

# Mormon Battalion Association

## Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

10:30 AM, Saturday, 03 December 2016

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The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets at least once per quarter on the third Saturday the month at 10:00 am, 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 New Business.

**Executive Staff Attendance:** The following were present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander) and COL Jerome G. Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor).

The following were excused: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), Margaret Larson (Membership Officer), MAJ Clark Olsen (Community Relations Liaison), MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer), CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer and member of Board of Directors), CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major), Steven L. Rinehart (Judge Advocate General), and Kevin Henson (Historian).

**Board of Directors Attendance:** The following was present: James Waite (Vice Chairman).

The following were excused: Edwin Kimball (Chairman), Greg Christofferson, Guy Dickson, BG Ashley Hall, and Dennis Holland.

**Local Leadership Attendance:** None were present.

The following was excused: SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

**Associated Organization Attendance:** The following were present: Laura Anderson (Early Saints Research Group) and Peter Guilbert (Group Commandant, Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers).

### **Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items**

**LTC Max W. Jamison**

1. The start of the meeting was delayed due to difficulties in logging in. We discovered that GoToMeeting.com had provided the wrong link for our meeting, and we had to call participants to help them log in.
2. Guy Dickson is participating in a stake choir rehearsal for the upcoming Newport Beach Stake Christmas Concert.
3. SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad) is doing a Mormon Battalion program for the Park Service at Bent's Fort.

### **Invocation**

**C OL Jerome Gourley**

### **Minutes of 15 October 2016 Executive Leadership Meeting – Approved**

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

### **General Business:**

#### **• Recognition & Awards**



MAJ John Henry Hayes III (“Johnny”) died 19 November 2016 of a massive heart attack at the age of 47. He left a wife (LTC Jamison’s daughter) and six children aged 7 to 19. Highly respected in his field, he was the Senior Sound Technician at Fox13 Television in Salt Lake City for many years. He was an avid Scouter, earning numerous awards, including the coveted Silver Beaver and Doctorate of Scouting Awards. He was our Audio/Video Specialist, Multimedia Officer, and Executive Director of Business Operations between October 2006 and May 2013. Funeral services were held on 26 November 2016 in West Valley City, and he was interred in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. – *He was literally DRIVEN to serve others, and accomplished so very much in his short life.*

LTC Jamison is preparing Honorary Membership Certificates for a number of volunteer historians and reenactors who have represented the Mormon Battalion in recent years.

### ● **Service Opportunities**

We are exploring the possibility of working with Service Centrum, a non-profit national clearing house for volunteer compassionate service based in Salt Lake City.

### ● **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 **1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director (S1 - Adjutant General)** and **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- COL Gourley (Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors): Swear in Greg Christofferson as member of Board of Directors.

#### **Graves Memorialization:**

- COL Larson and Kevin Henson: Work on preparations for graves memorialization for **Dr. George Sanderson, Lewis Dent, Milton Smith, Thomas P. Dutcher and William Reynolds (Reynolds)**.
  - 1) *Sanderson: Calvary Cemetery (St. Louis) has given us a special dispensation for a non-ground level marker. Will submit a request and design suitable for transmitting to MBA membership and others. Target date will coincide with Mormon History Association conference next year – June 1-4 at St Louis. We might place the marker on May 30.*
  - 2) *Dent: This keeps showing up in your minutes, but I have no contacts for Dent descendants in order to ask permission to mark the grave. And, what kind of marker did you have in mind?*
  - 3) *Dutcher/Reynolds (Michigan): One family is 'interested' to talk, the other will not respond despite multiple urgings by the local historical society. Will keep you posted.*
  - 4) *Alva Phelps, Milton Smith, Norman Sharp, the Boscow couple, and all the other folks for whom we have either a close approximate burial site or the prospect of finding the actual bodies using cadaver dogs: These become additional opportunities to raise funds for markers and/or fund the cadaver dog groups to come and investigate the likely grave locations. I should like to target 2021/2022 to emplace these markers.*

#### **Search of Memorabilia of Late MAJ Don Schultz:**

- LTC Jamison: Contact Hugh Schultz, son of the late MAJ Don Schultz, to search for the nine missing white leather belts in his father's memorabilia, and to extract and forward to us the 7,000+ roster of Mormon Battalion Eagle Slides maintained by his father on his personal computer.

#### **Finances:**

- CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer): Create documentation to be used in an internal audit by the Board of Directors. *COL Gourley reported that CPT Crappa has completed creation of the documentation, and will forward it to the rest of the Board shortly.*

### **Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award:**

- Kevin Henson: *As soon as possible*, lead Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Member Advisory Committee in providing the data to LTC Jamison and CSM Munford for publication of Requirements booklet.  
*Now that I'm home, I'll work on these items over the next few weeks.*
- LTC Jamison: *As soon as requirements booklet is finished*, coordinate new patches, lapel pins/pendants, requirements list, booklet, and other documentation with LDS Primary-Young Men-Young Women and LDS-BSA coordinators 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 in BSA Mormon Battalion Trail Award after Mormon Battalion Association takes over.

### **Partnership with BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy:**

- LTC Jamison: Arrange a four way meeting between Jill Crandall, President Brian Cannon, Laura Anderson, and himself to formulate an unified approach and concrete proposals for donor grants.
- COL Gourley: Alert Greg Christofferson of what is coming.

### **Website Release 3.0:**

- 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.
- Laura Anderson, Kevin Henson, Dan Roper, and LTC Jamison: Create both:
  - a spreadsheet table containing links to all of the primary documents with side by side transcriptions, and
  - a traceability matrix/relational database for all of the various primary, secondary, and tertiary copies of the *Muster Rolls, Post Reports, Medical Reports, Adjutant's Reports*, and Church ledgers for the Battalion, including who originated specific information, and who copied or miscopied it. *Ms Anderson has already started a very large Excel file with the names of all of the Battalion Members listed vertically (x axis) and all of the possible primary and secondary documents horizontally (y axis).*
- Laura Anderson and Kevin Henson: Prepare a letter to appropriate LDS and political leaders requesting support in digitization effort, and detailing the information desired. LTC Jamison suggested we contact Elders Holland and Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve for support in this matter. Both are very sympathetic to our cause, and Elder Holland supervises Church History.
- 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: Re-contact Professor Brian Cannon to request student assistance from two BYU student research organizations (Redd Center for Western History and Early Saints Research Group) to assist in both transcription and reviewing collection of newspaper Eastern United States newspaper articles about the LDS Church in search of articles about the Mormon Battalion.
- 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.

### **Honorary Memberships:**

- 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, Terry Latey, and Laura Anderson.
- LTC Jamison: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.

## Fort Moore Monument:

- Edwin Kimball: Provide Marilyn Mills with formula for epoxy to protect the Fort Moore Monument from graffiti.

## Membership Reports

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**Board of Directors:** No report.

### Affiliate Organization Reports:

- 1. Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin Henson:** Kevin coordinates regularly with LTC Jamison and others in the Battalion.
- 2. Boy Scouts of America:** Have received several newsletters.
- 3. California LDS Living History Mission – President Dennis Holland:** Guy Dickson has volunteered to provide reports on their activities in Southern California, akin to what Peter Guilbert is doing in Northern California.
- 4. California Pioneer Heritage Foundation – Dennis Holland:** No report.
- 5. Daughters of Utah Pioneers:** No report.
- 6. Early Saints Research Group – Dr. Brandon Plewe:** No report.
- 7. FamilySearch™:** No report.
- 8. Friends of the Battalion & Ship Brooklyn – President Donald L. Eastman:** No report.
- 9. Heritage Trails Association – Marilyn Mills:** No report.
- 10. Mormon Battalion Arizona (Mesa Company) – CPT Owen Garner:** No report.
- 11. Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California:** The annual Mormon Battalion Day will be 28 January 2017. This will be the 170th anniversary of the arrival of the Mormon Battalion into San Diego. *LTC Jamison requested Col Gourley to look into the possibility of leading a delegation representing us there.*
- 12. Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Historic Reenactment Group, Utah Living History Association. – CPT Jared Cornell:** No report.
- 13. Mormon History Association – President Brian Cannon:** No report.
- 14. Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) – President Ashley Hall:** No report.
- 15. Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers (SNMP) – Commandant Peter D. Guilbert:** This is a very active group of LDS service missionaries, the part of the California LDS Living History Mission in Northern California.

### **Old Business:**

**11 November – Veterans Day Parade. Folsom, California.** Participated in the annual Folsom Veterans Day Parade. Our group has participated in this event for at least 10 years now. We have received several awards in the Community category. We have always enjoyed a wonderful presence at this event, honoring the Mormon Battalion veterans who passed through the area many years ago. This year was no exception. We were pleased to have about 10 missionaries from the Sacramento Mission as well as several Boy Scouts from the Sacramento area. Everyone totaled we had about 42 men, women and children marching, walking or riding in the Amaral's wagon. Everyone was dressed up in period clothing and the men, Elders, and youth were outfitted with accouterments and muskets. I had a feeling we were not the only ones marching today!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 2017 – Clarksville Day.**

- 16. Sons of Utah Pioneers:** Received monthly reports from Lehi Chapter. (See also *New Business.*)
- 17. Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA), Southern Trails Chapter – Doug Hocking, Chair:** 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:** No report.

**Logan Squad (aka Company D) – James Waite:** No report.

**Ogden Section (aka Company C) – MAJ Clark Olsen:** No report.

**Salt Lake Squad (aka Companies A and B) – LTC Jamison:** No report.

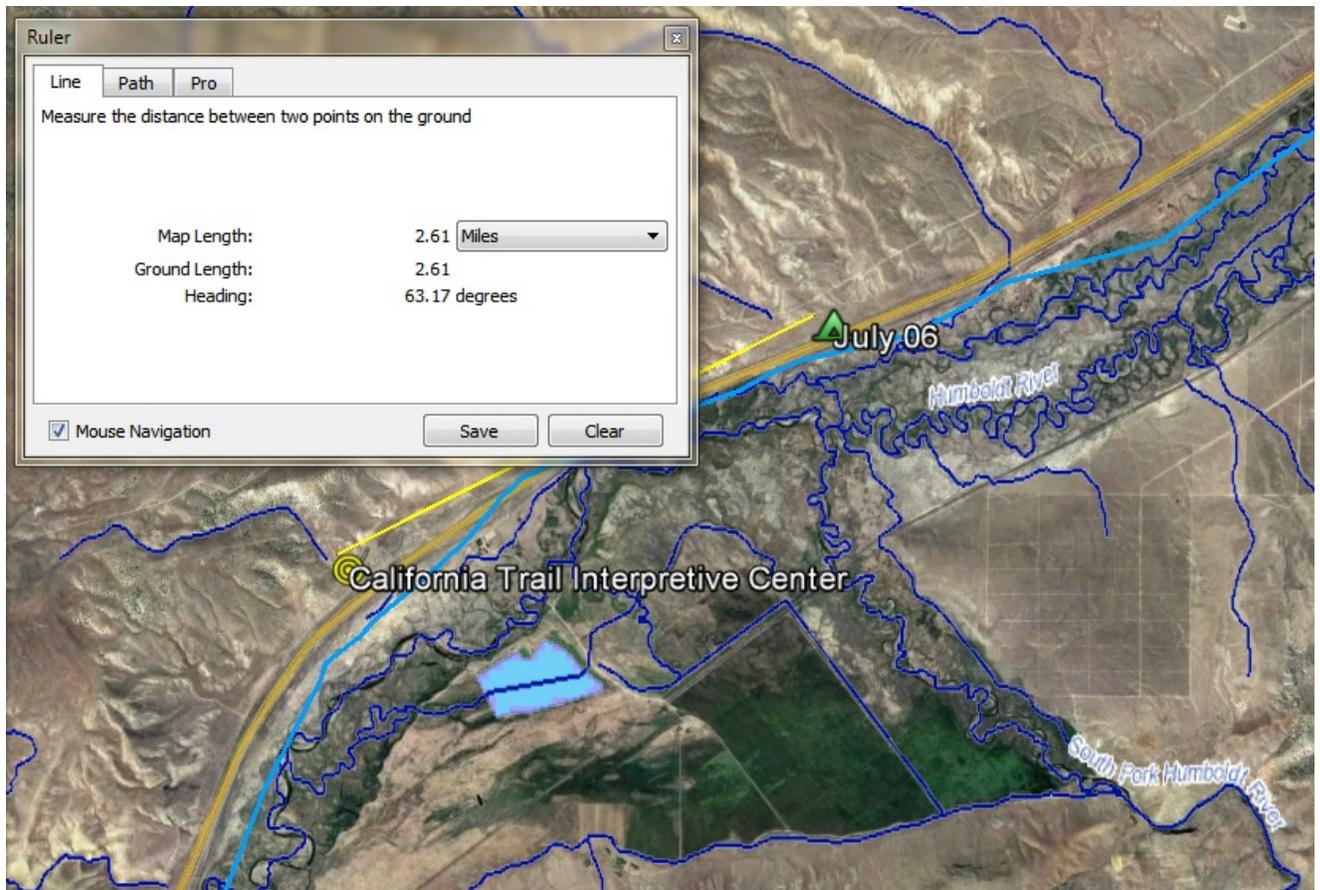
**Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris:** No report.

**Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman:** No report.

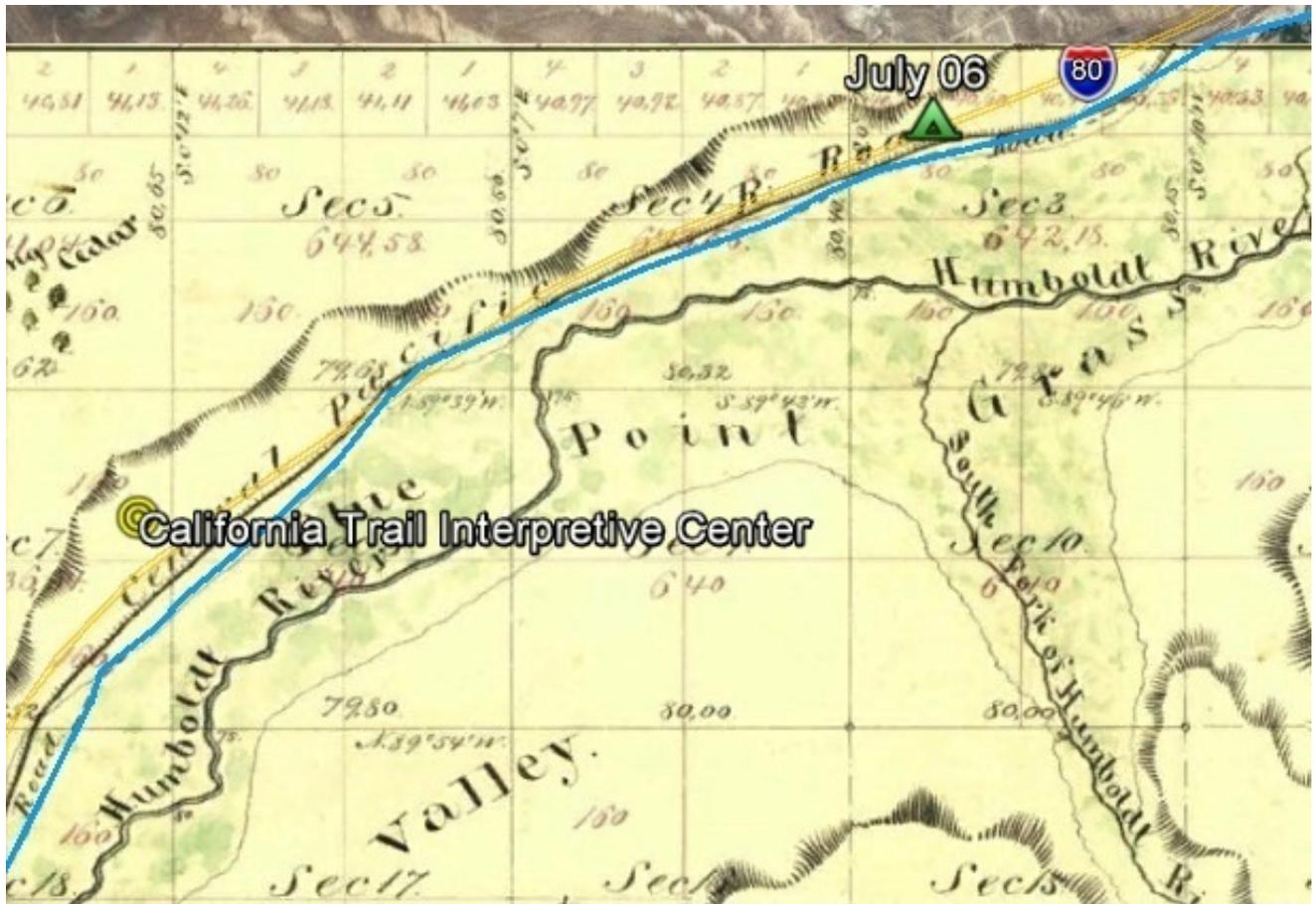
**Cedar City Squad – SGT Larry Bilyeu:** Just wanted to bring you up to date on Cedar City/Enoch group activities. Besides being in parades on the 24th of July which we were in the *Today Paper* for our float, we have started a display at the Frontier Museum in Cedar City. I will try to forward pictures. We are working with State Museum employee Ryan. He has been very supportive. He didn't know that there were several Mormon Battalion members [veterans] assigned to Southern Utah [by President Brigham Young], including my own ancestors Andrew and Oliver Workman. We have been assigned a glass cabinet about 6 feet by 5 feet. It looks very nice already. The Mormon Battalion Cannon (Replica) is down here in the Museum already. So we are trying to expand the display for local and regional interest.

**Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel:** Still working on sourcing statements to be used in Historical Fact sheets for our website on four different locations that have markers or monuments that highlight or at least mention the Mormon Battalion:

1. *The Mormon Battalion Monument* – Pueblo, Colorado. Researching exact location of the encampment near Arkansas River with Kevin Henson.
2. *Peaceful Valley – Mormon Battalion Interpretive Panels* – Kiowa, Colorado, adjacent to County Courthouse.
3. *Trapper Trails Monument* – Adams County Historical Site, Colorado Regional Park, Brighton, Colorado. (Fourth draft submitted.)
4. *California Trail Interpretive Center* – Elko, Nevada. Where members of the Battalion camped twice; General Kearny's Escort in 1847, and the returning Battalion members who opened the Carson Pass for wagons in 1848. *Comment by Kevin Henson: David and I had some discussion about this site. As I recall our conversation, I felt the evidence supported a Kearny camp about 2–3 miles further east of the Interpretive Center. See the modern layout & measurement below:*



The important question is, “Has the South Fork of the Humboldt River changed course significantly since 1847?” The GLO map below suggests that it has stayed pretty much in place since about 1880.



**Nevada Township 33 N, Range 54 East, Mt. Diablo meridian (detail); GLO survey of 1869.**  
[http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/survey/default.aspx?dm\\_id=36226&sid=teoyct0m.13m&surveyDetailsTabIndex=1](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/survey/default.aspx?dm_id=36226&sid=teoyct0m.13m&surveyDetailsTabIndex=1)  
 Blue line traces Gen. S. W. Kearny's route eastward in July 1847. A possible camp area for 6 July corresponds to Henry S. Turner's comment, "... encamp opposite the point where the emigrant route via the Salt Lake leaves the valley of Mary's river." The Original Journals of Henry Smith Turner, p 131  
 The Hastings cut-off route followed the South Fork of the Humboldt. (c) Kevin Henson, 2016

*So – when Jones and Turner indicate they camped opposite the mouth of the South Fork and at the Hastings cut-off junction, my take is that they're really at the confluence of the South Fork and main channel of the Humboldt – probably in Section 3 as seen above. That's pure speculation though – anything claimed beyond their quotes is speculative unless evidence is forthcoming to support such a claim. The key point here being that the 6 July camp was NOT where the California Trail Interpretive Center is located if you believe Turner's statement to be literal and there's no archeological finding to dispute my interp of Turner's statement.*

**St. George Squad (aka Dixie Company) – 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 – LTC Lloyd Smith:** No report.

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

**At Large Members –** No report.

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• **Membership Advisory Committee Reports:**

**1. Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Committee – Kevin Henson, Chair:**

**a. Requirements – Kevin Henson:** Still working on text for the Requirements Booklet. Here's what's left to do:

- 1) *History of the Battalion* – (Kevin) Finalizing rewrite of articles by BYU History Professor Larry Porter.
- 2) *Resources and Maps* – (Kevin) A short history, mini-map, and resources for each of the seven Mormon Battalion Trail Segments:
  - a) Iowa Mormon Trail Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Received detailed trail segment bibliography for hosting online.)
  - b) Main Command Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
  - c) Brown Sick Detachment Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
  - d) Willis Sick Detachment Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
  - e) General Kearny Escort Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Received detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)
  - f) Pueblo to Salt Lake Segment – Have mini-map, but no short history or resources. (Need detailed trail segment bibliography for posting online.)

**2. Website Release 3.0 Committee – LTC Jamison:**

- a. Trail Markers and Monuments** – Working on updating the listing of Trails Markers and Monuments as time permits. These will be quite helpful in the forthcoming Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Awards. Kevin Henson has submitted several corrections and updates.

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• **Continental Support Staff Reports:**

**1. Chief Finance Officer Report – LTC Jamison:** We currently have a bank balance of \$21,336.07, with a pending deposit of \$185.35, which will bring it up to a grand total of **\$21,521.42**. Here's how it breaks out:

**a. General Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$633.70, with a pending deposit of \$185.35 from PayPal.
- *Expenditures:* \$39.23 for our September GoToMeeting.com™ fees, and \$6.95 for our September banking fees.
- *Current Balance:* **\$1,536.07**. We should gradually increase this amount as we recoup our outlays for Eagle Scout neckerchief slides and Mormon Battalion Historic Trails patches, pins, and pendants.
- *Pending Expenditures:* Normal monthly payments for our GoToMeeting.com™ fees, shipping and handling fees, and banking fees.

**b. Arts Fund:**

- *Deposits:* None.
- *Expenditures:* None.
- *Current Balance:* **\$10,000.00**.
- *Pending Expenditures:* No payments foreseen in the near future.

**c. Historical Research Fund:**

- *Deposits:* None.
- *Expenditures:* None.
- *Current Balance:* **\$9,800.00**.
- *Pending Expenditures:* Reimbursement to Dan Roper for creating our new Master Database "hidden" website and domain name. We may need to pay for high quality digital copies of documents held by the Church, the State of Iowa, and the National Archives.
- Laura Anderson has requested four stipends:
  - 1) 16-20 November 2016 – **\$125.00** reimbursement for her costs while in Omaha working with Terry Latey using ground penetrating radar to locate the Carterville, Iowa Cemetery. Many of the people buried there are wives and children of members of the original Mormon Battalion. They also worked on the Camp of Israel schedules and reports, which contains the records of many Mormon Battalion families.

2) December 2016 – **\$136.89** for books she purchased for her study of those who have published lists of the Mormon Battalion. “I am amazed at the number of persons that have made lists! They seem to break down in to two categories: Those who copied or based their list off of [the 1881] Tyler [book], and those who used the [1891-94] CMSRs [Compiled Military Service Records]. No one seems to go back to the original [1846-47] rosters.”

- \$17.49 *Mormon Battalion: United States Army of the West, 1846-1848*, by Norma Ricketts
- 18.81 *History of the Saints: The Remarkable Journey of the Mormon Battalion*
- 18.80 *The Mormon Battalion*, by Brigham H. Roberts
- 9.07 *The Mormon Battalion, Its History and Achievements* (Classic Reprint), by Brigham H. Roberts
- 13.88 *A Concise History of the Mormon Battalion in the Mexican War 1846-1847*, by Daniel Tyler
- 8.97 *A Historical Guide to the Mormon Battalion and Butterfield Trail*
- 16.71 *Army of Israel: Mormon Battalion Narratives (Kingdom in the West: The Mormons and the American Frontier)*
- 17.48 *History May Be Searched in Vain: A Military History of the Mormon Battalion*, by Sherman L. Fleek
- 15.68 *Five Hundred Wagons Stood Still: Mormon Battalion Wives*, by Shirley Maynes

3) February 2017 – Ms Anderson has received permission from the University of California at Berkley to copy the Norma Ricketts Mormon Battalion research files and metadata. She has requested a stipend for one week’s worth of hotel fare and incidentals while there. *Peter Guilbert will check for a host and assistants to help Laura during her week long visit to UC Berkley.*

4) August 2017 – **\$300.00** to copy Gail Holmes’ extensive library of Mormon History in the Middle Missouri River Valley prior to its donation to the Church or BYU. She would like to do this in conjunction with the OCTA convention in Omaha in August 2017.

- Kevin Henson has requested a stipend of **\$200.00** towards an engraved gravestone for Dr. Sanderson in St. Louis to be dedicated during the Mormon History Association conference there next May. In addition, he requests permission to contact our membership to request small donations from them towards the memorial. Contemplated engraving text is as follows:

Christian cross symbol (required)  
Dr. George B. Sanderson  
~1804 – 31 May 1861  
Yorkshire, England St. Louis, Missouri  
Assistant Surgeon  
Mormon Battalion  
Army of the West  
Mexican-American War

*There was some discussion on tracking expenditures for IRS reporting purposes. It was agreed that, while the Board of Directors must approve new concepts and policies; previously approved concepts only require approval by two members of the Executive Staff. LTC Jamison stated that we have used Payment and Reimbursement Request Forms in the past, but will contact Cpt Todd Crappa to see what he wants. COL Gourley and LTC Jamison agreed to fund Kevin Henson’s request and Laura Anderson’s three requests.*

## New Business

[\( Open to Floor\)](#)

### **1. Correspondence with Executive Board of the Sons of Utah Pioneers:**

*Early September 2016* – As noted in our 17 September *Minutes*, MAJ Roger Grua and MAJ Clark Olsen of our Ogden local unit met with James C. Hurst, President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, who suggested a closer alliance between our organizations, offering two options:

**a) Form a “Mormon Battalion Chapter” in the SUP** – This would require at least 10 men to join the SUP and form a chapter. We would still function completely on our own and keep our present organizational structure. One of our members would be a part of their board. They anticipate this being a win/win situation with some cross over members from their group also joining ours.

**b) Form an “Affiliate Organization” Relationship with the SUP** – This would be less involved for us and would be less stringent on SUP membership requirements, but they don’t feel it would be as productive.

19 September 2016 – Per direction from our Board of Directors, LTC Jamison responded affirmatively to President Hurst on 19 September, rehearsing our mutual history, noting that his proffered agreement was identical to our aborted 2008-2012 alliance, and concluding that we were interested in increased cooperation, based on four principles:

1. **Affiliated Organizations** – We have been functioning at the “Affiliated Organization” level since 2012. You are one of our 15 “Affiliated Organizations.”
2. **Building Trust** – We are concerned that your annual changes of command impacts your continuity of policy and correlation with us. Yet we still have many common goals and would still like to “cross pollinate” our leadership and membership without either organization exercising institutional control over the other.
3. **Worker Bees** – We have no objection to “cross pollination” at the member level, with members of our Headquarters Company in Utah forming a Mormon Battalion Chapter in the SUP, and with SUP members becoming dues paying active members of our Headquarters Company. However, we are concerned that this may create conflicts of interest.
4. **Queen Bees** – “Cross pollination” at the Board level is vital to preventing and eliminating such conflicts of interest. Our Board actively recruits outside experts, and would consider a nomination from the SUP to fill one of its two vacancies. I am willing to become a life time member of the SUP and would accept an offer

9 November 2016 – LTC Jamison received a letter from the SUP Executive Board rescinding their earlier offer, stating that “the chances for greater interfacing do not appear to be feasible. Perhaps at some point in the future there will be greater opportunity for successful cooperation.” LTC Jamison responded that day: “We have no knowledge of the internal politics which prompted you to dissolve our relationship in 2012. *It would appear that neither of us wishes to dwell on past recriminations. We too are receptive to a fresh start,* based on the four principles enumerated in our 19 September 2016 letter.”

22 November 2016 – The SUP Executive Board sent us a reply suggesting we continue our informal *status quo*, indefinitely postponing the board-level “cross pollination” they had proposed in early September:

1. **Affiliated Organizations** – “We appreciate our status as one of the 15 Affiliated Organizations.”
2. **Building Trust** – “While we do not have a comparable organizational structure, be assured that we value and support who you are and what you do. We recognize that we have similar missions to preserve and promote the legacy and heritage of our pioneer ancestors. The attributes and achievements of the Mormon Battalion must not be forgotten, and you play a crucial role in making sure that does not happen. ...We look forward to continued mutually supportive relations with the Mormon Battalion. We will cheer your success and welcome opportunities to cooperate on specific activities where appropriate.”
3. **Worker Bees** – “We would welcome members of our respective organizations having dual membership and perhaps even these men forming a “special interest’ Chapter in the SUP with emphasis on the Mormon Battalion.”
4. **Queen Bees** – “Beyond that, however, we don’t feel we are ready to pursue a more formal organizational interchange as described in your letter. We do have very different administrative structures, with time limited elections and appointments in the SUP. This works very well for us in that it tends to keep our vision on the future with new ideas and fresh perspective toward achieving our goals. We certainly understand and appreciate the rationale for your militaristic structure as a good fit for you.”

2. **Rediscovered 1975-80 Mormon Battalion Organization Manual:** We have found evidence of four spans of “cross pollination” with the SUP at both the member and board levels:

- 1950 (during the SUP bus tour of the Southwest),
- 1954 (when the SUP incorporated the Mormon Battalion as a subordinate group),
- 1975-80 (when the two organizations shared leaders), and
- 2008-12 (when the two organizations collaborated at a business level).

Laura Anderson recently found a 36 year old typescript copy of the *U.S. Mormon Battalion, Inc. Organization Manual* describing the third span in the Library Archives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (See Call Number Res, M273.42, U584o, 1978.) The manual approval page says that it was initially "produced and approved Nov. 21, 1975" (during the eight year third term of COL Fred M. Reese), but it also says a "Revised Manual [was] Approved October 14, 1978," while most of the content is dated almost two years later on 9 August 1980 (both during the five year tenure of COL Elmer B. Jones). The Motto and Preface page entitled “EVERY DESCENDANT – A MEMBER” concludes with the following statement:

It is an honor to be affiliated with such a prestigious organization as the U. S. Mormon Battalion, which has been charged by one of our prophets, President David O. McKay, to see that this work goes forward and see to it that these men are not forgotten, nor their accomplishments, in fulfillment of Brigham Young's prophesy.

**We have posted a copy of this document on our website for all to review.** You will likely enjoy stepping back into yesteryear to see how the Battalion was organized 36 years ago! Of particular interest are the following:

- **General Staff** pages GS-1 through GS-7 list the officers and structure of the U.S. Mormon Battalion, Inc. as of 9 August 1980. Our Battalion Commander is listed on page GS-1A as a "SUP Vice-President." The following pages list the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the twelve members of the General Staff, their Assistants, the women's Auxiliary National Staff (with ranks!), and the three Vice Presidents on the Advisory Honorary Council Staff: Former Battalion Commander COL Fred M. Reese, COL Earl H. Hansen, and LTC Hartman Rectman, [*sic* Rector] Jr. It describes a "Young U.S.M.B. Program Committee" and a "Trail Award Program Committee" led by CPT Grant T. Eastwood. It also includes an "Area Co-ordinating Organization" covering Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. It details a "Division Staff Organization" and a women's "Auxiliary Division Staff," a "Company Staff Organization" with company grade officers, NCOs, and enlisted men. It then breaks down the company organization into Platoons and Squads.
- **Policies, Regulations and Bylaws** pages PRB-1 through PRB-5 list the Battalion rules and procedures as of 9 August 1980. Item 6 on Page PRB-1 states that "This corporation was presented a chapter charter and later designated as an associate group with the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The purpose of this association is for the two organizations to work more closely together on pioneer historical interests as the Mormon Battalion men were first part of this pioneer movement west. It is strongly recommended that U.S. Mormon Battalion members join and become members of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP)." This policy is almost identical to that of the our aborted 2008 and 2016 alliances.
- Page PRB-1A is a sample Financial Report to be submitted by subordinate units to the Battalion leadership.
- Page PRB-2, Item 5 states that "the Commanding Officer shall be of the rank of Colonel until expansion has reached three (3) divisions; then at such time he will become and receive the rank of General." If you will recall, COL Abramson was later forced to resign for implementing this same concept. The Battalion included Divisions, upside down from normal U.S. Army structure.
- Page PRB-3 discusses the organization of the women's auxiliary, the Young U.S. Mormon Battalion (YUSMB) Organization, and the USMB Advisory Honorary Council, which is comprised of a president and three vice presidents who are "retired General Staff Officers and such other interested church, business and professional men who are willing to assist in the work of the Battalion."
- Item 16 on page PRB-5 states that – similar to our reenactor's current "Regimental Flag" – "the USMB flag is recommended to have the correct spelling and with twenty-eight stars to represent the twenty-eight states in the union at the time of the enlistment of the Mormon Battalion and with the year of that enlistment of 1846." Item 1 on page DC-9 permits a Mormon Battalion flag, a current 50 star United States flag, an 1846 historic 28 star flag, and a historic 13 star historic flag "as was carried by Mormon Battalion."
- Pages PRB-6 through PRB-8 describe the uniforms, with crossed rifles worn on officer's black hats and enlisted men's blue caps. Officers and Sergeants Major wore 84" long red sashes; NCOs wore shorter 60" red sashes; medical officers and chaplains wore green sashes; and generals wore gold sashes.
- Pages PRB-9 through PRB-13 describe the objectives and regulations of the Battalion. Participation Item 3 lists "SUP programs and Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) programs." Meetings Item 3 defines the "USMB participation with the SUP" with a "Vice-President on their Board of Directors from the General Staff," and members who will "attend all SUP business meetings and voting as an associate group with equal rights with chapters."
- **Drill Ceremony** pages DC-1 through DC-20 describe Drill and Ceremonies at squad, platoon, company, division, and battalion levels, with numerous parade diagrams. Divisions comprise a Headquarters and Rifle Company "A," plus Rifle Companies "B," "C," and "D."
- **Young USMB** pages YUSMB-1 through YUSMB-3 describe the organization of the Young U.S. Mormon Battalion.
- **Trail Award Program** for Scouting pages TAP-1 through TAP-18 describe the U.S. Mormon Battalion Trail Award Program for Scouting as of 9 August 1980. Administered by the Director of Mormon Relationships (predecessor of

the LDS-BSA Relations Office), "this Trail Award may be earned by Cubs, Blazers, Scouts, Venturers (Varsity Scouts), and Explorers." I think that Kevin Henson will be particularly interested in this section.

- **Membership Application** page A-1 is an Application for Membership in the U.S. Mormon Battalion.

**3. Copying of COL Carl V. Larson's Files:** Laura Anderson is arranging the donation of COL Larson's Mormon Battalion research files and metadata to the LDS Church. Prior to donation of his original documents to the LDS Church, she will copy everything for the Mormon Battalion.

**4. Create Historian's Editorial Review Board:** Given the fact that the Army and the National Archives have for over 170 years refused to share the primary data they hold about the Mormon Battalion, historians have been forced to work with flawed secondary and tertiary data. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated historians over the past ten years, we are finally correcting many inaccuracies, myths, and "mythperceptions." But we can do better. Mike Anderson has alerted us that – despite our best efforts – there are a many historical errors on our website. We need to focus our readers' attention on the REAL facts. We are laying the groundwork for centuries of historical analyses and debates.

Kevin Henson recommended that we create a review board for historical data being submitted to the website:

...before ANYTHING of a 'historic nature' goes onto the Mormon Battalion Association website, that:

- a) it be supported by academic quality research with references OR, if speculation, be clearly labeled as such WITH rationale for why it is being presented.
- b) it be peer reviewed by more than one person with skills in the area being discussed – not just 'read and looked at' by a couple of people.
- c) it be 'voted' upon by those reviewing the materials.
  - i. If the material is rejected as not authenticated, the material should not be posted online. PERIOD – other than perhaps to go into the MYTHS section.
  - ii. if a majority approve but it's not unanimous, then we find some way to have different viewpoints presented. Dissenting opinions should be respectfully treated and heard.

*The Board approved creation of a Historian's Editorial Review Board, with the request that it include both academic and reenactor experts. Mike Anderson is willing to chair the board, and has nominated several others to serve with him. Your nominations are welcome. The first item on their agenda will be to review and correct what is already posted.*

**5. Request for Sponsorship of Muzzle Loading Musket Training for Boy Scouts:** Two weeks ago, Fred Nudd of West Jordan, Utah approached LTC Jamison with a request that the Mormon Battalion Association sponsor his muzzle loading musket training of Boy Scouts. An NRA certified trainer, Mr. Nudd has been training Scouts in this skill for many years at the annual Boy Scout "Big Event" in northeastern Utah. He is dismayed that both the LDS Church and the BSA will no longer allow Scouts to muzzle load his muskets, but will only allow them to shoot them. Mr. Nudd requests that the Mormon Battalion Association sponsor his efforts independent of the Church and the BSA. If we were to do so, we would be liable for all injuries. *The Board disapproved this request, as it would expose the Battalion to too much liability. They agreed that we need to explore how the Mormon Battalion might participate in the "Big Event" each year.*

**6. Reordering Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides:** Sales of our improved Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides are picking up. In just four years, we have sold over 1,000. We will be placing an order for another 1,000 early next week. Per our decisions regarding Intellectual Property Rights in our 17 September Executive Leadership Meeting, we will instruct the producers to slightly modify the molds to change the copyright notice inside the back of our slides from "©MBA" to "©Mormon Battalion Assn." *LTC Jamison has been very preoccupied with caring for his daughter and grandchildren since the unexpected death of his son-in-law, but will contact the provider this week.*

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## Projected Action Items:

### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director (S1 - Adjutant General)** and **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- COL Gourley (Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors): Swear in Greg Christofferson as member of Board of Directors.

### Graves Memorialization:

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

### Search of Memorabilia of Late MAJ Don Schultz:

- LTC Jamison: Contact Hugh Schultz, son of the late MAJ Don Schultz, to search for the nine missing white leather belts in his father's memorabilia, and to extract and forward to us the 7,000+ roster of Mormon Battalion Eagle Slides maintained by his father on his personal computer.

### Finances:

- CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer): Forward documentation to rest of Board of Directors for internal audit.
- CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer): Create new *Payment/Reimbursement Request Forms*.

### Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award:

- Kevin Henson: *As soon as possible*, lead Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Member Advisory Committee in providing the data to LTC Jamison and CSM Munford for publication of Requirements booklet.
- LTC Jamison: *As soon as requirements booklet is finished*, coordinate new patches, lapel pins/pendants, requirements list, booklet, and other documentation with LDS Primary-Young Men-Young Women and LDS-BSA coordinators 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 in BSA Mormon Battalion Trail Award after Mormon Battalion Association takes over.

### Partnership with BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy:

- LTC Jamison: Arrange a four way meeting between Jill Crandall, President Brian Cannon, Laura Anderson, and himself to formulate an unified approach and concrete proposals for donor grants.
- COL Gourley: Alert Greg Christofferson of what is coming.

### Website Release 3.0:

- 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.
- Laura Anderson and Kevin Henson: Prepare a letter to appropriate LDS and political leaders requesting support in digitization effort, and detailing the information desired. LTC Jamison suggested we contact Elders Holland and Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve for support in this matter. Both are very sympathetic to our cause, and Elder Holland supervises Church History.

- 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: Re-contact Professor Brian Cannon to request student assistance from two BYU student research organizations (Redd Center for Western History and Early Saints Research Group) to assist in both transcription and reviewing collection of newspaper Eastern United States newspaper articles about the LDS Church in search of articles about the Mormon Battalion.
- 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.
- Guy Dickson: Provide reports on activities of California LDS Living History Mission in Southern California, akin to what Peter Guilbert is doing in Northern California.

### **Honorary Memberships:**

- 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, Terry Latey, and Laura Anderson.
- LTC Jamison: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.

### **Norma Ricketts' Research Files and Metadata at University of California - Berkely:**

- Laura Anderson: Copy Norma Ricketts' extensive library of Mormon Battalion history.
- Peter Guilbert: Check for a host and assistants to help Laura during her week long visit in February 2017.

### **COL Carl V. Larson's Research Files and Metadata in Spanish Fork, Utah:**

- Laura Anderson: Copy COL Larson's Mormon Battalion research files and metadata prior to their donation to the LDS Church.

### **Gail Holmes' Research Files and Metadata in Omaha, Nebraska:**

- Laura Anderson: Copy Gail Holmes' extensive library of Mormon history in the Middle Missouri River Valley prior to its donation to the Church or BYU.

### **Creation of Website Historian's Editorial Review Board:**

- LTC Jamison: Appoint Mike Anderson as Chair of a Historian's Editorial Review Board, with full authority to recruit academic and reenactor experts, with the charter to review and correct all present and future items of a "historic nature" posted on the Mormon Battalion Association website, insuring that:
  - a) the material be supported by academic quality research with references, or be clearly labeled as speculation with rationale for why it is being presented.
  - b) the material be peer reviewed by more than one person with skills in the area being discussed – not just "read and looked at" by a couple of people.
  - c) they vote on each article or report.
    - i. If they reject the material, it will *not* be posted online – other than perhaps into the Myths and Mythperceptions section.
    - ii. If they do not achieve unanimous agreement on the material, find a way to respectfully post minority opinions.

### **Participation in 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arrival of Mormon Battalion into San Diego:**

- COL Gourley: Look into the possibility of leading a delegation representing us at the annual Mormon Battalion Day there on 28 January 2017.

**Response to Request for Sponsorship of Muzzle Loading Musket Training by Fred Nudd:**

- LTC Jamison: Send Mr. Nudd letter declining his request, as it would expose the Battalion to too much liability.

**Explore Battalion Participation in Annual BSA “Big Event” in Northeastern Utah:**

- CSM Munford: Explore how the Mormon Battalion might participate each year.

**Reordering Modified Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides:**

- LTC Jamison: Reorder Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides with instructions to modify the molds to change the copyright notice inside the back of our slides from “©MBA” to “©Mormon Battalion Assn.”

**Closing Remarks & Inspirational Thought**

**LTC Max W. Jamison**

**The View of Eternity** – We are mortal. We do not have a view of everything our Heavenly Father does. Spencer W. Kimball once told a story about a room in Hawaii that he stayed in. It had glass walls on some sides yet when they stood in it with the light on, they could see nothing except what was in the room. We, in mortality, are blinded by the veil. Our view does not extend beyond this room of our existence. Only when the light goes out does the view expand to wider vistas. President Kimball described the beauty that existed in that worldly paradise that he was able to see once they turned off the light in their room. We also will be able to see sights of paradise and beauty after our mortal light goes out. Without the view of eternity, however, we sometimes get focused on the wrong things or follow paths that lead us away from our faith in Jesus Christ and His teachings. So we need to repent and correct our mistakes, be worthy to have the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost. – Johnny Hayes (26 July 1969-19 November 2016), excerpt from Sacramento Meeting Talk given on 5 June 2008 while serving in Hunter Utah Stake Young Men's Presidency

**Benediction**

**James Waite**

**Next Executive Staff Meeting:**

10:00 AM - Noon, Saturday, 21 January 2017  
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