

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING**

17 February 2007 - 11:15 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

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Conducting: Col Norman T. Erekson

Invocation: Capt Clark Olsen

Pledge: Capt LaVar Burton

Attending: Col Norman T. Erekson, Maj Richard Bullock, Ltc Max Jamison, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Roger Grua, Maj Tom Coyne, Maj Don Schurtz, Capt LaVar Burton, Maj Val John Halford, Capt Earl Gillmore, Ltc Robert P. Paul Ltc Jerome Gourley (via Computer), Erma Bullock, Pres Annie Erekson, Capt Clark Olsen, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Ltc Max Jamison, Kayla Willey, Roselyn Slade, Shirley Maynes.

Excused: Maj Robert Cole, Norma Bench, Carolyn Park, Maj John Hayes.

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson.
2. **New Members:** Maj Gloyd Sprouse submitted the name of Stanford Fitts and Quentin Hansom as upgrades to life membership Gary L. Smith a new life member from Yuma, AZ. Erma Bullock submitted the names of Julie Molen and P. Lynn Smith as new lifetime members. She also presented the name of Cynthia L. Bradshaw as a new annual member. Motion to accept them as submitted, made by Pres Annie Erekson, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Membership accepted.
3. **Minutes:** Maj Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 20 January 2007 for approval. There were several corrections made by Ltc Max Jamison. A motion to accept the minutes as modified was made by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Ltc Robert P. Paul. Vote passed.
4. **Finances:** Maj Tom Coyne reported that there is \$5602.86 in the operating account, \$2712.42 in the Life account - plus the CD.
5. **Heritage Day:** Ltc Max Jamison reported that Maj John Hayes just had a new son born to his family and would not be able to attend. Ltc Jamison then reported that Lloyd D. Newell would be the ~~moderator~~ **Master of Ceremonies**, but a keynote speaker still had not been located. Maj Hayes would also need help with the flags.

6. **Building:** Ltc Robert P. Paul pointed out various pictures of monuments and noted that he has a written agreement for placing our monument. He then presented a brief history on building proposals to date. The Heritage Park wants the Mormon Battalion to manage and maintain our own project as well as provide our own docents.
- He indicated that 30% of the concrete **work materials** would be donated, with Lynn Tegland providing **all** the manpower, but that work would not commence until the money for the project is in the bank. Once that occurs the work can start in just a couple of days.
- Shirley Maynes **reported on the meeting Gaylen Maynes, Richard Bullock, Erma Bullock, Max Jamison, and she had met** with artist Ed Fraughton on the 12th of January ~~and talked with him~~ about a statue for the women's portion of the memorial gardens. She indicated that Quist Mortuary would provide a base for any statue that we wanted for the women. All the women's names would be memorialized on a series of plaques. Erma Bullock indicated that the interview with Ed Fraughton was very congenial and that he has other statues available.
7. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison requested a copy of the *Seagull* article so he can take some excerpts. **Showed a "mock up"** ~~Gave a brief list of the contents of the next *Valiant*.~~ He also indicated that Norma Ricketts had requested **listing of her book in Quartermasters Corner some press.** ~~Since~~ Ltc Max Jamison is **now** maintaining the Leadership Roster of the Battalion. Pres Annie Erikson proposed that Col Carl Larsen, Shirley Mayes and Roselyn Slade also be listed under the heading of Historian. Seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.
8. **Trek 2007:** Ltc Max Jamison indicated that the website of Virtual Trails would soon be active. Col Erikson indicated that 10 sets of accouterments have been requested by Kevin Henson. The cost would run from \$60 to 90 per set. A proposal was made by Capt Earl Gillmore that each Company donate the funds to purchase a set, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed. Money to be given to Maj Tom Coyne. Kevin Henson also would like muskets for he trip but has been unable to contact the Browning family about models. **We must do our best to support this great undertaking in any way we can.**
9. **Essay Contest:** Maj Roger Grua indicated that the contest will obtain nationwide coverage this year. The prize money has been increased, and it will be added to the website to try and offer the contest to all that would

like to participate.

10. **Company Reports:**

Company A: Nothing reported.

Company B: Capt LaVar Burton reported that they conducted three Courts of Honor the past month. Mike Rose spoke to the group about Pearl Harbor. They will be meeting on the 22nd in March.

Company C: Capt Clark Olsen reported that Wendell Leavitt had died and that he had sent an email to the family register. He has been at 49 Eagle Awards in the past three years. He will receive his Silver Beaver Award on April 20th at Roy High School.

Company D: Nothing reported.

Company E: Capt Earl Gillmore asked that we seriously consider his letter of 20 January detailing service in lieu of \$ payment for dues. Ltc Max Jamison indicated that he agreed with Capt Gillmore's proposal. A discussion ensued to try and get the re-enactors into the group by reducing fees or some other incentive. Maj Val John Halford disagreed, the people that make up the Re-enactor Company A are more than able to pay dues. The key to the Volunteers is to get Capt Jared Cornell to agree to join us.

Ship *Brooklyn*: Maj Richard Bullock indicated that Norma Bench had replacement knee surgery and was doing well so far.

11: **Recruits:** Comment was made that we need to keep up our efforts to bring more youth into the organization.

~~12. **TREK 2007:** We must do our best to support this great undertaking in any way we can.~~

Benediction: Capt LaVar Burton Dismissed: 12:25 p.m.