold Rush Days event. We also have some important mission activities during the meeting. Please come out if you can to help us plan our schedule for this event. If you can't make the meeting, sign up sheets will go out via email so we know how many to expect at the event each day. We will discuss setup, parking, meals, activities, etc. and Smokey will have a short lesson on the US flag, how to properly display, care for, and fold as well as the significance of the folding process.

**31 August-3 September, Gold Rush Days, including Old Sacramento M7 Con Old West Convention and Film Festival.** Old Sacramento, California. Join us for our 4th annual convention and film festival weekend as we celebrate the Old West during Old Sacramento's annual Gold Rush Days weekend. Our weekend will be jam-packed with historical panels, Q&A sessions, autograph & photo op sessions. We will not be setting up anything beyond our standard setup. So, there will be the 2 military tents and the overhead canvas over the whole encampment. Anything beyond that should have been approved by the organizers months ago. Set-up will be on Thursday morning, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 am. Be there at 7:00 am on Friday morning to finish setting up and do cannon firing for the media and to be set up for the school kids. Smokey will bring hand trucks. Things usually quiet down by 3:30 pm. The earlier you get there, the better parking choices you have. Bubba indicated it starts at 10:00 am, and there will be activities until 7:00 pm. It will be busy on the greens this year! Everything (cannon firing, Union soldiers, PowWow Dancers, stick pony rides, etc.) will be on the lawn this year since there will be no dirt on the street this year. Be there at 8:00 am on Sunday, as our church service will be at 9:00 am. John Corliss will conduct; Carol will lead the music; Audrey will bring a violin; and Jesse will bring a string instrument. Closing time on Monday is 3:00 pm. and take down after that. Several people have volunteered for security each night.

Actor Dale Midkiff, star of the Hallmark Channel's *Love Comes Softly* series of western films, Stephen King's horror classic *Pet Semetary*, and the critically acclaimed TV Movie *Elvis and Me*, will be joining us for the weekend and we are also busy booking other western actors. Stay tuned for those announcements. We also have a Vendor Village and an Artist Alley where you can find western wares to purchase along with other really cool items! For more information, go to [www.m7con.org](http://www.m7con.org). We hope to see you there!

- Thursday, 31 August – 7:00 p.m. – Pre-Convention VIP Party
- Friday, 1 September – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 2 September – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3 September – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Guided Tours to take place on Sunday Afternoon & Evening. All panels will take place inside the Railroad Museum 125 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814. Vendor Village and Artist Alley will be set up outside the museum in tents. Outdoor Movie Location TBA.

**9 September, 11:00 am, Days of Living History.** Gold Nugget Museum, Paradise, CA. Need Assistance with pioneer crafts, games and general "color." Please notify Roger Ekins if you plan on attending. (This event continues on Sunday, but we are only going to commit to helping out on Saturday as the activities won't lend themselves well to the Sabbath.)

**11 September, Documentary Filming.** Need actors for a documentary on gold discovery to be shown in Utah. They want to do filming using us as actors. Dennis is trying to get them to film in Coloma, but will advise. We will set up a small encampment. They want to talk about our mission and what we do in California and have some first-person interviews.

**16 September, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Adobe Days.** Ide Adobe State Historic Park, Red Bluff. Assistance with pioneer crafts, games and general "color." Please notify Roger Ekins if you plan on attending.

**17 September, 7:00 pm, Group Meeting.** Citrus Heights Stake Center, California.

**28 October, Bus Tour.** Tentative date. Sandra will advise once it is set up

**Fall, Possible Hike Near Tragedy Springs.** Working out details and dates. We found a recently marked trail in the area. We will explore the possibility and if practical will try to have a hike and picnic in later September or early

October. Some of us discussed doing a night hike and overnight at a campground on Hwy. 88. For those who do not want to spend the night, they could drive up the next day to hike (or re-hike) it in the morning in daylight and then a picnic before heading home.

**16 December, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Pioneer Christmas Party.** Ide Adobe State Historic Park. Assistance with pioneer crafts, games and general "color." Please notify Roger Ekins if you plan on attending.

5. **California Pioneer Heritage Foundation – Dennis Holland:** No report.
6. **Daughters of Utah Pioneers:** No report.
6. **Early Saints Research Group – Dr. Brandon Plewe:** No report.
7. **FamilySearch™:** No report.
8. **Friends of the Battalion & Ship *Brooklyn* – President Donald L. Eastman:** No report.
9. **Heritage Trails Association – Marilyn Mills:** No report.
10. **Mormon Battalion Arizona (Mesa Company) – CPT Owen Garner:** No report.
11. **Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California:** No report.
12. **Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Historic Reenactment Group, Utah Living History Association. – CPT Jared Cornell:** No report.
13. **Mormon History Association – President Brian Cannon:** No report.
14. **Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) – President Ashley Hall:** No report
15. **Sons of Utah Pioneers:** Received monthly report from Lehi Chapter.
16. **Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA), Southern Trails Chapter – Doug Hocking, Chair:** No report.

#### Local Unit Reports:

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

**Utah North Platoon – CPT Robert Olson:** No report.

**Eastern Idaho Squad – CPT Thomas Griggs:** No report.

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

**Ogden Section (aka Company C) – MAJ Clark Olsen:** No report.

**Salt Lake Squad (aka Companies A and B) – LTC Jamison:** No report.

**Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris:** No report.

**Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman:** No report.

**Cedar City Squad – SGT Larry Bilyeu:** No report.

**Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel:** (12 August) During this past week, I was contacted by the Director of the Fort Vasquez Historical Museum who is interested in putting together an entire weekend of historic encampments, workshops, and interpretive portrayals of the Mormon Battalion, the Mormon Colony at Pueblo, and their connection to the Trappers Trail. I plan to meet with the Director sometime before the end of August to brainstorm some ideas for the weekend. I will keep the Association advised of the progress.

**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.

**At Large Members –** No report.

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#### **Membership Advisory Committee Reports:**

1. **Graves Memorialization Committee – Kevin Henson:** No report.

2. **Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Committee – Kevin Henson, Chair:** Still working on text for the *Requirements Booklet*. Here’s what’s left to do:

*Section 1. History of the Battalion* – Finalizing rewrite of articles by BYU History Professor Larry Porter.

*Section 2. Trail Segment Resources and Maps* – A short two-page introduction, mini-map, and selected readings for each of the seven Mormon Battalion Trail Segments:

- a) *Iowa Mormon Trail Segment*
- b) *Main Command Segment*
- c) *Higgins Family Detachment Segment*
- d) *Brown Sick Detachment Segment*
- e) *Willis Sick Detachment Segment*
- f) *General Kearny Escort Segment*
- g) *Pueblo to Salt Lake Segment*

**3. “All Things Mormon Battalion” Project – LTC Jamison, MAJ Anderson, and Dan Roper:** (See Board of Directors Report in our 21 January 2017 *Minutes*.)

**Phase 1:**

1. Submitted and received Board approval of *Industrial Cooperation Proposal* to fund two BYU students through Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original “cradle to grave” documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon Battalion and their laundresses, guides, and family members. Jill said that LDS Philanthropies could be approached if needed. Submitted email to our Board to reach out to our friends with deep pockets to fund this. *We need to get moving on this ASAP!*

**Phase 2:**

5. Release 4.0 of [www.mormonbattalion.com](http://www.mormonbattalion.com). – Dan Roper has completed moving our domains and Master Database website to a new free cloud based server. He is now starting to replicate our Release 3.0 website, substituting new open source programming for our stilted proprietary Content Management System (CMS).
6. Working with Kindex™ software to develop and implement program for indexing and transcription of all handwritten digital records. This can be done by volunteers, much as FamilySearch™ has done with their Records Extraction Program. – MAJ Anderson is already well into prototyping this process, and knows of a group of trained volunteers she can approach to assist in this work.

**4. Senior Historian’s Report – MAJ Anderson:**

**a. Research in Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University** – Met with Jill Crandall and submitted proposal for funding research by two students I am hoping to get the Center for History and Genealogy at BYU working on our boys in the next couple of months helping to verify who they were and where they went. I will meet with Jill Crandall about this and things for Church History in the beginning of August.

**b. Battalion Member Spreadsheet** – Completed and submitted a spreadsheet for the members of the Mormon Battalion to Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy.

**c. Kindex™ Software** – Kevin Henson worked on a grant proposal to help fund Kindex’s further software development, focusing on deliverables to us. The Board will have to approve this grant proposal before moving forward.

**d. Trips** – Completed 6-16 August trip to Omaha, and now planning September trip to Nauvoo.

(1) *Worked on the Gail Holmes collection with Terry Latey in Omaha.* 6-16 August. His files are in Terry’s office and must be organized before submission to the BYU Library. Terry is currently undergoing cancer chemotherapy, and needs help. Made digital copies of the things that we want to keep in our Mormon Battalion files as far as we can with the allotted time.

(2) *Attended the Oregon California Trails Association (OCTA) Convention in Omaha.* 6-16 August.

(3) *Attend the John Whitmer Convention with the Community of Christ and Others in Nauvoo.* September. I would like to network with the keynote speaker, who is a specialist on the Mexican War. We need records from each of the splinter groups to finish telling the stories of our Mormon Battalion members. Attending these conferences helps me with my efforts in the Early Saints Research Group. While it is nice that we have a meeting every February, they need to see me at other events. As we network, we build stronger ties. Kevin Henson has asked for my help with a

presentation he will be giving them about our Battalion boys. I have made a \$500 donation, will charge my expenses on my credit card, and then submit a request for a tax free stipend for about \$972 at the conclusion of my trip.

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• **Continental Support Staff Reports:**

**1. Chief Finance Officer Report – LTC Jamison:** We currently have a bank balance of **\$18,751.63**, down from last month's \$19,381.21. Since our last meeting in July, we have had the following activity:

**a. Main Share Savings:**

- *Deposits:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$1.05**
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

**b. General Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$0.05 interest, \$155.28 from PayPal
- *Expenditures:* \$167.06 to UPS Store for June and July shipping and handling fees, and \$39.23 monthly fee for GoToMeeting.com™.
- *Current Balance:* **\$1,223.55**, down from \$1,313.74
- *Pending Expenditures:* Normal semi-annual \$700.00 for 75 Eagle Scout slides, normal \$39.23 monthly fee from GoToMeeting.com™, normal UPS Store shipping and handling fees.

**c. Arts Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$1.27 interest
- *Expenditures:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$10,005.99**, up from \$10,004.72
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

**d. Historical Research Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$0.68 interest
- *Expenditures:* stipend of \$540.29 to Dan Roper (Data Analytics) to reimburse him for June 2015 through June 2017 internet hosting fees and domain registration
- *Current Balance:* **\$7,522.09**, down from \$8,061.70
- *Pending Expenditures:*
  - Stipend of about \$972.00 (after \$500 donation) to MAJ Laura Anderson for her August research trip to assist Terry Latey with the Gail Holmes collection and attend the OCTA Convention in Omaha, and her September research trip to attend the John Whitmer Convention in Nauvoo.

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**New Business**

**(Open to Floor)**

**1. National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) Certification Course.** We received a request to advertise a muzzle loading certification course for muzzle loading cannons in the near future. *Similar to the December 2016 request for sponsorship of muzzle loading rifle training for Boy Scouts, we declined the request as it might suggest Battalion liability.*

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**Projected Action Items**

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**Closing Remarks & Inspirational Thought**

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**Next Executive Staff Meeting:**

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