

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

10:30 AM, Saturday, 15 October 2016

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), 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).

The following were excused: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), Margaret Larson (Membership Officer), MAJ Clark Olsen (Community Relations Liaison), Kevin Henson (Historian), CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major), and Steven L. Rinehart (Judge Advocate General).

Board of Directors Attendance: The following was present: James Waite (Vice Chairman).

The following were excused: Edwin Kimball (Chairman), Greg Christofferson, Guy Dickson, BG Ashley Hall, and Dennis Holland.

Local Leadership Attendance: The following was present: CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad),

The following were excused: SGT Larry Bilyeu (Cedar City Squad) and SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

Associated Organization Attendance: The following were present: Laura Anderson (Early Saints Research Group) and Peter Guilbert (Group Commandant, Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers).

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items

LTC Max W. Jamison

1. Guy Dickson is in San Bernadino, California helping erect the first 100 feet of a replica of the Mormon Colony stockade.
2. Kevin Henson is attending a family reunion in Idaho.
3. We again experienced technical difficulties due to Windows installing an update before we could proceed, and incorrect settings for the webcam microphone. Everyone could see and hear, but no one could hear LTC Jamison. He finally dialed in from his cell phone, and the meeting proceeded.

Invocation

C PT Blaine Bachman

Minutes of 17 September 2016 Executive Leadership Meeting – Approved

Minutes were posted on Battalion website for review. No corrections were suggested.

General Business:

● Recognition & Awards

Peter Guilbert has submitted the requested list of 19 current and past Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneer members for *Honorary Membership Certificates*. Some have been portraying members of the Mormon Battalion since 2001! We will be creating the certificates and sending them out as quickly as possible.

● **Service Opportunities**

Benjamin N. Allred, CEO and owner of Service Centrum, a non-profit national clearing house for volunteer compassionate service based in Salt Lake City, has approached LTC Jamison about matching needy people and organizations with our local units seeking service projects. They have their own funding grants, and would charge us absolutely nothing for their services. We are exploring the possibility of working together. Service to our communities is a keystone to the revitalization of the Mormon Battalion Association. *This a case of which comes first, the chicken or the egg. We need new members to do service projects, and we need service projects to encourage new membership. Perhaps our best option is to first find possible service projects for each of our local units, and then help them to find volunteers to perform them. Success will breed success.*

● **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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- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**. We have two remaining unfilled positions.
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Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award:

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Enhanced Relations with SUP:

- LTC Jamison: Send response to the SUP. *Done. They have not replied.*

Membership Reports

Board of Directors: No report.

Affiliate Organization Reports:

1. **Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin Henson:** As the leader of our historians, Kevin coordinates regularly with LTC Jamison and others in the Battalion.
2. **Boy Scouts of America:** Have received several newsletters.
3. **California LDS Living History Mission – President Dennis Holland:** President Guy Dickson, Second Counselor:

22 September 2016: I am happy to report that I attended the Tombstone Territory Days event in southern Arizona, and lent support to Randy Madsen, who with his wife Kathy has organized a good contingent of Battalion reenactors. They put on quite an encampment at the Tombstone event. It was well attended, and the Battalion story was shared with the attending crowd which numbered about 2,500 – 3,000 to my eye.

Teaming with some of the Saints from St. David (which is very near Tombstone), the Madsens had about a dozen reenactors in their Battalion encampment. I portrayed LTC Philip St. George Cooke. Yes, as a matter of fact I was asked if St. George, Utah was named after him... 4-5 times over the course of the day.

The Madsens were the primary Battalion movers and shakers in San Diego before a job opportunity took them to Tucson about 5 years ago. They were the San Diego Public Affairs program's Historical Directors, and much of the success of the current San Diego program is owed to them.

I believe that the Tucson program will continue to grow over time. We had so many things going on in Tombstone, I did not have the chance to discuss participation in the Mormon Battalion Association with Randy Madsen. I'll try to do that...after he's had a little rest.

13 October 2016: We have a major event on Saturday [17 October 2016], the Fort San Bernardino Stockade Raising. We're erecting the first hundred feet of a replica of the Mormon Colony stockade.

4. California Pioneer Heritage Foundation – Dennis Holland: No report.

5. 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: I have received some information about the Fort Moore restoration project that is much more definitive – finally!!

All of the permits have been pulled for the project except for the one for a vault that needs to be dug to house a larger pump for the water fall. They expect that permit to be approved by the end of this week.

Because they determined that a bigger pump was necessary, the space where the current pump sits is too small.

The county took core drillings all along the base of the brick retaining wall to the north of the water pool to see if they could dig the vault to the side of the pool. Their finding said it was okay to dig in that area. (If this was not the case, the project would have had to be completely redesigned taking much more time.)

They have also approved the ordering of the tile for the water fall. The tiles will be custom made and may be finished, with all of the approvals necessary for "custom" work completed, in three months. When the tile is received they will start taking off the old tiles in preparation to install the new ones.

I do not have any information on the new lighting and handicap ramps, etc., but I will check again at the end of October and see their progress. The engineer did not have any projected completion date yet. I think once the tile is on site, and the vault dug, they will be more willing to give me a projection.

I am still hoping for a "re-opening" 4 July 4 2017! Keep your fingers crossed! (If not, Veteran's Day is Saturday, 11 November 2017.)

Ed Kimball, Chairman of our Board and holder of over 60 patents, created a formula he used to protect California bridges and public facilities from graffiti. We have forwarded his specs to Ms. Mills in hopes that it will help protect the Fort Moore Monument.

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. Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers (SNMP) – Commandant Peter D. Guilbert: This is a very active group of LDS service missionaries.

Old Business:

8 October – SNMP Group Auto Tour. [Converted the hike into an auto tour of the Mormon Emigrant Trail route.]

We met and began at Pleasant Valley where we quoted some of Norma Rickett's book *Mormon Battalion, US Army of the West* about the gathering of the Saints and preparations for going east to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. We

followed Sly Park Road up to Mormon Emigrant Trail and stopped at the DUP/SPHF monument at Sly Park. We proceeded up the Mormon Emigrant Trail and stopped at the “49er” tree to view the rocky slope traversed. We stopped at Leek Springs and then on to Tragedy Springs for a lunch stop. We then stopped at the overlook SUP monument over Silver Lake and the explained the route along the ridge the Saints took and pointed out West Pass and Melissa Corey Peak. We proceeded on to Caples Lake to point out the route down from West Pass and where it would have gone through the present-day lake. We stopped at Carson Pass to view the location where they had to let wagons down the slope to Red Lake and walked up to the large boulders that had the 1849 graffiti on them. We used Norma’s book at each stop to describe what they encountered along the way and at each of the place names that have stuck through all these generations. There were seven of us in three cars and we had a delightful day with gorgeous weather conditions. We dismissed with a prayer at Carson Pass and each took our separate way back home.

Upcoming Events:

11 November – Veterans Day Parade.

May 2017 – Clarksville Day.

16. Sons of Utah Pioneers: Received monthly reports from Lehi Chapter. Below is David Cox’s summary of the September National Convention in Hurricane, Utah:

The SUP National Convention started Thursday evening at a stake center in Hurricane. The first evening it rained, but after that the weather was perfect! There were displays all around the gym area that told the history of each of the communities around Hurricane. The other communities came first, because they had water that was easier to develop, though not enough. The area that Hurricane was built on had the best land but no water. Between 1893 and the early 1900’s a canal, which was impossible to build, was built and immediately people in the other towns began moving there.

Friday we went on tours of the area. Most attendees chose the Zions Park tour, but there was also a tour of Kolob Canyon and New Harmony, and a tour of the speed rocket testing facility on a mesa that is still in use today. We had good meals and good entertainment each evening. Saturday was the business meeting where we installed a new president elect for the national organization and received reports. Our good wives got to listen to some histories of the area. Finally we had a dinner with Prime Rib and then listened to the keynote speaker, Gerald Lund, author of *The Work and the Glory* and other books. He was very interesting, telling us to take our children and grandchildren “on site” to historical and ancestor places, so they get the feeling of the people who lived there.

17. 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: LTC Jamison spoke with a local Scoutmaster who has presented a number of Mormon Battalion Eagle slides, and he is interested in reviving the Logan unit.

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: A couple of tidbits from NM:

1. Unbeknownst to me, early this year an LDS Scout from the Rio Rancho-Bernalillo area managed to make contact with the appropriate New Mexico State Highway Engineer (through an LDS legislator) and execute an Eagle Scout project at the Mormon Battalion Monument at Budaghers, New Mexico (half way between Santa Fe and Albuquerque). As I understand it, the project included constructing cement benches and placing a truckload of landscaping stones around the monument. I asked the father to provide information that I could forward to you, but have not yet received the info.

2. We may have had our last U.S.-Mexican War living history weekend at El Rancho de las Golondrinas. There were extensive staff changes at the beginning of 2016 and all the living history groups have had a hard time dealing with and educating those now in charge. At the very least, the Museum is more determined than ever to consolidate all military living history into a single weekend per year “timeline” event. This is notwithstanding the practical fact that many of our local reenactors and living historians do double and triple duty (and would therefore be able to support only one time period during such an event).

Cedar City Squad – SGT Larry Bilyeu: No report.

Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel: Still working on sourcing statements to be used in Historical Fact sheets for our website on four different locations that have markers or monuments that highlight or at least mention the Mormon Battalion:

1. *The Mormon Battalion Monument* – Pueblo, Colorado. Researching exact location of the encampment near Arkansas River with Kevin Henson.
2. *Peaceful Valley – Mormon Battalion Interpretive Panels* – Kiowa, Colorado, adjacent to County Courthouse.
3. *Trapper Trails Monument* – Adams County Historical Site, Colorado Regional Park, Brighton, Colorado. (Fourth draft submitted.)
4. *California Trail Interpretive Center* – Elko, Nevada. Where members of the Battalion camped twice; General Kearny’s Escort in 1847, and the returning Battalion members who opened the Carson Pass for wagons in 1848.

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.

• **Membership Advisory Committee Reports:**

1. Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Committee – Kevin Henson, Chair:

a. Requirements – Kevin Henson: Hard at work on text for the Requirements Booklet, which will include 7 sections:

- 1) *History of the Battalion* – (Kevin) In process. Finalizing rewrite of articles by BYU History Professor Larry Porter,
- 2) *Resources and Maps* – (Kevin) A short history, mini-map, and resources for each of the seven Mormon Battalion Trail Segments:
 - a) Iowa Mormon Trail Segment – Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Have received detailed trail segment bibliography for hosting online.)
 - b) Main Command Segment – Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
 - c) Higgins Family Detachment Segment – Done. Have short history, mini-map, and resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
 - d) Brown Sick Detachment Segment – Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
 - e) Willis Sick Detachment Segment – Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
 - f) General Kearny Escort Segment – Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
 - g) Pueblo to Salt Lake Segment -- Not done. Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Still need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
- 3) *Foods List* – (Kevin) Done. (We have and will shortly host Kevin’s detailed essay online.)
- 4) *Mormon Battalion Historic Equipment* – (MAJ Val John Halford) In final edit. Matched illustrations and short descriptions of equipment issued to the Mormon Battalion. (We have and will shortly host Val’s extensive 2004 booklet online.)
- 5) *Historic Museums and Key Locations* – (Kevin) Done.
- 6) *Requirements* – (Kevin and LTC Jamison) Done.
- 7) *Mormon Battalion Memorabilia Price List* – (CSM David Munford and LTC Jamison) Done.

2. Website Release 3.0 Committee – LTC Jamison:

- a. **Trail Markers and Monuments** – Working on updating the listing of Trails Markers and Monuments as time permits. These will be quite helpful in the forthcoming Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Awards.
- b. **Muster Rolls** – Working on locating, indexing, and transcribing all possible copies. Our latest analysis shows that each of the five companies in the Mormon Battalion should have submitted five (5) originals of the following eight bimonthly *Muster Rolls*:

- 16 July 1846 Initial *Muster Rolls* at Taylor-Pratt Hill near Missouri River, Iowa Territory
- 31 August 1846 *Muster Rolls* at Council Grove (near Diamond Spring), Indian Territory
- 31 October 1846 *Muster Rolls* at Socorro, New Mexico Territory
- 31 December 1846 *Muster Rolls* "Near Colorado River" at Maxwell Point on Gila River, California Territory
- 28 February 1847 *Muster Rolls* at San Luis Rey, California Territory
- 30 April 1847 *Muster Rolls* at Los Angeles and San Diego, California Territory
- 30 June 1847 *Muster Rolls* at Los Angeles and San Diego, California Territory
- 16 July 1847 Final *Muster Out Rolls* at Los Angeles, California Territory

This task is quickly growing. Mr. Henson suggests that we create a table containing links to all of the primary documents with side by side transcriptions. That's a simple spreadsheet file. Ms. Anderson suggested that we need to track information on each of the Battalion members, including who originated specific information, and who copied or miscopied the various primary, secondary, and tertiary copies of the Muster Rolls, Post Reports, Medical Reports, Adjutant's Reports, and Church Ledgers for the Battalion. That's a very complex relational database. It would seem that we need BOTH the table Mr. Henson suggests AND a traceability matrix of all the data Ms. Anderson is chasing. We need to talk to Dan Roper about how best to proceed.

• Continental Support Staff Reports:

1. Chief Finance Officer Report – LTC Jamison: It has come to our attention that the IRS has no Form 990-N filing requirement for nonprofit organizations with income less than \$25,000. Our 30 September 2009 form showed total assets of \$441,425. We subsequently completely depleted those funds with our massive expenditures for the aborted Mormon Battalion Museum and successful Mormon Battalion Monument Plaza at This Is the Place Heritage Park, and did not need to file for several years. In fact, when we closed our Building Fund in 2010, it owed our general fund about \$9,000, which we wrote off. Our financial status has now improved to the point where we will have to resume IRS reporting. CPT Crappa will research the need to file a Form 990-N for 2016, based on whether our income is a high balance or total annual income. We currently have a bank balance of \$21,257.61, with a pending deposit of \$52.22, which will bring it up to a grand total of **\$21,309.83**. Here's how it breaks out:

a. **General Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$497.97 from PayPal, with a pending deposit of \$52.22.
- *Expenditures:* \$39.23 for our September GoToMeeting.com™ fees, and \$6.95 for our September banking fees.
- *Current Balance:* **\$1,457.61**. We should gradually increase this amount as we recoup our outlays for Eagle Scout neckerchief slides and Mormon Battalion Historic Trails patches, pins, and pendants.
- *Pending Expenditures:* Normal monthly payments for our GoToMeeting.com™ fees, shipping and handling fees, and banking fees.

b. **Arts Fund:**

- *Deposits:* None.
- *Expenditures:* None.
- *Current Balance:* **\$10,000.00**.
- *Pending Expenditures:* No payments foreseen in the near future.

c. **Historical Research Fund:**

- *Deposits:* None.
- *Expenditures:* None.
- *Current Balance:* **\$9,800.00**.
- *Pending Expenditures:* Reimbursement to Dan Roper for creating our new Master Database "hidden" website and domain name. We may need to pay for high quality digital copies of documents held by the Church, the State of Iowa, and the National Archives.

1. Partnership with BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy: Laura Anderson reported on her contacts with Jill Crandall regarding the possibility of partnering with BYU on researching members of the Mormon Battalion and their families. Jill told Laura that a student working part-time (20 hours per week) at the Center would cost about \$10,000 for a year, including workspace and student oversight. Other options for doing research at the National Archives or other places in DC:

- 6 week unpaid internship – would have to be approved by their staff
- 6 week paid internship with us paying – easier to get through (If I remember right that was also about \$10,000.)
- 4 month paid summer job for about \$16,000 (I think that might be the best bang for the buck in D.C.)
- Laura says that she is putting together a database to figure out where to put our efforts with the students at BYU.

LTC Jamison advised that the \$9,800 in our Historical Research Fund could quickly be exhausted, and that we need to reach out to the “friends with deep pockets” that Greg Christensen knows. But before we can do that, we need to prepare specific proposals. LTC Jamison proposed a four way meeting between Jill Crandall, Brian Cannon (President of the Mormon History Association and History Professor at BYU), Laura, and himself to formulate an unified approach. COL Gourley will alert Greg of what is coming.

2. Increased Internet Security: Over the past six months, our email address has been receiving an increasing number of more and more sophisticated scamming emails from all over the world, each with infected attachments. Last week, we received an average of 10-20 attacks per day. To date, LTC Jamison’s internet security software has successfully intercepted and negated all of these attempts, but it is taking more time and effort to manually delete these attacks. LTC Jamison approached our internet service provider for better email filtering security, and they moved us to a more secure email server at no cost.

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Fort Moore Monument:

□ Edwin Kimball: Provide Marilyn Mills with formula for epoxy to protect the Fort Moore Monument from graffiti.

Recent correspondence between Counselors in the California LDS Living History Mission and myself:

20 September 2016, President Guy Dickson, Second Counselor (*commenting on proposed renewed alliance by Sons of Utah Pioneers in 17 September 2016 Minutes*): 15 plus years ago when the leadership of [U.S.] Mormon Battalion, Inc. [renamed the Mormon Battalion Association in 2004] approached me to discuss pulling our California programs in under the Mormon Battalion, Inc. tent, I had my doubts that it could be done, mainly due to years of polarized positions, and the confrontation between my predecessors here in California on the one side, and the Mormon Battalion, Inc. leadership on the other. There was simply a lot of residual bad blood lingering in the hearts and minds of the LDS reenactment community here in California, even though most of the then current participants had not been involved in the controversies between Mormon Battalion, Inc. and my predecessors, as the problems had occurred many years earlier. History dies hard.

Over the last 12-14 years here in California, new leadership has taken over. The leading figures in Sacramento, Orange County, Riverside, and San Diego Counties locked arms, and together formulated the Public Affairs Historical program. We have unified, in our message, and our methods. Most historical enthusiasts, and reenactors saw the value in our approach right away. Others had to be spoken to about their attitudes. Some were quite reluctant. Frankly, most of those folks are now dead. And so, we now have a new day. With that new day, the Church has seen fit to organize the Living History Church Service Mission. All that is done here is done with a whole new mind-set, and a new attitude.

New people, and new attitudes have allowed us to affiliate ourselves with other good people who are attempting to accomplish similar objectives. Over these years, many things have changed in the Mormon Battalion Association as well. *You currently have two of the people from our California program on your Board. That could not have happened 12-14 years ago.*

I apologize for this rather long winded way of trying to say that there ought to be a tent large enough for all good people who care about the great legacy left for us by the Battalion, and others. No matter what has happened in the past, if currently there are hearts and minds in both organizations ([the Sons of Utah Pioneers](#) and [the Mormon Battalion Association](#)) who are willing to accept each other, and pull together, that is clearly the best situation. If that desire for unity does not exist, it will be another total waste of time, and effort.

As we have learned, even way out here in heathen California, with the Lord's spirit all things are possible. Without it, we are all wasting our time.

21 September 2016, LTC Jamison: Sadly, the modern Mormon Battalion has not always lived up to the lofty goals set by President McKay and his Huntsville neighbor Fred M. Reese in the late 1940s. As I have reviewed its travails over the approximately 75 years since then, I have seen horrible dissension tear at the very heart of this organization over and over again. Satan is dead set against our fulfilling President Young's prophesy – learning how to emulate the lessons of unselfish love and service learned by the original Battalion in the crucible of the desperation and extremity. I wrote the following in a business plan several years ago. It is more true now than ever:

Why should men and nations to the latest generation, worlds without end, forever and ever rise up and bless the original Mormon Battalion? What grand prototype or model might they provide for unlimited future generations? – It has been said that those who fail to learn from the past are destined to repeat its lessons. It is a shallow person who only looks *back* to honor the heritage of dead ancestors without engaging in some self examination. To only *retrospectively* honor the *heritage* of the original Mormon Battalion is but a hollow sham if we learn nothing from their humble sacrifice. To truly fulfill Brigham Young's prophesy, we must make their simple hymn of service reverberate and amplify within our deepest souls until it becomes our own great anthem whose crescendo reaches out to mold yet unborn generations. We too are pioneers, and must *prospectively* add our own humble *legacy* to theirs – rendering selfless and unrequired service, compassion, and charity to “men and nations to the latest generation, worlds without end, forever and ever.” The 1,600 year old words of our namesake, the American prophet Mormon, ring from the dust: “If ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity *never* faileth. ...it endureth *forever*.” (Moroni 7:46-47)

We have learned all too well that the sage advice of the Prophet [Joseph Smith] is true:

"We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of **almost all** men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion. Hence many are called, but few are chosen." (D&C 121:39-40) "And why are they not chosen? Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honors of men." (D&C 121:34-35)

My heart has been broken over and over again as I have seen some of the most honorable men and women I know succumb to the temptation of power. And I have been overjoyed to see others rise to greatness they could never have imagined. What makes the difference? Following the instructions in the verses that follow the above quotes, with long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, and unfeigned love. I don't know about others before us, but I have tried so very hard to follow the example of my predecessor and mentor, COL Jerome Gourley. And when I am sufficiently humble, I have felt the companionship of the Holy Ghost helping me to guide the Battalion.

What else makes the difference? Some have questioned why we intentionally selected "outsiders" as we carefully selected the great servants of the Lord we have as members of our Board. But the selection of each has been no accident. It is hard NOT to rise to greatness when we surround ourselves with spiritual giants. The synergism is infectious.

I am filled with joy – and yes a bit of envy – as I watch how you Californians are pulling together. You are becoming a Zion people. Perhaps someday, when we in the rest of the Church grow up enough, we can be just like you.

21 September 2016, President Dennis W. Amaral, First Counselor: I have read both your emails with great interest and thank you for sharing this with me. It is very evident that Satan is working overtime to cause disruption with anything good that the Mormon Battalion Association, the California LDS Living History Service Mission, and our reenactors are trying to accomplish. Understandably there must be opposition in all things, but it seem that Lucifer has pulled out all stops against us. Therefore we must link arms and overcome his wiles and persevere for Heavenly Father.

I believe the tent is large enough for all of us and I thank men like yourselves for putting up a valiant fight.

Benediction

C PT Todd Crappa

Next Executive Staff Meeting:

10:00 AM - Noon, Saturday, 19 November 2016
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