

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING
19 May 2007 - 11:10 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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Conducting: COL Norman T. Erekson

Invocation: MAJ Roger Grua

Pledge: MAJ Don Schurtz

Attending: COL Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Don Schurtz, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Tom Coyne, LTC Bob Paul, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, MAJ John Hayes,

Excused: MAJ Robert Cole, MAJ Terry Wirth, CAPT LaVar Burton, LTC Jerome Gourley, CAPT Clark Olsen,

1. **Welcome:** COL Norman T. Erekson.
2. **Minutes:** MAJ Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 21 April 2007 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by MAJ Richard Bullock seconded by LTC Gaylen Maynes. Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** Calendar was reviewed.
4. **Members:** MAJ Gloyd Sprouse presented the name of David B. Jackson of Betendorf, Iowa as a new member. A proposal to accept him as a member made by MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by MAJ Tom Coyne. Vote passed.
5. **Finances:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that there is \$5881.76 in the operating account.
6. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next issue of the *Valiant* is scheduled for June 1, 2007 and will be six to eight pages.
7. **Accouterments:** COL Erekson indicated that we need to have a work day to mark all the accouterments as property of the Mormon Battalion Association. He also indicated that not all the Company donations have been received to pay for the items. He proposed that we require a \$100 donation to “borrow” the accouterments during any event, the money to be returned when the accouterments are turned

back in good working condition. A discussion then took place regarding a souvenir tin cup or wooden nickel to pass out on the Trek 2008.

8. **Essay Contest:** MAJ Roger Grua indicated that 34 essays had been received this year, and judged by at least eight persons. The winners of the contest are 1st Morgan Salisbury, 2nd Donna Neider, and 3rd Mitchell Hancock. We will offer membership for the balance of this year to all the participants and Laurie Hillier will create a special certifiante.
9. **Heritage Day:** MAJ John Hayes reported as to his status for the event. Proposed Press Release Kits be prepared for about ten members of the media. LTC Max Jamison indicated he will have a hard time getting them ready in time, due to his work and personal situation.
10. **Days of '47:** No contact from the Parade Committee as of yet.
11. **MHA:** LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that we will have a booth at the Mormon History Association conference from May 24 thru 26 and that it will be manned by six members.
12. **Building Report:** LTC Robert Paul indicated the project is proceeding and that a formal ground breaking will be conducted on 9 June 2007. All members are encouraged to attend. Time TBA.
13. **Company Reports:**
- Company A: Nothing reported.
- Company B: MAJ Don Schurtz reported that the Company had met on the 16th of May and finished watching a DVD on the Mexican War. CAPT LaVar Burton spoke about his family. They also held a DUP flag ceremony in Bountiful.
- Company C: Capt Clark Olsen had been excused to attend a special scouting event. COL Erekson reported that Mar Taylor had passed away.
- Company D: Nothing reported.
- Company E: Nothing reported.

Ship *Brooklyn*: Maj Richard Bullock reported that his brother had been given a pistol, about forty years ago by a young man that had found it along the route of the Mormon Battalion in New Mexico. He has finally found a contact with influence at the Pentagon that can track the serial numbers from the pistol and identify to whom it had been issued. If it proves to be from the Battalion members, perhaps it can be obtained for the Visitor Center.

14. **Other:** Additional discussion concerning the Press Kits ensued.

MAJ Val John Halford represented the Battalion at the Elko, Nevada, California Trails Day.

Benediction: LTC Gaylen Maynes

Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.