

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 AM, Friday, 20 June 2014

LTC Max Jamison Residence, 2854 N. Augusta Drive
Lehi, UT 84043

The Mormon Battalion Association Board of Directors meets at least once a year at a time and place of their mutual agreement.

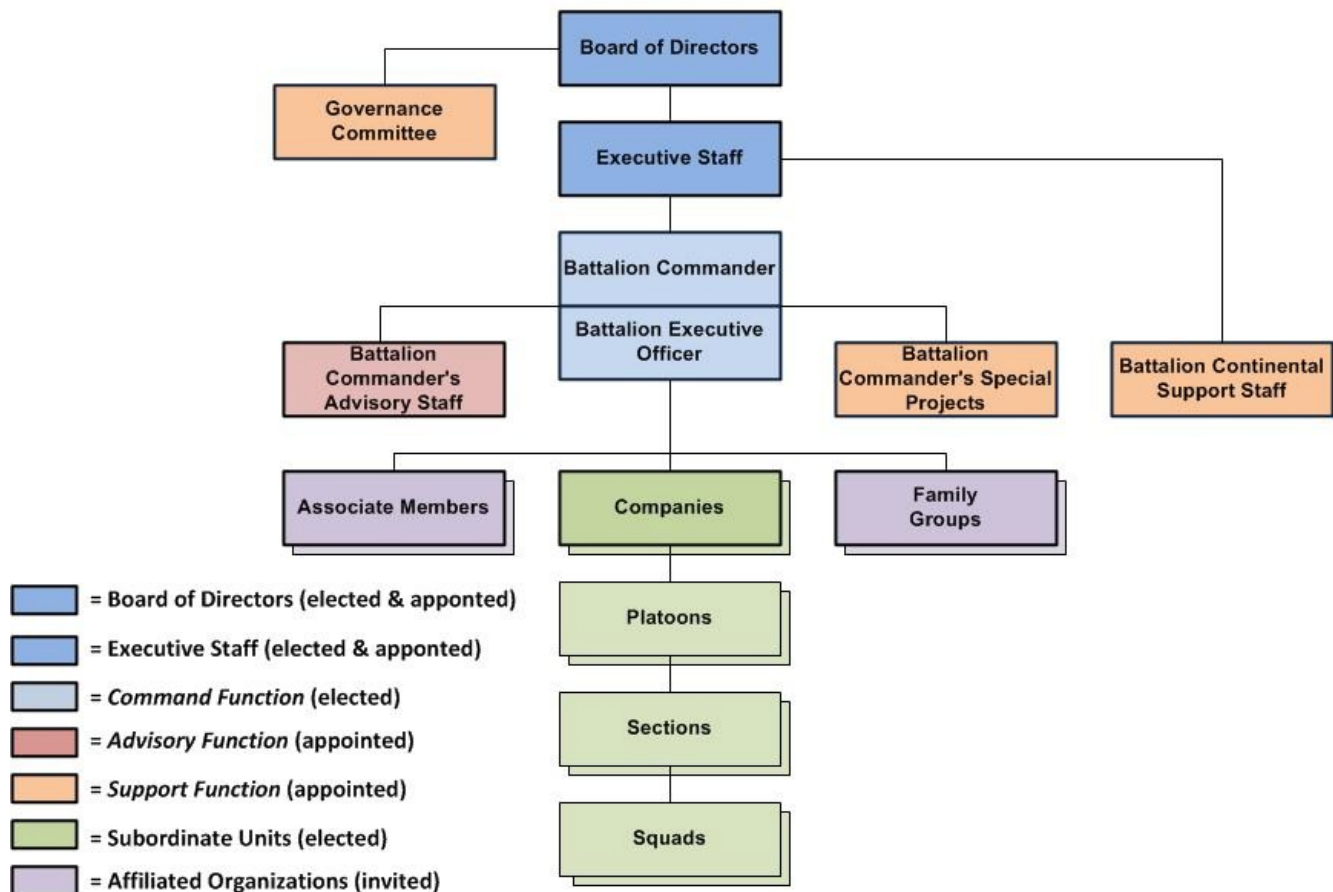
Board of Directors Attendance: The minimum quorum was present: Edwin N. Kimball (Chairman), Ashley J. Hall (Director), James L. Waite (Director), LTC Max W. Jamison (President), COL Carl V. Larson (Vice President). Excused: D. Guy Dickson (Director), Hugh S. Gregson (Director), S. Dennis Holland (Director). Temporary Leave of Absence: Al Matheson (Director).

Leadership Attendance: COL Jerome G. Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor), and Margaret Larson (Membership Officer).

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items **LTC Max W. Jamison**

Distributed copies of organizational charts and tables of Mormon Battalion Association. Posted copies of *Articles of Incorporation*, *Bylaws*, and *General Handbook* on conference table for reference. The organizational structure of the Mormon Battalion Association is shown below:

Mormon Battalion Association Organizational Chart



General Business

● **Swearing in of Board Members:**

The Executive Staff has patterned our oath of allegiance after that sworn by the original Mormon Battalion.

I, _____, do solemnly swear, or affirm (as the case may be), that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whatsoever; and observe and obey the orders of the ~~President of the United States~~ **Battalion Commander**, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules, *Bylaws*, and *Articles of Incorporation* for the government of the ~~armies of the United States~~ **Mormon Battalion Association, complying with all applicable laws and the Utah Nonprofits Association (UNA) Standards of Ethics.**

Since the Board of Directors is the supreme authority in the Battalion, it was agreed that their oath of allegiance should be slightly different:

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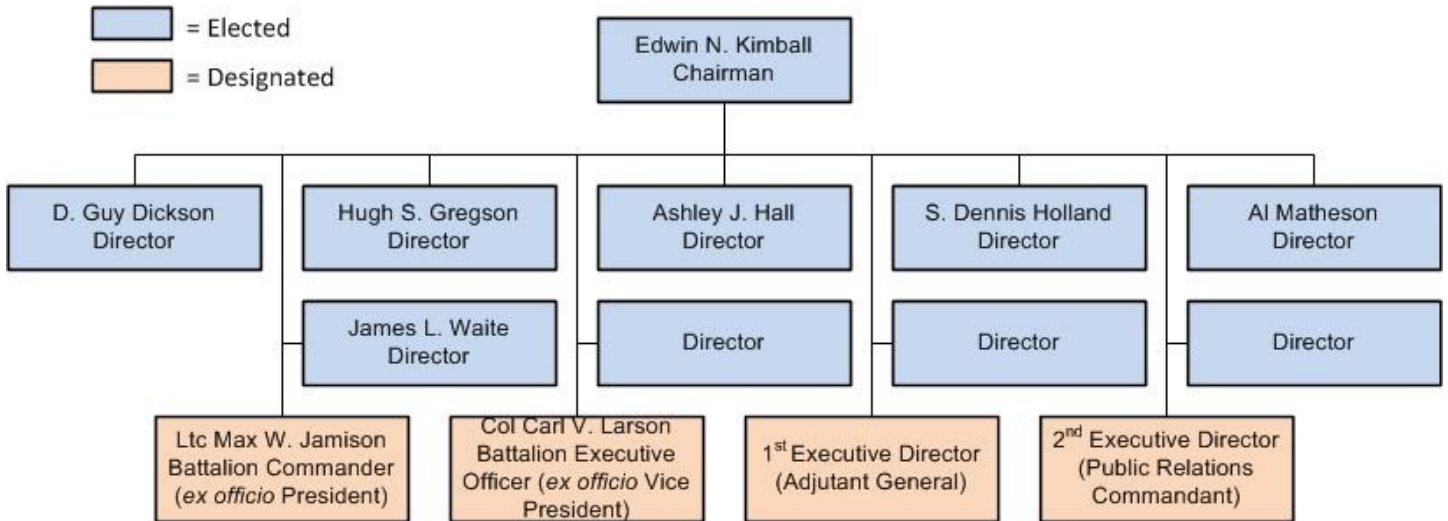
COL Jerome G. Gourley (Battalion Commander’s Chief Advisor) administered the oath of office to: Edwin N. Kimball (Director), Ashley J. Hall (Director), James L. Waite (Director), LTC Max W. Jamison (President), COL Carl V. Larson (Vice President). While they are fully authorized to serve now, D. Guy Dickson, Hugh S. Gregson, Dennis Holland, and Al Matheson will be sworn in as Directors when they can be present at a later time.

● **Board’s Election of their Chairman:** Members of the Board present elected Edwin N. Kimball to be their Chairman by unanimous vote. They also decided to assign special oversight duties among themselves, and appoint an Executive Secretary and such other officers as necessary. Board membership now comprises:

- Chairman:** Edwin N. Kimball, Sandy, UT
- Director:** D. Guy Dickson, Irvine, CA
- Director:** Hugh S. Gregson, Orem, UT
- Director:** Ashley J. Hall (BG retired), Las Vegas, NV
- Director:** S. Dennis Holland, Placerville, CA
- Director:** Al Matheson (COL retired), Hurricane and Cedar City, UT
- Director:** James L. Waite (CDR retired), Nibley, UT
- Director:** [TBD]
- Director:** [TBD]
- Director:** [TBD]
- President (Battalion Commander):** LTC Max W. Jamison
- Vice President (Battalion Executive Officer):** COL Carl V. Larson
- 1st Executive Director:** [TBD]
- 2nd Executive Director:** [TBD]

Mormon Battalion Association

Board of Directors



Your nominations for the remaining three Director positions and the 1st and 2nd Executive Director of business administration positions are welcome.

- **Creation of Board's Governance Committee:** Per Section 6.02(b) of the Bylaws, "The Governance Committee *may* be comprised of members, non-profit specialists, or other professionals as needed," the Board decided to postpone creation of the Governance Committee until such time as we have sufficient membership to staff an independent Governance Committee.
- **Preparations for Elections in August 2014:** The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Friday, 25 July 2014 to discuss and implement the elections. Board members will stand for election for one, two, or three years, and the Battalion Commander and Battalion Executive Officer will stand for election for two years. In preparation for that meeting, Margaret Larson (Membership Officer) will distribute *Membership Forms* to current and former members. Those who submit valid signed forms will be eligible to vote and run for office in the elections.
- **Review of Status and Goals of Mormon Battalion Association:** LTC Jamison reviewed 23-24 February 2014 correspondence with Ashley Hall entitled "Prioritized List of Major Issues for the Battalion:"

Ashley: I have taken the liberty to re-edit you enclosed memo outline/content as my take on the Issues:

Observations:

1. Funds are critical to a well-healed MBA!

Max: Agreed. We are selling sufficient Eagle Scout slides to finance the \$1,250.00 for upgrading our website. Our plan is to sell enough items there to finance further expansion of the website. But if we wish to accelerate our growth, we need to find additional sources.

2. Current status of Funds?

Max: Ditto.

3. Annual Expenses of MBA?

Max: Our annual expenses are:

\$59.40 for Zions Bank PC Banking Service Fees

\$109.00 for UPS post office box

about \$300.00 for UPS shipping costs

about \$400.00 for memorabilia from SymbolArts and Baer Bronze

\$96.11 for QuickBooks subscription

\$25.00 for Business Licence to State of Utah

\$179.40 for website hosting to i4 Solutions

TOTAL: about \$1,168.91

4. Needs vs Wants? (Identify and list out)

Max: My father and mother used to post a list of "wants" on a black board near our phone. If a "want" survived two weeks, it could be elevated to "need" status. It's amazing how many "wants" fell by the wayside.

Needs:

1. Approach the Brethren to ask if we have fulfilled President Young's prophesy and President McKay's charges. If so, do we have permission to disband? If not, will they render some sort of support or endorsement to help us do so. Are we to fund traveling good will representatives, or are we to build local service units "in place" all over the world? *COL Gourley volunteered to contact his cousin, Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve to solicit a response. He advised that Elder Christofferson had previously suggested that every stake have a Mormon Battalion Association representative similar to their current Public Relations Officers.*

2. Recruit an honest, hard working Board of Directors comprising community and civic leaders from all over the United States which will follow the inspiration of the Lord in helping to fulfill our mission. *Done.*

3. Build and maintain an interactive multifaceted website. *Release 3.0 of our website is well under construction. Training session with i4 Solutions web designer coming soon.*

Our initial Quartermaster Corner offerings vis PayPal "shopping cart" will include:

- *Silver Mormon Battalion Soldier Pin = \$5.00 + shipping and handling*
- *Mormon Battalion Paper Weight = \$70.00 + shipping and handling*
- *Mormon Battalion Plaque = \$130.00 + shipping and handling*
- *Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slide = \$20.00 + shipping and handling (We will require online submission of Eagle Slide Request Form before order can be placed.)*
- *Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Parent Pin = \$5.00 + shipping and handling*
- *Mormon Battalion Scout Neckerchief Slide = \$10.00 + shipping and handling*
- *"Mormon Battalion End of Trail" prints by Mark Stewart = prices vary*
- *"Annotated S. Augustus Mitchell Map" prints by Frances Moore, Jr. = prices vary*

Our online Membership Application Form will lead to five types of online PayPal tax deductible submissions:

1. *Continuing* *New \$30.00 Annual Individual Member Dues (payment due the month in which you joined the Battalion)*
2. *Continuing* *New \$60.00 Annual Family Group Membership Dues(at least 2 members in an immediate 2-3 generation family)*

3. *Continuing* *New \$120.00 Annual Associate Organization Membership Dues (group, organization, or multi-generation family)*
4. *Continuing* *New \$200.00 Lifetime Individual Member Dues (One time payment)*
5. \$ _____ *Sustaining Donation*

4. Remodel the Mormon Battalion Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park, installing appropriate displays and state of the art audio-visual displays similar to the LDS Mormon Battalion Historic Site in San Diego, California. Research and build museums at other appropriate locations throughout the West. *Confidential research in process.*

5. Recruit and vet a volunteer Finance Officer, preferably a CPA who knows QuickBooks, who can organize the Battalion's finances, and work with local unit Finance Officers to create a Battalion financial network similar to that of the LDS Church. *In process. Edwin Kimball volunteered to help set up QuickBooks. Will meet with LTC Jamison separately.*

6. Recruit volunteer Inspector(s) General who will carry out a confidential but intensive financial audit of the Battalion and all of its local units over the past 13 years, and then to carry out regular change of command and "spot" audits. *Both Edwin Kimball and James Waite volunteered to approach CPAs in their local community to serve as Inspector(s) General.*

7. Find viable candidates to run for office of Battalion Commander and Battalion Executive Officer in August 2014. Hindered by caring for my invalid wife and personal finances, I have been unable to visit local units throughout the West. Our new leadership needs to be able to do this. *LTC Jamison nominated MAJ John Bascom (son of former Battalion Commander), who recently moved from California to Utah.*

Wants:

8. Recruit public service oriented local units of active, athletic young adults the same average age of 27 as the original Battalion who will emulate the original Battalion wherever they are, particularly on or near college campuses. At present, while we have worked out our organizational structure, we are a "hollow" organization with a number of empty positions, and population of increasingly sedentary senior citizens. Have each current and future member complete a new Membership Form, which includes an oath of loyalty. Work to reclaim as many as possible of those who left our ranks in 2012 to become affiliated organizations.

9. Find grants, endowments, and other fund raising opportunities. While we have never had paid employees in the past, we want to be able to pay stipends for researchers, and salaries and training expenses for future part and full time employees.

10. Fully staff the Board of Directors' Governance Committee, the Battalion Executive Staff, the Battalion Commander's Advisory Staff, the Continental Support Staff, and the various member advisory committees with vetted, honest, hard working volunteers.

11. Prepare the 2014 Heritage Day Program as a symposium of speakers and multimedia demonstrations about the original Mormon Battalion, preferably on the campus of BYU. *We have had to postpone continued symposia pending show of interest from the academic community.*

12. Recruit an all male 250 voice Mormon Battalion Choir with Fife and Drum Corps.

13. Help find funds to build and staff a Headquarters Building and Museum in the Salt Lake area. *Edwin Kimball volunteered to revisit locating Mormon Battalion Headquarters and Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park. Ltc Jamison advised that Robert Paul had previously reported that the building had been halted because (a) a second soil test showed*

that the soil was “fluff” fill from the monuments to the east, and could not support buildings, and (b) the Utah State Parks Commission would not permit the Mormon Battalion to build there. Mr. Kimball advised that (a) his own foundation-level soil tests (below the “fluff” fill) COULD support a building, and (b) he had some influence with the new membership of the Utah State Parks Commission. Nevertheless, it was agreed that we could not proceed until building funds were acquired.

5. In today’s financially strapped milieu, probably time to Re-Organize/Tailor the MBA to fit our needs, goals and resources.

Been there, done that for the past four years.

6. Identify the Senior Brethren who is willing and able to help the MBA address collaborative issues with the Church. (Elder L. Tom Perry? Or who?)

President Hinckley and Elder M. Russell Ballard have been our mentors for many years. Elder L. Tom Perry spoke at our Heritage Day Program in 2008. And Elder D. Todd Christofferson is COL Gourley's cousin. See Needs Item 1 above.

7. What are the current financial status and historical materials (art, artifacts, etc.) owned by the MBA?

The Mormon Battalion Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park contains our original gravestone of Capt (sic Lieutenant Colonel) Allen, a couple of original Mormon Battalion muskets, and two mannikins clothed in authentic period clothing. My basement contains a dozen musket mockups, accouterments, two parade drums, flags, and many boxes of Battalion materials. The archives of the Battalion have been donated to the BYU Special Archives.

8. What is the location(s) of the MBA Historical Materials?

See Item 7 above.

9. It may be good to Host a 1-2 day MBA Rendezvous in the Spring of 2014 – SLC or some other donated location.

Since 2004, we have hosted an annual Mormon Battalion Heritage Day at various locations on the Saturday closest to Flag Day in June. Last year, we held a mini-symposium, which we hope to expand into a full day, hosting it at BYU in April. But it may be too late to do that this year, and we may need to fall back to June again. *James Waite volunteered to help set up 2015 symposium, which would include continued youth essay contest and adult academic papers. LTC Jamison advised that new reformatted Valiant Journal is intended to publish the results of such symposia using editors and editing staff from the four major universities in Utah.*

10. Critical that the MBA Re-Focus its attention to the Basics of the Organization’s Charter/Bylaws/goals/objectives and not be too absorbed in trying to satisfy Distracters’. (Like our good friend Steve Covey said: “First things first!”)

I couldn't agree with you more. We have tried to do that for the past four years. I feel that we are now prepared to go forward.

New Business

(Open to Floor)

None.

Projected Action Items

Leadership:

- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**.
- All: Find viable candidates to run for office of **Battalion Commander** and **Battalion Executive Officer** in August 2014.

Reconfirm our Charge from President McKay:

- COL Gourley: Contact Elder D. Todd Christofferson to ask if we have fulfilled President Young's prophesy and President McKay's charges. If so, do we have permission to disband? If not, will they render some sort of support or endorsement to help us do so. Are we to fund traveling good will representatives, or are we to build local service units "in place" all over the world?

Finances:

- Edwin Kimball and LTC Jamison: Meet to set up QuickBooks and create a Battalion financial network similar to that of the LDS Church.
- All: Recruit and vet a new **Chief Finance Officer**, preferably a CPA already familiar with QuickBooks.
- Edwin Kimball and James Waite: Recruit CPAs in their local communities to serve as volunteer Inspector(s) General who will carry out a confidential but intensive financial audit of the Battalion and all of its local units over the past 13 years, and then to carry out regular change of command and "spot" audits.

Headquarters Building:

- Edwin Kimball: Revisit locating Mormon Battalion Headquarters and Museum at This Is the Place Heritage Park.

Annual Symposia:

- James Waite: Help set up 2015 symposium, including continued youth essay contest and adult academic papers.

Closing Remarks

LTC Max W. Jamison

Inspirational Thought

None

Benediction

James Waite

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Friday, 25 July 2014
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