

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING  
15 March 2008 - 10:40 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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**Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson

**Invocation:** LTC Robert P. Paul

**Pledge:** MAJ Doug Williams

**Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, CAPT LaVar Burton, VP Erma Bullock, PRES Anne Erekson,, MAJ Val John Halford., LTC Max Jamison, CAPT Jim Hansen, COL Clayton Fairbourne. LTC Bob Paul, MAJ Doug Williams

**Excused:** LTC Jerome Gourley, MAJ Clark Olsen, MAJ Don Schurtz, MAJ Tom Coyne, MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ John Hayes

**Guests:** Ed Kimball

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson
2. **Minutes:** MAJ Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 16 February 2008 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by CAPT Jim Hansen. Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** The revised calendar was presented by MAJ Richard Bullock.
4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the name of Margaret Dana Jorgenson of Troy, Michigan and Charles R. Nelson of Corvallis, Oregon as new Annual Members. Renewing Annuals members were Brian L. Taylor of Ogden and Rollo H Brunson of St. George. A vote to accept these members passed.
5. **Finances:** COL Erekson indicated that MAJ Tom Coyne has asked to not be re-elected as Finance Officer this year. MAJ Coyne was excused from this meeting. He reported the finances to COL Erekson and they were read in the meeting. A motion to accept the finances was made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by VP Erma Bullock, Vote passed.

6. **Building Project:** Ed Kimball introduced the proposed Mormon Battalion license plate program. If we can get 200 subscriptions it will yield \$5000 to \$7000 annually to the Battalion. A motion to have MAJ Doug Williams head the subscription effort, with funds to be donated to the building project was made by LTC Bob Paul. Seconded by CAPT Jim Hansen. Vote passed.

LTC Bob Paul summarized the building project to date. He also summarized the current activities at the site and the finances involved in getting to this point. He showed that we are short by \$1M for a total project cost of \$6M. The Executive Council had voted earlier to go after the additional million using Stan Fitts as head of the fund raising committee.

MAJ Val John Halford has agreed to provide a labor pool for day labor support.

7. **TREK 2008:** Preparations are progressing at a good pace. See [battaliontrek.com](http://battaliontrek.com) for a good understanding of the magnitude of this undertaking.
- 8.. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next issue will come out the end of March. He needs toner and paper and will interview several of the contractors for an article about progress on the building.
9. **Heritage Day:** MAJ Richard Bullock and LTC Robert Paul will Co-Chair the Heritage Day Committee. It is tentatively scheduled for 14 June at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. A General Authority will need to be assigned to speak or we will not be able to get the Assembly Hall. The annual Business Meeting will be held at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward beginning at 2:00 p.m.
10. **Essay Contest:** The contest is underway nationwide. So far, one has been received.
11. **Company Reports:**

- Company B: CAPT LaVar Burton made copies of the applications and used some of the materials from the TREK information. Sandy City has asked them to participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
- Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen (excused) reported MAJ Val John Halford talked about arms and equipment in the Mormon Battalion. They also conducted a flag ceremony for the DUP.
- Company D: CAPT Jim Hansen is now the Co. Commander and is assisted by

Glen Miller and Dean Cooper as Adjutant. He requested new ideas for his monthly meetings. He mentioned that Historian Dean Cooper presents something about what the original Battalion was doing on the same date modern Company D meetings are being held.

Company E: Nothing reported.

Ship *Brooklyn*: MAJ Richard Bullock reported that he has finished Volume 2 of his book "The *Ship Brooklyn* Story." It will be included with Volume one as a CD-ROM, and includes over 1300 pages of biographies. He is also working on a speech for the Mormon History Association to be presented in Sacramento in May.

12. **Other:** VP Erma Bullock noted that new Life Member badges are available for \$10.00 each.

COL Clayton Fairbourne would like to see LDS Guides involved in the new building and tours.

It was reported that MAJ John Hayes has received a First Place Award for his work on the program "In Honorable Remembrance."

Kevin Henson is still looking for a Day Manager for TREK 2008.

COL Erekson has recommended "The War Letter" by Robert Leonard Little as a good read about the origins of the Mormon Battalion in Washington D.C., between Jesse Little and James K. Polk.

**Benediction:** CAPT Jim Hansen

**Dismissed:** 11:55 a.m.