

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

7:00 PM, Thursday, 19 April 2018

LTC Max Jamison Residence and via GoToMeeting.com

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The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets at least once per quarter on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, 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 Commander's Staff Reports.

Executive Staff Attendance: The following were present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander), COL Jerome Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor and Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors), MAJ Laura Anderson (Senior Historian), and MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer).

The following were excused: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer) and Margaret Larson (Acting Membership/Human Relations Officer) who are working at the Payson Temple, CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer and Board Member) who is caring for his special needs family, MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Relations Officer), CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major), Mike Anderson (Chair of the Historians Editorial Review Board), and Steven Reinhart (Judge Advocate General).

Board of Directors Attendance: None.

The following were excused: Edwin Kimball (Chair), James Waite (Vice Chair), Greg Christofferson, Guy Dickson who is in dress rehearsal for a choir concert tomorrow night, Ashley Hall, Dennis Holland, and Al Matheson (Members).

Local Leadership Attendance: SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

The following were excused: CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad), CPT Thomas Griggs (Eastern Idaho Squad), and SGT Larry Bilyeu (Cedar City Squad) who is attending a conflicting monthly Cub Scout Pack Meeting.

Associated Organization Attendance: None.

Guest: C. Y. Wai, tour guide for Wai's Travel, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items

LTC Jamison

Invocation

COL Jerome Gourley

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

General Business:

Recognition & Awards

None

Service Opportunities

See <https://www.JustServe.org>™ website.

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:

Leadership:

- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**. We have two remaining unfilled positions.
- All: Find viable candidates to run for offices of **Battalion Commander (*ex officio* President of Board)** and **Battalion Executive Officer (*ex officio* Vice President of Board)**, who will stand for election for two years. Section 2.02 of the *Articles of Incorporation* states that they coordinate and direct all member activities. Their roles are that of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Operations Officer (COO).
- All: Find individuals willing to serve as **1st Executive Director** (S1 - Adjutant General) and **2nd Executive Director** (S7 - Public Relations Commandant) of the Battalion Continental Support Staff. Section 2.02 of the *Articles of Incorporation* states that they manage all administrative support business matters. Their roles are that of Chief Business Executive (CBE) and Chief of Business Operations (CBO), supervising the Battalion Continental Support Staff.

Graves Memorialization:

- COL Larson and Kevin Henson: Work on preparations for graves memorialization for **Lewis Dent, Milton Smith, Thomas P. Dutcher** and **William Reynolds (Reynolds)**.

Finances:

- COL Gourley: Have Gary Lunt, CPA contact LTC Jamison to prepare IRS Form 1023. *Mr. Lunt recommended we get a lawyer to complete the form. LTC Jamison contacted Steven Reinhart, our Judge Advocate General, who promised to discuss the situation with a colleague and get back us.*
- COL Gourley: Recruit new Chief Finance Officer.
- CPT Crappa (Chief Finance Officer): Prepare documentation to forward to Board of Directors for internal audit.
- CPT Crappa (Chief Finance Officer): Create new *Payment/Reimbursement Request Forms*.

Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Awards:

- CSM Munford: Coordinate new patches, lapel pins/pendants, *Requirements Booklet*, and other documentation with the Greater Salt Lake, Trapper Trails, and Utah National Parks Councils, and with the LDS Primary-Young Men-Young Women Scouting leadership to start publicity.
- COL Gourley and Greg Christofferson: *Continue* coordination with Elder D. Todd Christofferson regarding continued association between LDS Church and Mormon Battalion Association, including historical research and LDS participation.
- Dennis Holland: Post *Requirements Booklet* on California Pioneer Heritage Foundation website.
- Dennis Holland: Coordinate placement of posters and website information with Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California, and other strategic locations in California.

Honorary Memberships:

- Dennis Holland: Submit list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates to LTC Jamison.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.
- LTC Jamison and Kevin Henson: Send honorary membership certificates to those who have so kindly assisted Mr. Henson in his historical research for and about the Mormon Battalion, particularly Tim Kimball and Terry Latey.
- LTC Jamison: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.

Website Updates:

- LTC Jamison: Create new recruiting materials (brief background of Association and donation page with receipt) for website to go with Membership Application. Forward copies to David Jamiel.
- Greg Christofferson: *After receiving details*, pursue funding for digitizing of *Muster Rolls*, etc. with donors, including the LDS Church when we know how much it will cost.
- LTC Jamison and SGT Jamiel: Complete four Historical Fact sheets and post on website:

- *The Mormon Battalion Monument*, Pueblo, Colorado.
- *Peaceful Valley Sign – Mormon Battalion Interpretive Panels* adjacent to Kiowa County Courthouse, Kiowa, Colorado.
- *Trapper Trails Monument* in the Adams County Historical Site, Brighton, Colorado.
- *California Trail Interpretive Center* in Elko, Nevada.

“All Things Mormon Battalion” Project:

- Dan Roper: Implement Release 4.0 as quickly as possible.
- All: Nominate indexers good at reading cursive to MAJ Anderson to help with indexing and transcription in Kindex™ software.
- COL Gourley: Follow up with Greg Christofferson regarding his contacts with our friends with deep pockets to fund \$20,000 for two BYU students in Dr. Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original “cradle to grave” documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon Battalion and their laundresses, guides, and family members.

Research Mormon Battalion Association Documents in BYU Special Collections:

- LTC Jamison: Research missing history of Mormon Battalion Association from late 1940s through late 1990s in the Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.

Membership Reports:

Affiliate Organization Reports:

1. Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin and Denny Henson: (See *New Business.*)

2. Boy Scouts of America: No report.

3 California LDS Living History Mission, Southern California Area – Mission Presidency: No report.

4. California LDS Living History Mission, Sacramento Area (formerly referred to as Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers) – Peter D. Guilbert:

Past Events:

- 24 March, Return of the Swallows Parade, San Juan Capistrano
- 25 March, Young Single Adult Presentation, Sacramento – Carol Tullis
- 29 March, School Presentation, cancelled
- 7 April, DUP Convention Flag Ceremony, Mormon Center, Folsom
- 12 April, El Dorado Adventist School Presentation, Placerville
- 13 April, Trails West Convention, Reno, NV
- 14 April, 2nd Saturday History Day, Coloma
- 15 April, Monthly Meeting, Van Maren Building

Upcoming Events:

- 20-22 April, Hands on History, Sutter’s Fort – Theme: “Trader’s Fair” Trailer and setup on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Dennis will bring the trailer down. Sign-up sheet going around for daily attendance. Event from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily but we should be there at 9:00 a.m. for the morning meeting. Friday is mostly students. John Corless will do a Sunday service. – Need instruments to accompany hymns. You will have to pay for parking on Friday. There are some streets nearby on Saturday and Sunday that are free but be sure you don’t park where there is a kiosk unless you pay. Keep receipts for parking, etc. and turn them in to Pres. Amaral for a tax deduction receipt.
- 26 April, 9:00-11:00 AM, John Adams Academy Presentation, Roseville – expect about 120 students.
- 28 April, Gold Nugget Day Parade, Paradise – Bro Ekins will send out meeting locations and times. You can fire your musket before the reviewing stand at the end of the parade. Bubba offered his two firing muskets. Flume hike after parade led by the Ekins.
- 5 May, Clarksville Day – Dennis is bringing the wagon and horses. Bubba will bring the trailer. Setup at 7:30 a.m. Event starts at 9:00 AM and ends around 3 PM. They will provide lunch (hot dog, chips & drink). We will be firing a cannon and hopefully muskets.
- 5 May, San Bernardino Day – Need to have tickets to attend. Free online.
- 10 May, Otter Creek School Presentation, near Georgetown.

- 12 May Monthly Meeting, 2:00-7:00 pm, Clay and Nancy Jackson's Ranch, Pilot Hill – We will make musket and cannon cartridges and shoot muskets and fire the cannon. This will be a fun educational event with cartridge and charge building classes through the day. An opportunity to fire what you created as well. Yes, we will have 69 cal. balls and targets available if you are so inclined. Please bring safety glasses and especially ear protection. This would be combined with potluck around 5:30 pm, and short meeting afterward. Jackson's ranch is next to the Amaral's old residence off Salmon Falls Rd in Pilot Hill. We will include directions as we get closer to the date.
- 19-20 May, California Trail Days Exhibit, California Interpretive Center, Elko, Nevada – Mormon Battalion presentation. The Truckee Meadows group will be attending. Bubba will attend if anyone else is interested, contact him.
- 17-20 May, Columbia Diggins, Columbia State Park – Not an official mission event, but you can attend. You should have already signed up.
- 19 May, Exhibit at Choral Group Performance, Harris Center – A choral group is putting on two performances that day and asked us to set up an exhibit inside the foyer. Set up in the morning before the earlier performance and stay for evening performance. There will be an intermission that we can also talk to people. More info to follow.
- 24 May, Georgetown Elementary School Presentation, 10:00 am to Noon – About 60 students.
- 16 June, Hands on History, Sutter's Fort – Theme: "War in California."
- 21 July, Auburn Stake 24th of July Celebration, Nevada City – The Auburn Stake would like someone for their celebration. Keith will talk to the Stake President to see what they want.
- 28 July, Ship Brooklyn Celebration, Oakland Temple Visitor's Center, Oakland – They will need as much help as we can give them.

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

6. Daughters of Utah Pioneers: No report.

7. Early Saints Research Group – MAJ Anderson: No report.

8. FamilySearch™: No report.

9. Friends of the Battalion & Ship *Brooklyn* – President Donald L. Eastman: No report.

10. Heritage Trails Association – Marilyn Mills: (30 March) You have all been so very patient in waiting to hear the final announcement regarding the completion of the restoration of the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial. I know you have been holding your calendars open for a 4th of July re-dedication.

The construction has been going along smoothly. Even the rain storms that have come have not set the project back at all. Graffiti is everywhere and a portion of the brick wall will be replaced and a coating put on to resist paint to finally resolve this problem. The restoration work on the art work has been going on simultaneously. A "boots on the ground" project manager reported that they are on schedule to be done before July 4. I found some awesome news that the contractor who did the tile work on the water fall is LDS and gave a great bid so his company could get the job. So there have been faithful members doing and watching over the work.

With all this great news, I have been completely dumbfounded as to the announcement Church Public Affairs just received from the Los Angeles County Arts Council manager and corroborated by the office of the First District Supervisor that they will NOT hold any dedication or program on 4 July, but push it back to the end of July, date undetermined. The manager who made this decision, and left on vacation for two weeks after leaving this news on a voice mail for Public Affairs. The Supervisor's office confirmed this and both the Supervisor's office and the DIRECTOR of the Arts Council have all deferred to this manager. So we will not even be able to discuss possible dates or receive their pronouncement until after 13 April.

I know many were planning on coming as you have for the past 20 plus years to the memorial on the 4th. I think there will be some of us that will still keep the tradition alive by at least standing on the sidewalk in front of the memorial on the 4th with a flag and do a flag salute as was done last 4th while the project was fenced off.

As to the date to be announced, can we all be "minute men" and women and be ready to come together for whatever date the county gives us? This could very likely be a day during the week so they will not have to come on a Saturday which would be their day off. I hope this sad news will not deter us from our commitment to honor the Mormon Battalion and Pioneers and the vision of May Belle Davis to have this monument stand for all time to their memory.

I am grateful for each of you and your kind words over the past years as I have written updates to you. You are all great historians and supporters of the Mormon Battalion and have taught me so much through your knowledge and sacrifices for the "cause."

(Paul Hoffman, 31 March) I am deeply disappointed to have to report to you that the Fort Moore Rededication program will

not take place on 4 July 2018, as I was previously told, but is being postponed to a "date undetermined" in late July. It appears to me that the Public Affairs Department of the Church has so little control over what will happen at this ceremony that I cannot even reliably assure anyone at this point whether the LA County Arts Commission will even allow a reenactment, or use reenactors, musketry, cannon fire, etc., at that ceremony. After I received [Marilyn's 30 March] email, I immediately inquired of Marilyn Mills if we might have our own ceremony on July 4, or whether she could give me any assurance that there will be a reenactment on the "date undetermined." She did not give me any definite answers. Therefore, at this point, I feel obligated to let you know the status of this matter so that you are not being misled, as I felt I have been. The LA County Arts Commission (which paid for the repairs) seems to have no concept that this rededication means a lot to many people and that, without better assurances, I cannot ask people to commit to the expense and time of coming and participating.

I will understand if you decide not to participate based on the indefiniteness of what we are being told. However, if you still want to be notified of the date and time of the still to be determined rededication, I will happily provide you any information as soon as I receive it. But in the interest of full disclosure, I felt I should let you know this news right away so you can decide what you want to do. Again, I am very sorry about this and I hope it has not caused you any major inconveniences.

(Guy Dickson, 1 April) None of us here in California who have been involved in the Fort Moore project are the least bit happy with this news. We are just trying to do our best to keep a smile on our faces, and to maintain any kind of a relationship with the LA Arts Commission, and the City of Los Angeles. We have done our best to explain the historical significance of the July 4th date, and the reason for the construction of the Memorial in the first place. To be candid with you, they are not particularly interested in any of that. To them, the Memorial is merely architecture. For the past 10-15 years it has been no more than an eye-sore for the city, and they are now cleaning it up as part of a greater city improvement project. Because it's their money, they are going to do it their way. I am trying to take joy in the fact that they are cleaning the Memorial up, and that they have been intent on "restoring" rather than changing it. We will all benefit from that. We down here are very aware of the Days of '47 event in Salt Lake, and how unfortunate it would be if a Fort Moore Memorial rededication were to fall on a date that would be in conflict. I pray that a conflict can be avoided.

11. Mormon Battalion Arizona (Mesa Company) – CPT Owen Garner: No report.

12. Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California: No report.

13. Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Historic Reenactment Group, Utah Living History Association. – CPT Jared Cornell:

Upcoming Events:

- 2-3 June, Mormon Battalion Symposium, Ft. Vasquez, Colorado – MAJ Halford will attend.
- 24 July, Mormon Battalion Color Guard, Days of '47 Parade, Salt Lake City, Utah – All are requested to attend.
- 3-4 August, Cove Fort Days, Cove Fort, Utah – We are exploring how much we want to participate.

14. Mormon History Association – President Brian Cannon: No report.

15. Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) – Ashley Hall: No report.

16. Sons of Utah Pioneers: Received monthly report from Lehi Chapter.

17. Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA), Southern Trails Chapter – Doug Hocking, Chair: No report.

Board of Directors Report: 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: Steven Call from Pocatello became a new annual member, and was shipped a Ruby Member pin and two shoulder patches.

Logan Squad – James Waite: No report.

Ogden Section – MAJ Clark Olsen: No report.

Salt Lake Squad – CSM Munford: Ronald Jacques from Tremonton just became a new annual member, and will be shipped a Ruby Member pin and two shoulder patches.

Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris: No report.

Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman: No report.

Cedar City Squad – SGT Larry Bilyeu: No report.

Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel: Working with Kevin Henson to plot route of General Kearny’s Mormon Battalion escort across Nevada in 1847.

Upcoming Events:

- 2-3 June, Fort Vasquez, Platteville, Colorado – Mormon Battalion Symposium weekend event
- 19-20 May, California Trail Days Exhibit, California Interpretive Center, Elko, Nevada – Mormon Battalion presentation
- 8-9 June, Bent’s Fort Historic site, La Junta, Colorado – Battalion Sick Detachment display
- 30 June and 7-8 July, Historic Trails Interpretive Center, Casper, Wyoming – Mormon handcart program
- 24 July, Mormon Battalion Color Guard, Days of ‘47 Parade, Salt Lake City, Utah – may come participate
- date to be determined, Colorado History Workshop, Front Range Community College, Westminster, Colorado – possibly setting up a Battalion Sick Detachment display

St. George Squad – 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: No report.

Yuma Squad – CPT Gary L. Smith: No report.

At Large Members – No report.

Membership Advisory Committee Reports:

1. Art Committee – Mike Anderson: No report.

2. Website Historians Editorial Review Board (HERB) – Mike Anderson: The HERB has accepted the assignment to prepare a well-researched and documented official Association position paper on the relationship between the Mormon Battalion and cannon to post on our website.

3. “All Things Mormon Battalion” Project – LTC Jamison, MAJ Anderson, and Dan Roper: (For details, see Board of Directors Report in our 21 January 2017 *Minutes*.)

Phase 1:

1. Fund two BYU student researchers part time through Dr. Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original “cradle to grave” documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon and their laundresses, guides, and family members, i.e., original birth, christening, marriage, property, census, death, and probate records.. *We have not received a report from Greg Christofferson since 2 February. MAJ Anderson is researching a grant to help fund this. We need to get the promised funding ASAP. (See Senior Historian’s Report below.)*
2. Fund digital copying of:
 - a. our growing collection of primary and secondary Mormon Battalion data, i.e., *Muster Rolls, Pay Rolls, Post Reports*, medical reports, finance reports, LDS Church records, etc.
 - b. digital copies of the Mormon Battalion Association library we donated to the BYU Special Collections.
3. BYU has agreed to host the Item 1 data compiled by Dr. Crandall, plus whatever Item 2 data we are willing to share with other researchers, but we must store our private data on our own website.
4. Join the recently formed Early Saints Research Group/BYU computer working group. If we find out where they are headed, we can map out what we want to accomplish without duplicating their efforts. We hope to refine our own Content Management System (CMS) well enough to become the default standard for sharing access to data from Items 1 and 2.

Phase 2:

5. Rehost and build Release 4.0 of our www.mormonbattalion.com website, replacing the current limited proprietary CMS with a portable more flexible and user friendly one, and hosting it on the Google™ cloud based server. *We have not received a report from Dan Roper regarding a time line when we will switch our public website over to our new server with his new CMS, complete with updated online Comprehensive Alphabetical Listing, new Individual History templates, and links to Kindex transcriptions.*

3. Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Program Committee – CSM Munford, Chair: (LTC Jamison) I conferred a well deserved free lifetime membership on CSM Munford’s wife, Geraldine Munford, for her invaluable assistance in formatting the new booklet. David and Geri are a superb working pair, and we look forward to her input in the future. CSM Munford is scheduling formal presentations for final endorsement by BSA Greater Salt Lake, Trapper Trails, and Utah National Parks Councils, and for endorsement by the LDS Primary-Young Men-Young Women Scouting leadership.

Commander’s Staff Reports:

1. Senior Historian’s Report – MAJ Anderson: (MAJ Anderson called in while driving to California to research Mormon Battalion land warrants held by the Bancroft Library at the University of California at Berkeley.) She is continuing to analyze Gail Holmes’ extensive library of Mormon history in the Middle Missouri River Valley for analysis and digitization prior to donation to the Church or BYU. She reported that Dr. Jill Crandall’s BYU students are ready to start researching Battalion members next semester, and that we need the funding quickly. The BYU students will be able to use the 400 land warrant images we captured on our cell phones at the National Archives (NARA) last October-November.

Cindy Norton, an LDS volunteer at the NARA, is making weekly 20 mile trips to the NARA in downtown Washington, DC to use special NARA equipment to professionally image and post these Land Warrants on their website. So far, Sister Norton has 127 images online, and 205 more in the pipeline for posting. They can be viewed at:

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We voted to send Sister Norton a \$200.00 stipend to at least partially defray her travel expenses in our behalf.

“I do not think that Church History is ever going to get around to paying for my trip to DC next November, so if the Battalion wanted to help with that \$800 or so we could get you documentation. I do want to go while Craig Scott [the expert who guided Dr. Jackson to finding the *Muster Rolls* last November] is there. He is amazing with military records. It will be less expensive than last year as I will have sky miles to use.

“We may need to start looking to replace our website programmer, Dan Roper, who is very busy.”

2. Commander’s Report – LTC Jamison and CSM Munford:

a. “Members Only” Shoulder Patches and Ruby Membership Pin – (See February and March *Minutes*.) We have received our initial shipments of new shoulder patches, and have begun shipping them to all *new* or *renewing* annual or lifetime individual members, family groups, and associate organizations. All who have completed and submitted a new *Membership Form* will receive one *free* 1” long Ruby Membership Pin and one set of *free* shoulder patches. In addition, we will for a limited time be granting a free one year membership – including the pin and patches – to recipients of Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides. Our cost will be about \$20.00 per member, including shipping and handling. Members, family groups, and associate organizations would be eligible to purchase additional sets of “member only” patches at \$6.00 plus shipping and handling.



We will soon have to reorder our Ruby Membership Pins. It has been well over a year since we last ordered and our supplier has destroyed the molds, so we will have to pay a new set up charge. We recommend replacing the inset generic Mormon Battalion Soldier with our more recognizable Ed Fraughton “Mormon Battalion Soldier” logo. *The recommendation was accepted without dissent.*

b. “General Public” Mormon Battalion Association Logo Baseball Hats and Patches – (See February and March *Minutes*.) We have received and approved samples of our new light tan with dark brown bill logo baseball hats and logo patches, and are already receiving orders for our hats at \$10.00 each, and separate patches at \$3.00 each, plus shipping and

handling. We will start shipping as soon as supplies arrive in the next few weeks.

Continental Support Staff Reports:

1. Chief Finance Officer Report – CPT Crappa: (LTC Jamison) We currently have a bank balance of **\$15,998.38**, down from last month's 16,432.20. Since our last meeting in March, we have had the following activity:

a. Main Share Savings:

- *Deposits:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$1.05**
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

b. General Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$216.24 from PayPal, \$55.00 in donations, and \$0.09 interest NOTE: We wrote off \$271.33 in uncollected stale charges from the Orem UPS store for setting up our new account when we moved from Lehi last October. We may re-add it if they get around to charging us. Also, Steve Reinhart, our Battalion Judge Advocate General, paid the \$10.00 fee for our Utah annual business license renewal out of his own pocket.
- *Expenditures:* \$11.60 for shipping and handling fees, and normal \$39.26 monthly fee from GoToMeeting.com™
- *Current Balance:* **\$2,126.30**, up from \$1,694.58
- *Pending Expenditures:* \$250.00 to Gary Lunt, CPA, to prepare IRS Form 1023, Normal UPS Store shipping and handling fees, and normal monthly fee from GoToMeeting.com™

c. Arts Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$1.28 interest
- *Expenditures:* \$866.20 for new "Members Only" shoulder patches, "General Public" logo baseball hats, and logo patches.
- *Current Balance:* **\$9,149.74**, down from \$10,014.66
- *Pending Expenditures:* We will have to buy new "Members Only" Ruby Member pins soon.

d. Historical Research Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$0.43 interest
- *Expenditures:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$4,722.34**, up from \$4,721.91
- *Pending Expenditures:* Stipends of \$200.00 to Cindy Norton to defray weekly travel expenses, and about \$800.00 to MAJ Anderson for November trip to National Archives.

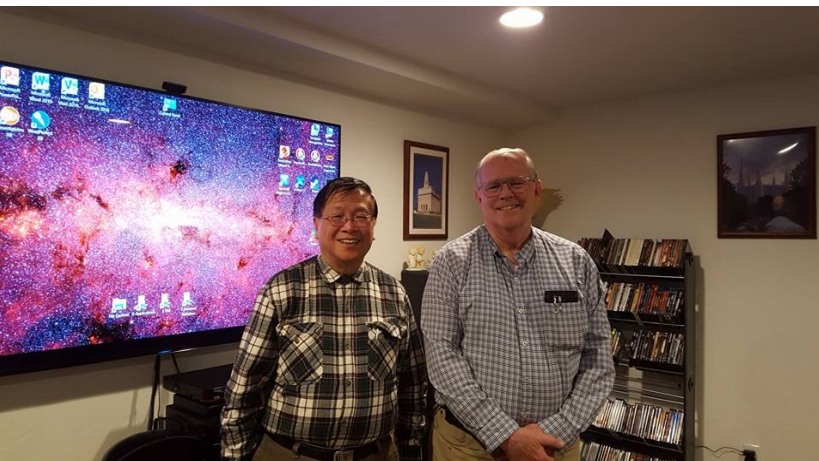
2. Webmaster – LTC Jamison: We have updated our website to include the following new features:

- **Member Activities | Minutes** – We posted the *Minutes* of our 16 March 2018 Executive Leadership Meeting.

New Business

(Open to Floor)

1. C. Y. Wai, tour guide for Wai's Travel, Pleasant Grove, Utah. Mr. Wai, a former student at BYU from Hong Kong, has hosted over 3,000 non-LDS tourists from mainland China on visits to Utah. He is contemplating creating three week



Chinese language tours for LDS members from Hong Kong and mainland China to Church sites across the United States. Mr. Wai advised that the LDS Church currently has over 300 districts and numerous branches scattered all over mainland China, that Chinese members are permitted to teach and baptize immediate family members, and over 300 full time missionaries from mainland China are presently serving all over the world. Very few Church history documents have been translated into Chinese, and their members know nothing about the Mormon Battalion. He plans to do an initial tour in a 15 passenger van in 2018, followed by full sized bus tours starting in 2019. He has already been in

contact with Kevin Henson, and requested our help in route planning to visit significant Church related sites such as:

- Fort Moore Memorial in downtown Los Angeles,
- Mormon Battalion Historic Site in San Diego,
- Mormon Battalion Monument at Yuma, Arizona,
- Mormon Battalion Monument in Tucson, Arizona,
- Mormon Battalion Monument and museum in Pueblo, Colorado,
- military museum at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,
- U.S. capital sites in Washington, DC,
- birthplace of Joseph Smith in Sharon, Vermont,
- historic sites in Palmyra and Fayette, New York,
- historic sites in Kirtland, Ohio,
- historic sites in Nauvoo, Illinois,
- historic sites in western Missouri,
- historic sites in Omaha-Council Bluffs,
- Martin Cove, Wyoming,
- Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah,
- Cove Fort, Utah,
- Mormon Fort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

LTC Jamison recommended that he plan on visiting Northern California Church sites, particularly the Ship Brooklyn Pageant at the Oakland Temple. He promised to assist Mr. Wai in contacting appropriate LDS leadership to plan his bus tours.

Projected Action Items

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- CSM Munford: Coordinate new patches, lapel pins/pendants, requirements list, booklet, and other documentation with the Greater Salt Lake, Trapper Trails, and Utah National Parks Councils, and with the LDS Primary-Young Men-Young Women Scouting leadership to start publicity.
- COL Gourley and Greg Christofferson: *Continue* coordination with Elder D. Todd Christofferson regarding continued

association between LDS Church and Mormon Battalion Association, including historical research and LDS participation.

- Dennis Holland: Post *Requirements Booklet* on California Pioneer Heritage Foundation website.
- Dennis Holland: Coordinate placement of posters and website information with Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California, and other strategic locations in California.

Honorary Memberships:

- Dennis Holland: Submit list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates to LTC Jamison.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.
- LTC Jamison and Kevin Henson: Send honorary membership certificates to those who have so kindly assisted Mr. Henson in his historical research for and about the Mormon Battalion, particularly Tim Kimball and Terry Latey.
- LTC Jamison: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.

Website Updates:

- LTC Jamison: Create new recruiting materials (brief background of Association and donation page with receipt) for website to go with Membership Application. Forward copies to David Jamiel.
- Greg Christofferson: *After receiving details*, pursue funding for digitizing of *Muster Rolls*, etc. with donors, including the LDS Church when we know how much it will cost.
- LTC Jamison and SGT Jamiel: Complete four Historical Fact sheets and post on website:
 - *The Mormon Battalion Monument*, Pueblo, Colorado.
 - *Peaceful Valley Sign – Mormon Battalion Interpretive Panels* adjacent to Kiowa County Courthouse, Kiowa, Colorado.
 - *Trapper Trails Monument* in the Adams County Historical Site, Brighton, Colorado.
 - *California Trail Interpretive Center* in Elko, Nevada.

“All Things Mormon Battalion” Project:

- Dan Roper: Implement Release 4.0 as quickly as possible.
- All: Nominate indexers good at reading cursive to MAJ Anderson to help with indexing and transcription in Kindex™ software.
- COL Gourley: Follow up with Greg Christofferson regarding his contacts with our friends with deep pockets to fund \$20,000 for two BYU students in Dr. Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original “cradle to grave” documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon Battalion and their laundresses, guides, and family members.
- LTC Jamison: Send Cindy Norton a \$200.00 stipend to at least partially defray her travel expenses in our behalf.

Research Mormon Battalion Association Documents in BYU Special Collections:

- LTC Jamison: Research missing history of Mormon Battalion Association from late 1940s through late 1990s in the Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.

Closing Remarks & Inspirational Thought

LTC Jamison

“This know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall be... ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (Timothy 3:1-2,7) Lucifer is the author of half truth and discord. None of us has yet reached the level of godly omniscience. In recent years, controversy has developed over such eternally trivial things as the reality and authenticity of Mormon Battalion unit flags and a Mormon Battalion “Bear” flag, with various illustrations and statuary portraying each, and the relationship between the Mormon Battalion and cannon, with various opinions stridently held. If we expect to be recognized as the authority on “all things Mormon Battalion,” we *must* concentrate on learning and teaching solid fact, gently correcting old and new “mythperceptions” – first our own, and then – very tactfully – those of our cherished associates. There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. We can all learn from and share with each other. Our motto should be “teach me.” I’m still relearning a couplet I coined 50 years ago as a young missionary:

*Teach, don't tell.
Help, don't sell.
Give them heaven, not hell.*

Benediction

SGT David Jamiel

Next Executive Staff Meeting:

7:00 PM, Thursday, 17 May 2018
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