

2012 Mormon Battalion Heritage Day

Dedicated to the men and women of the Army of the West;
For their Service, Patriotism, and Faith;
And for the legacy they've left us.
In Honorable Remembrance;
Forever.

Sons of Utah Pioneers, Headquarters Building
3301 E. Louise Ave. (2920 South)
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Saturday, 16 June 2012, 10:00 AM

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

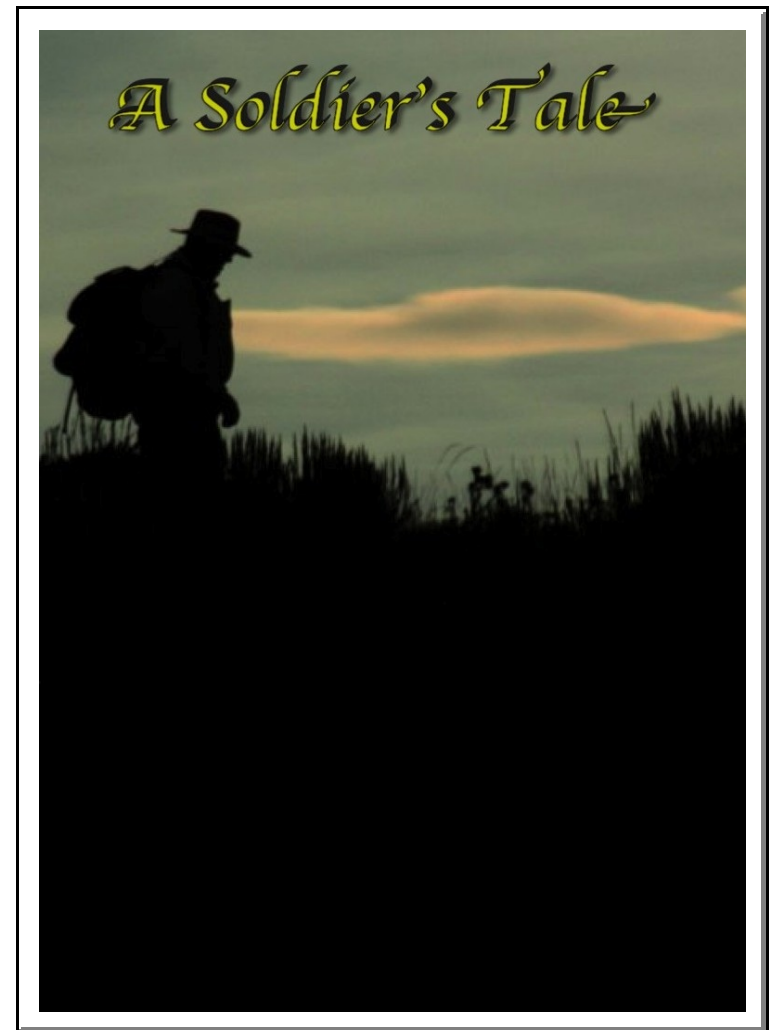
Motto: "Serving our communities."

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."





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.

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.

Heritage Day Program:

- Master of Ceremonies..... LTC Max W. Jamison
Battalion Commander
- Invocation..... COL Jerome Gourley
Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor
- Posting of the Colors..... Color Guard
Headquarters Company
- National Anthem..... The Star-Spangled Banner
Lyrics: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), Music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)
Boy Scout Choir
- Essay Contest Winners..... COL Carl Larson
Battalion Executive Officer
- Introduction..... LTC Max W. Jamison
Battalion Commander
- Movie..... A Soldier's Tale
Living History Presentation
- Retiring of the Colors..... Color Guard
Headquarters Company
- Benediction..... COL Norman Erekson
Battalion Commander's Advisor

Special thanks to the members and friends of the Battalion – on both sides of the veil – who have so selflessly given of their time and materials that this program might succeed.

May the Lord bless and keep you!