

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
21 April 2007 - 9:00 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** COL Norman T. Ereksen
- Attending:** COL Norman T. Ereksen, MAJ Richard H. Bullock,, LTC Gaylen Maynes, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Tom Coyne, LTC Bob Paul, PRES Anne Ereksen, MAJ Gloyd Sprouse
- Excused:** LTC Jerome Gourley
- Visitors:** Erma Bullock, Shirley Maynes, Kayla Willey, Norma Bench, MAJ John Hayes, Roselyn Slade, CAPT Earl Gillmore
- Invocation:** MAJ Roger Grua
1. **Welcome:** COL Norman T. Ereksen
  2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 21 April 2007 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes, as amended, made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by MAJ Tom Coyne. Motion passed.
  3. **Calendar:** The proposed calendar was reviewed and one change was made.
  4. **Members:** One member was presented by MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, David B. Jackson of Bettendorf, Iowa. Motion to accept this member into the Battalion made by MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, seconded by LTC Max Jamison. Motion passed.
  5. **Financial:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that there is \$5881.76 in the working account. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that an insurance policy had been purchased called an Owners & Contractors Liability policy. COL Ereksen felt an additional policy called a Builders Risk Policy may need to be purchased to cover the materials on site. More research is needed here.  
COL Ereksen indicated that LTC Bob Paul and Ed Kimball had agreed to manage the building construction. This will save us \$180,000 in contractor costs. As a gesture of thanks, the Executive Committee was motioned by PRES Anne Ereksen to reimburse the travel, i.e. mileage, costs of Maj Paul and Ed Kimball concerning the building. Seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed
  6. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison indicated the next issue of the *Valiant* has been started. It will be six to eight pages.

7. **Trek 2008:** Kevin Henson will be at the Mormon History Conference next to our booth. Kevin is forming his own 501 (3)(c) that will tie in with our group.
- COL Erektion reported that ten sets of accouterments are still not complete as full sets. We need to have a work day at MAJ Don Schurtz' to mark and identify each item as belonging to the Mormon Battalion Association. Laurie Hillier suggested that we offer a souvenir tin drinking cup along the march. COL Erektion looked into the costs and found it ranged from \$16.95 to \$5.50 each. The ones from China required an order of at least 25,000 units! A wooden nickel seemed more in line with our financial abilities. These have been used in California with some success and the costs are not too high. Appropriate markings will be needed.
8. **Essay Contest:** The contest is completed. MAJ Roger Grua reported that he still needs the input from one judge to determine the winner. We have received 34 entries, a great improvement over prior years. MAJ Grua suggested a personal letter to each participant and Laurie Hillier will draw up an Honorable Mention certificate. We discussed an Honorary membership status for the balance of this year and then offer them a \$15 membership as regular members in 2008. Motion for such made by MAJ Tom Coyne, seconded by both PRES Anne Erektion and LTC Max Jamison. Voted passed.
9. **Heritage Day:** MAJ John Hayes passed around his proposal and status report for Heritage Day 2007. Everything is on schedule for the event. He did propose that we increase our exposure to more people to gain a bigger audience. He also proposed that profession press kits be made up, at least 10 copies, to publicize the event to the major media outlets. LTC Max Jamison indicated that he would need some help to get it finished. MAJ Hayes also suggested that June 9 be set aside as a ground breaking day for the new visitor center. He would need press kits and media coverage for this event also.
10. **Days of '47:** We have not yet been contacted by their Committee.
11. **MHA:** We are going to sponsor a booth at the Mormon History Association annual meeting. LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, MAJ Richard Bullock, Erma Bullock, COL Norm Erektion and PRES. Erektion will man the booth and offer products for donations.
12. **Building Status:** LTC Bob Paul indicated he is working on a PowerPoint presentation for the Heritage Day program. He had a meeting with Elder Ballard, Ellis Ivory and others concerning the Visitors Center and obtained their approval for our

proposed project.

Elder Ballard indicated that he feels that all our organizations, i.e. DUP, SUP, Battalion, etc should seek out a method to build up our organizations and activities using some form of program that is sponsored by Ward Priesthood assignment.

The Visitor Center building lot has been marked and laid out.

Harper Construction will furnish trucks for earth movement, Paul Richards will supply the concrete, Lynn Tegland will donate the concrete work, (a major part of the building), Stan Fitts brother will donate the electrical work.

A ground breaking ceremony has been established for 9 June 2007.

Basement for the building will be poured at the same time as the monument bases.

Ladies departed for their own meeting.

**Benediction:** MAJ Gloyd Sprouse. Dismissed at 11:00 a.m.