

# Mormon Battalion Association

## Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

10:30 AM, Saturday, 16 February 2013

Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC), 1355 W. 3100 South  
West Valley City, UT 84119

The regular quarterly meeting of the Mormon Battalion Association Executive Leadership is held at 10:30 AM on the third Saturday of every third month. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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

**Executive Leadership in Attendance (via Conference Call):** MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Relations Officer).

**Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests**

**LTC Max Jamison**

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

**John Hayes**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting – Review and Approval**

**LTC Max Jamison**

Minutes of the 19 January 2013 Executive Staff Planning Meeting distributed electronically to all Battalion and local unit leaders on 24 January 2013 were corrected and redistributed electronically to Leadership.

**General Business**

**(Open to Floor)**

- **Service Opportunities** – No report
- **Grants / Funding / Sponsorship Updates** – No report
- **Recognition & Awards** –
  - John Hayes Silver Beaver Award Ceremony at 7:00 PM on 5 March 2013 in Bountiful Regional Center.
- **Review & Approval of *Project Request Forms*** – No report
- **Review of Past Action Items:**
  - COL Carl Larson: Send current copy of database to Oscar McConkie. *LTC Max Jamison lost phone number for Oscar McConkie; will have to recontact Oscar.*
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  - John Hayes and Anthon Jeppesen: Submit new loyalty oath with correct legal verbiage for use in membership applications. *Current verbiage is okay. LTC Max Jamison and Margaret Larson to proceed with current form immediately.*
  - COL Carl Larson: Pick up remaining grave markers from Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters and transfer to Battalion storage unit.
  - Anthon Jeppesen: Report on 2012 IRS Form 990. *Due 30 March 2013, report will be made in March meeting.*
  - COL Carl Larson and Kevin Henson: Create list of locations of original Battalion journals and their custodians so we can request/create new transcripts. Many journals are still in possession of descendant families. *Once journals are located, we will seek opportunities to authenticate current transcriptions and/or retranscribe them, and then post results on website for public use.*

- MAJ Clark Olsen, COL Carl Larson, and Kevin Henson: Coordinate Graves Memorialization planning for Milton Smith, near Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico. MAJ Clark Olsen and Johnny Hayes will coordinate with LDS Scouting Representative.
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- Kevin Henson and COL Carl Larson: Locate living descendants of two Battalion members in Michigan to invite to graves memorialization. *See Battalion Trek report below.*
- MAJ Clark Olsen: Recruit assistance from CPT Robert Olson and others in "C" Company for Flag Detail, University of Scouting, Utah National Parks Council, 7:45 AM, 9 February 2013, Orem, UT. *MAJ Val John Halford and LTC Max Jamison performed Flag Detail with five Scouts from Council Jamboree Troop.*

## New Business

(Open to Floor)

- **Heritage Day Planning** – Membership to perform program.
  - John Hayes and Anthon Jeppesen: Release program template in 1-2 weeks.
  - John Hayes: Provide conflict-free proposed date for Heritage Day in 1-2 weeks.
  - LTC Max Jamison & COL Carl Larson – Organize program.
- **Pioneer Day Planning** – Need to plan for Honor Guard Flag Presentation at 24 July SUP Sunrise Service, and general membership marching in Pioneer Day Parade.
  - *John Hayes to provide liability waiver form shortly to be signed by all parade participants.*

## Subordinate Unit Reports (in person, electronic, or via written report)

### **A. Affiliated Organizations:**

- **Battalion Trek** – Kevin Henson: My research has been an effort to better document an 1846-47 historic trail created by an Army battalion on their way to California during the Mexican War. In doing so, I noted that two members of this historic battalion eventually settled in Ionia county and lived out the remainder of their lives there. Little is known about the contributions of these two men or of their later life in Michigan. My interest is in seeing if any family members would be willing to speak with me about their ancestor's experiences in the Army and in Michigan. Would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide in helping me contact their descendants. The two men were:

#### **DUTCHER, THOMAS P. – PVT Co. B**

Thomas P. Dutcher completed the journey to California and re-enlisted in Captain Davis's company in Los Angeles, July 16, 1847, being discharged in 1848.

RETURNS: Thomas P. Dutcher. Born 18 May 1826, Boylston (now Boylston Center), Oswego, NY.

PENSION: Applied from Portland, Ionia County, Michigan 14 Feb 1887. He was a cooper by trade. He suffered from chronic asthma and was hard of hearing. He was 61 years old in 1887.

Ancestral File:

Born - 12 May 1826, Boylston, Oswego, NY. Parents - Thomas Dutcher and Betsy Hurlburt.

Died: 25 October 1902 at Portland, Ionia County Michigan

Grave: Portland, Ionia County Michigan; Plot: E 39 OS

Find-a-Grave:

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=dutcher&GSfn=thomas&GSbyrel=all&GSdy=1902&GSdyrel=in&GSst=24&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=30863661&df=all&>

Wife: Emily S. HUDSON Dutcher

Descendants: There seem to be a lot of Dutcher descendants in the area, so I suspect there will be people to talk to.

#### **REYNALDS, WILLIAM F. – PVT Co. C**

William Reynolds (some sources incorrectly spell if “Reynolds”) completed the journey to California. William was selected as one of General Kearny’s escort group back to Fort Leavenworth. The group assisted in burying some of the Donner party.

IOWA: William Reynolds, on detached service, 14 May 1847.

PENSION: William Reynolds. He died in Hubbardston, Michigan on 5 Dec 1886, as witnessed by his physician Henry M. Brown M.D.

Grave: Hubbardston, East Side Cemetery, Hubbardston, Ionia County, Michigan; Plot – not noted.

Find-a-Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=18153590>

Wife: Not stated, but dates on “Reynald” tombstones at Hubbardston suggest wife may have been Calista Reynolds (1825-1914)

Descendants: William J Reynolds; Lydia Irene Reynolds; Max W Reynolds; Nettie Reynolds (d 1970)

- **Mormon Volunteers, “A” Company, Historic Reenactors** – No report
- **Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers** – Peter D. Guilbert: At our last meeting we discussed briefly Sutter's Fort and the Hands-on-History events that the parks have each month. This month on February 16th will be a Hands-on-History activity called "they came by land and sea". This comes right up our alley as we can represent the *Ship Brooklyn* as well as the Mormon Battalion, Rhoades family, and/or the Ide family. We are promised to be fed lunch and a morning snack and I am checking about parking. This is a Saturday only event and it usually runs from 10 to 4 or 5.

We have a meeting of the Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers coming up again this Sunday February 17 at 7 PM at the Citrus Heights Stake Center on Van Maren Ln. We have some new/old requests for our participation at upcoming events. We have activities coming up in March and April that can be educational and fun. Looks like we will again have a wonderful action-packed year ahead of us. Please attend if you can.

I would also like all the new members come in with what they have for period clothing. For the men, I would like to have you bring whatever you have for accoutrements and firearms so we can help you learn the basics of the "Orders of the Soldier"(marching, arms drill, etc.). Even if you don't have any of the above we can loan some of the items, so come out to learn. For the sisters, can we have either Bonnie or Christine talk about the period activities/talents we might display in "camp". Someone might be able to bring some "children's" games along to teach the activities we display in camp as well. This should be educational for everyone, so please attend.

- **Sons of Utah Pioneers** – No report
- **Friends of the Battalion** – No report
- **Mesa Squad** – No report

## **B. Local Units:**

- **Albuquerque** – CPT Blaine Bachman: This coming June several New Mexico Stakes are combining their efforts to conduct a 'Pioneer Trek' Youth Conference that, I am told, will take place in a rural area of southern Colorado.

Last week I was contacted regarding this event and have enthusiastically agreed to participate in reenacting the mustering of the Battalion from among the youth attending the Trek. Details of the extent of the scenario are yet to be fleshed out, but as I do have a proper dragoon officer's uniform I expect I will portray Capt. James Allen.

In other news, since the beginning of the current year, I have made Mormon Battalion Neckerchief Slide presentations to three new Eagle Scouts and have been invited to two more courts-of-honor this month at which an additional four new Eagle Scouts will be honored. Besides taking a moment during courts-of-honor to

briefly explain the MBA's mission, I continue to explore opportunities to increase our membership base. Any suggestions from the HQ Staff or other units would be welcomed!

- **Ogden** – MAJ Clark Olson: January meeting cancelled and speaker postponed to March due to snow storm. Val Bagley's Scout troop needs info for participation in Heritage Day Program.
  - MAJ Clark Olson: Pass meeting information to Anthon Jeppesen for posting on official website.
  - MAJ Clark Olson and John Hayes – Inventory Clark's Eagle Kit slides.
- **Logan** – No report
- **California "B" Company** – No report
- **California North** – No report
- **California Orange County** – No report
- **Cedar City** – No report
- **Dixie** – No report
- **Eastern Idaho** – No report
- **White Mountain** – No report

### Executive Leadership Reports

### Battalion Leadership

- **Adjutant General** – No report
- **Acting Membership/Human Relations Officer** – No report
- **Finance Officer** – Anthon Jeppesen: Official 2012 Finance Report to be released in March meeting.
- **Multimedia Officer** – No report
- **Scouting Relations Officer** – No report
- **Communications Officer** – No report
- **Graves Memorialization Officer** – No report
- **Judge Advocate General** – No report
- **Chief of Chaplains** – No report
- **Affiliated Organization Representative** – No report
- **Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor** – No report
- **Battalion Executive Officer** – No report
- **Battalion Commander** – Mark Johnson from Erie, Pennsylvania received assistance from MAJ Val John Halford, Kevin Henson, Sherman Fleek, and self for his paper on Mormon Battalion for military history class.

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Adjourned to Executive Staff Working Session

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Benediction / Adjournment

COL Carl Larson

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