

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING**

**21 April 2007 - 11:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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Conducting: COL Norman T. Ereksen

Invocation: MAJ Roger Grua

Pledge: MAJ Don Schurtz

Attending: COL Norman T. Ereksen, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Don Schurtz, MAJ Val John Halford, CAPT Clark Olsen, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Tom Coyne, LTC Gaylen Maynes.

Excused: MAJ Robert Cole, MAJ Terry Wirth, CAPT LaVar Burton, MAJ John Hayes, LTC Jerome Gourley, LTC Bob Paul, LTC Max Jamison, Maj Gloyd Sprouse,

1. **Welcome:** COL Norman T. Ereksen.
2. **Minutes:** MAJ Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 17 March 2007 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by MAJ Tom Coyne, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** Calendar was reviewed and several changes made.
4. **Members:** MAJ Richard Bullock read the list of new members as follows: Thomas G. Benson, Vermont; LTC Jeffrey L. Wingo, Kyle L. Wingo, Kansas; Christopher W. Perry; Steven J. Burton; George S. Dodge II, George S. Dodge III, William S. Dodge; Joseph Leon Kosta. Upgrade to Life Member David LaRue Crockett, Show Low, Arizona. A proposal to accept these members made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by MAJ Roger Grua, vote passed.
5. **Finances:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that there is \$5468.04 in the operating account and \$2931.87 in the Life account, plus the CD.
6. **Valiant:** COL Ereksen reported that the next issue of the *Valiant* is scheduled for June 1, 2007 and will be eight pages.
7. **Heritage Day:** COL Norm Ereksen reported that the building fee has been waived and read the report from MAJ John Hayes as to his status for the program.

8. Building

- Project:** COL Erikson reported that Plan B has been approved and has begun. It will include the monument bases, utilities, and road base for fill. 100 yards of road base fill and trucks to move it have been donated.
9. **Trek 2008:** COL Erikson read an email from Kevin Henson requesting help. The three areas he asked for are help in doing some internet research, a person to help in confirming campsites, and volunteer staff for recruiting and application recruiting coordinator as well as day hike coordinator. Erma Bullock volunteered to help with the internet searches.
- Ten sets of accouterments have been ordered and partially received. Samples were shown to members. Maj Val John Halford indicated that the quality level of the items is excellent. Each item will need to receive some kind of property marking to identify it as belonging to the Mormon Battalion Association. Each set cost \$260.00 and donations are expected to cover the cost to the Battalion. These items will be loaned out to Kevin Henson for the Trek 2008 program.
10. **Essay Contest:** MAJ Roger Grua indicated that one has been received so far.
11. **Days of '47:** Company B will furnish the color guard for the event. Need volunteers and marchers for the parade.
12. **Membership:** COL Erikson read part of a letter from LTC Doug Williams in Africa. He next reported that Life Memberships were granted to LTC Williams and his wife in the Executive meeting. LTC Williams had been making annual membership payments for the past 30 years.
13. **MHA:** COL Erikson reported that we have a booth in the Mormon History Association conference May 24 through the 27th. LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, MAJ Richard Bullock and Erma Bullock will be the main people to man the booth but additional help would be appreciated.
14. **Company Reports:**
- Company A: Nothing reported.
- Company B: MAJ Don Schurtz reported that the Company had watched a DVD on the Mexican War at their last meeting. He also reported that Dixie Company is now set-up to manufacture neckerchief slides for

the Eagle Awards. He has sent out 150 since the first of March.

Company C: Capt Clark Olsen reported that he received his Silver Beaver Award on March 20th. He passed it around for examination. He was congratulated by the Battalion members in the meeting.

Company D: CAPT Gordon Coulson sent in membership renewals for six members, a building fund donation, and new membership for Joseph Leon Kosta.

Company E: Nothing reported.

Ship *Brooklyn*: Maj Richard Bullock reported that the mailing of the "California's Pioneer Heritage" brochure to all members of the Battalion, had been well received. It resulted in donations for four DVD's and one new member.

Benediction: MAJ Richard Bullock

Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.