

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

7:00 PM, Thursday, 19 December 2019

LTC Max Jamison Residence and via GoToMeeting.com

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The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets at least once per quarter on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, 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 Commander's Staff Reports.

Executive Staff Attendance: The following were present: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander), MAJ Laura Anderson (Senior Historian), and MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer).

The following were absent: COL Jerome Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor and Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors), COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer) and Margaret Larson (Acting Membership/Human Relations Officer), CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer and Board Member), MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Relations Officer), CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major), Kevin Henson (Trails Experts), and Steve Reinhart (Judge Advocate General).

Board of Directors Attendance: The following was present: Al Matheson (Member)

The following were absent: Edwin Kimball (Chair), James Waite (Vice Chair), Greg Christofferson, Guy Dickson, Ashley Hall, and Dennis Holland.

Local Leadership Attendance: The following were present: SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad), CPT Steve Cannon, and CPT Thomas Griggs (Eastern Idaho Squad).

The following were absent: CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad) and SGT Larry Bilyeu (Cedar City Squad),.

Associated Organization Attendance: The following were present: Mike Anderson (Chair of the Historians Editorial Review Board), and Peter Guilbert and Smokey Bassett (California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area).

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items

LTC Jamison

Invocation

SGT David Jamiel

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General Business:

Recognition & Awards

None

Service Opportunities

See <https://www.JustServe.org>™ website.

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).

Finances:

- LTC Jamison: Work with CPA Gary Lunt to prepare IRS Form 1023. *Completed and submitted financial spreadsheets for 2017 through today. Incoming Finance Officer Ronald Kirkpatrick and Judge Advocate General MAJ David Day have promised to help.*
- LTC Jamison: Prepare summary of finances to forward to Board of Directors for internal audit. *Completed and transferred today.*

Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Awards:

- 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.
- CSM Munford and Greg Christofferson: Arrange for a meeting in the near future with the youth leadership of the LDS Church to obtain their endorsement and support for our new awards program.
- Dennis Holland: Coordinate placement of posters and website information with Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California, and other strategic locations in California.

Honorary Memberships:

- Dennis Holland: Submit list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates to LTC Jamison.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.
- 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 Gail Holmes.
- LTC Jamison, Dennis Holland, Dennis Amaral, and Guy Dickson: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past California LDS Living History Mission members. *Peter Guilbert will help put together a list for Northern California.*

Website Updates:

- 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.
- 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.

“All Things Mormon Battalion” Project:

- Dan Roper: Implement Release 4.0 as quickly as possible. *Held meetings in October. He is working with Aspen Anderson, a professional website designer, to build our new website using open source software similar to Dan’s proposal. They are scheduled to meet with LTC Jamison and MAJ Anderson Saturday afternoon. (See New Business.)*

- All: Nominate indexers good at reading cursive to MAJ Anderson to help with indexing and transcription in Kindex™ software.
- COL Gourley and LTC Jamison: Follow up with Greg Christofferson regarding his contacts with our friends with deep pockets to fund \$20,000 for two BYU students in Dr. Jill Crandall's BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original "cradle to grave" documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon Battalion and their laundresses, guides, and family members.

Research Mormon Battalion Association Documents in BYU Special Collections:

- LTC Jamison: Research missing history of Mormon Battalion Association from late 1940s through late 1990s in the Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.

Membership Reports:

Affiliate Organization Reports:

1. **Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin and Denny Henson:** No report.
2. **Boy Scouts of America:** No report.
3. **California LDS Living History Mission, Southern California Area – Guy Dickson:** No report.
4. **California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area – Dennis Amaral:** No report.
5. **California Pioneer Heritage Foundation – Dennis Holland:** No report.
6. **Daughters of Utah Pioneers:** No report.
7. **Early Saints Research Group – MAJ Laura Anderson:** No report.
8. **FamilySearch™:** No report.
9. **Friends of the Battalion & Ship *Brooklyn* – President Donald L. Eastman:** No report.
10. **Heritage Trails Association – Marilyn Mills:** No report.
11. **Mormon Battalion Arizona (Mesa Company) – CPT Owen Garner:** No report.
12. **Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego, California:** No report.
13. **Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Historic Reenactment Group, Utah Living History Association. – CPT Jared Cornell:** No report.
14. **Mormon History Association – President Brian Cannon:** No report.
15. **Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) – Ashley Hall:** No report.
16. **Sons of Utah Pioneers:** No report.
17. **Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA) – Gar Elison, Convention Committee Chairman:** No report.
18. **Santa Fe Trail Association –** No report.

Board of Directors Reports – Ltc Jamison: We held our annual Board meeting on 12 December, and subsequently approved the following business electronically with a vote of six in favor (the required 60%), one abstention, and three not voting:

1. Implications of LTC Jamison Remarrying – LTC Jamison married Elizabeth Ann Matteson on 24 October 2019. While currently living separately in Orem, Utah and Toledo, Ohio, they plan to liquidate their holdings and establish a new home, most likely near her daughter in Centerton, Arkansas and the recently announced Bentonville Arkansas Temple. On 12 October, he advised the Board of the following delegation of authority, and advised the Battalion Leadership in the regular 17 October Leadership Meeting:

- Accouterments have been transferred to MAJ Halford in Farmington, Utah.
- Quartermaster Store has been transferred to CPT Griggs in Idaho Falls, Idaho, who has set up tax free status there. All mail is being forwarded to him on a weekly basis.
- Battalion Library to be transferred to MAJ Anderson in Tooele, Utah, who will assess for digitizing and hosting on our new website. LTC Jamison and MAJ Anderson will inventory and donate hard copies to BYU, Bancroft Library, or Great Basin Community College in Elko, NV. *[Col Matheson suggested that we consider donating our library to the Southern Utah University Special Collections to go with the thousands of trail documents they hold. Maj Anderson stated: "In my research at different libraries, they have been the most accommodating library I have visited (perhaps because of my family's long history with them going back to my grandparents)! I think as we do the inventory, I should take any I need for research for the time being and plan on donation to this library in the future.*

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- Duplicate debit cards have been issued for CPT Griggs for easier payment of shipping materials.
- LTC Jamison will continue, remotely if necessary, as Battalion Commander until released, but will continue to actively serve the Battalion as Webmaster and any other functions requested.

2. Elimination of Oath of Membership and Amendment of Swearing In Oath – Our Oath of Membership reads:

Oath of Membership (patterned after that of the original Mormon Battalion): I, _____, do solemnly swear, or affirm (as the case may be), that I will bear true allegiance to the Mormon Battalion Association,TM and that I will serve it honestly and faithfully against all enemies or opposers whatsoever; and observe and obey the orders of the Battalion Commander and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules, *Bylaws*, and *Articles of Incorporation* for the government of the Mormon Battalion Association,TM complying with all applicable laws and the *Utah Nonprofits Association (UNA) Standards of Ethics*.

MAJ Anderson recommended we eliminate the phrase "against all enemies or opposers whatsoever; and observe and obey the orders of the Battalion Commander and the orders of the officers appointed over me" from our Oath of Membership, as it might offend potential members. It was noted that our Swearing In Oath is almost identical, and similar patriotic and heritage organizations have no Oath of Membership, but only a Swearing In Oath for their Board of Directors and officers. We also agreed that it is unnecessary to swear compliance with the *Utah Nonprofits Association (UNA) Standards of Ethics*, as there is sufficient mention of them in our *Articles of Incorporation* and *Bylaws*. We therefore agreed to entirely eliminate our Oath of Membership, and to amend our Swearing In Oath to read as follows:

Will the member please stand, raise your right hand and repeat this pledge?

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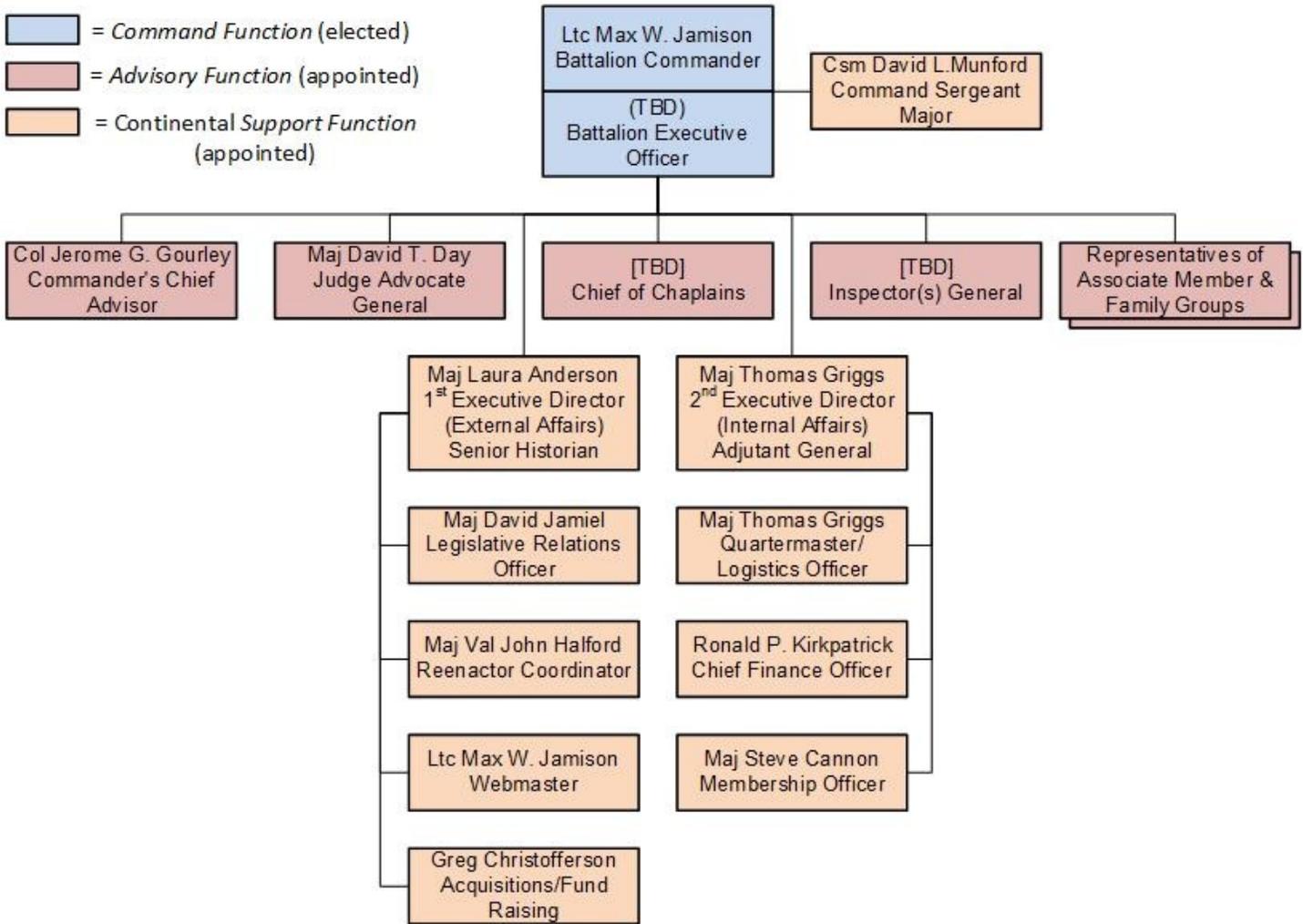
You are now officially [*a member of the Board of Directors/the office to which sworn*]. Congratulations and best wishes!

3. Restructuring of Battalion Executive Staff – With the advice and consent of the Board, LTC Jamison is restructuring the Battalion Executive Staff as follows, with all new officers to be sworn in as soon as possible:

- **Battalion Executive Officer** on the Executive Staff and **Vice President of the Board of Directors** (existing position) – Release COL Carl V. Larson from this position with a vote of thanks, per his long term request. The Battalion Commander will continue seeking a new Battalion Executive Officer whom he can train as *President Pro Tempore* with the potential to replace himself.
- **1st Executive Director (External Affairs) Senior Historian** on the Executive Staff and Board of Directors (existing position currently vacant) – Retitle 2nd Executive Director (External Affairs) Public Relations Commandant, and fill this vacancy with MAJ Laura Anderson. She will work closely with like minded historical research organizations and groups. This position is a designated *ex officio* (secondary duty) member of the Board.
- **2nd Executive Director (Internal Affairs) Adjutant General** on the Executive Staff and Board of Directors (existing position currently vacant) – Retitle 1st Executive Director (Internal Affairs) Adjutant General, and fill this vacancy with CPT Thomas Griggs, currently Commander of the Eastern Idaho Squad, Utah North Platoon, HHC Company. He will be promoted to the honorary rank of Major, and also function as the subordinate **Quartermaster/Logistics Officer**. His duties will analogous to a military Adjutant General, i.e., "responsible for providing personnel support that affects Soldiers' overall welfare and well-being, while assisting commanders by accounting for and keeping Soldiers combat-ready." This position is a designated *ex officio* (secondary duty) member of the Board. He will continue as **Eastern Idaho Squad Commander** until we can find a replacement.

Mormon Battalion Association

Battalion Executive Staff



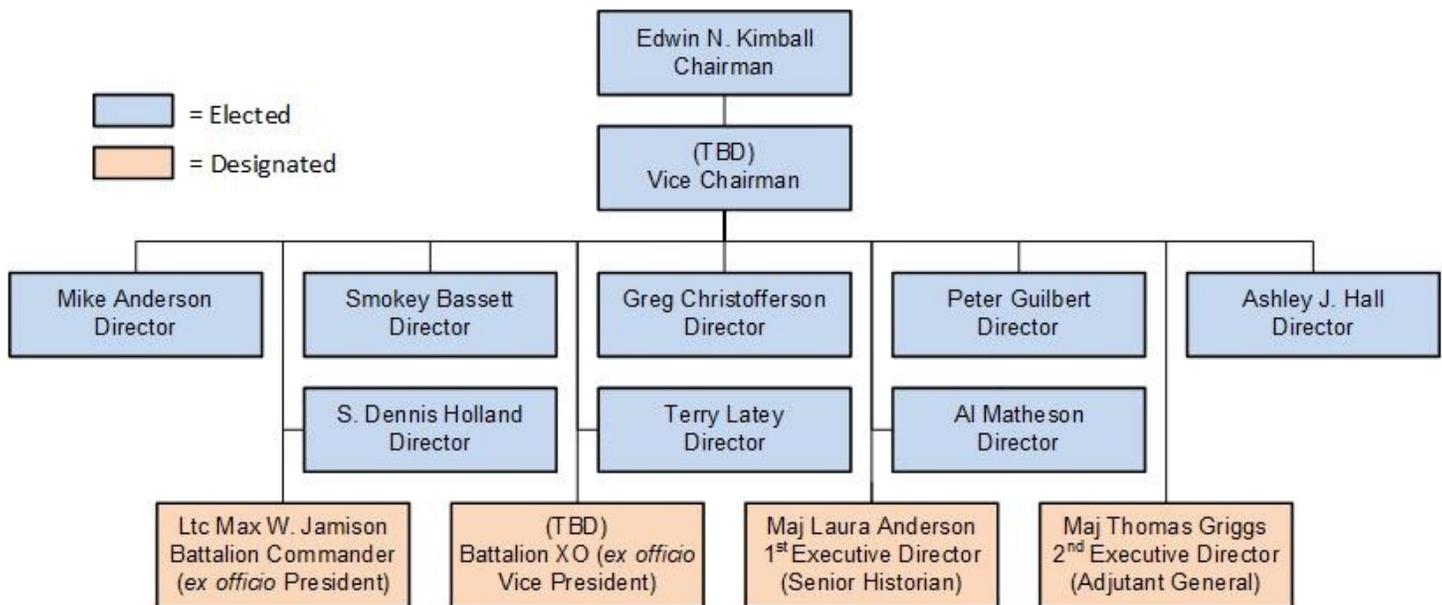
- **Judge Advocate General** on the Executive Staff (existing position) – Release Steven L. Rinehart with a vote of thanks. He has been unable to perform his function for several two years due to other pressing activities. He will be replaced by David T. Day, a Senior Attorney in Salt Lake City who recently joined the Battalion, and will be given the honorary rank of Major.
- **Finance Officer** on the Executive Staff (existing position) – Release CPT Todd Crappa with a vote of thanks. He has been unable to perform his function for over two years due to family health issues. He will be replaced by Ronald P. Kirkpatrick, a CPA from Albuquerque, NM. He has declined, but has the option to later accept, the honorary rank of Major.
- **Membership Officer** on the Executive Staff (existing position) – Release Margaret Larson with a vote of thanks per her long term request. She will be replaced by CPT Steve Cannon, a faithful member of our Eastern Idaho Company to this position, who will be given the honorary rank of Major.
- **Reenactor Coordinator** on the Executive Staff (new position) – Transfer MAJ Val John Halford from his current position as Quartermaster/Logistics Officer. He is well suited for this task, as he is an avid reenactor who has represented us for many years.

- **Acquisitions/Fund Raising Officer** on the Executive Staff (new position) – Offer this new position to Greg Christofferson with the honorary rank of Major, while continuing him as a member of the Board.
- **Legislative Relations Officer** on the Executive Staff (new position) – Offer this new position to SGT David Jamiel, our Colorado Squad Commander, with the honorary rank of Major. This individual will represent the Battalion in our efforts to get the Mormon Battalion Trail recognized as a National Historic Trail. *[COL Matheson gave names of two individuals who could help SGT Jamiel, one in Arizona, and one in Northern Colorado less than 15 minutes from him. The Executive Staff approved a motion to join the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) through Reba Grandrud in Arizona. COL Matheson offered to pay the membership fee of about \$250.00. After the meeting, LTC Jamison went to their website, <http://pnts.org>, and applied for organizational membership, listing MAJ Jamiel as our primary contact and MAJ Anderson as our secondary contact. They did not ask for money - yet. COL Matheson referenced a hardcover book by Daniel Talbot, entitled A Historic Guide to the Mormon Battalion and Butterfield Trail, 1 June 1992. After the meeting, LTC Jamison purchased a collector's copy on Amazon.com for \$41.35.]*

4. Changes to Board of Directors – Honored the longstanding request from COL Carl V. Larson that he be released from his duties as Battalion Executive Officer. Released James L. Waite and CPT Todd Crappa from the Board and Battalion with a vote of thanks. *[Guy Dickson has since submitted his resignation from the Board due to health concerns.]* We discussed our four *[now five]* elected vacancies, and our *[single remaining]* designated *ex officio* (secondary duty) vacancy for the Battalion Executive Officer. Your nominations are welcome. Subsequent to our 12 December meeting, LTC Jamison and MAJ Anderson nominated Peter Guilbert and Smokey Bassett, members of the Battalion who are long time reenactors and our advocates in Northern California, and Terry Latey, a long time Battalion research associate of MAJ Anderson's in Omaha, Nebraska. They are all willing to serve. *[Tonight, MAJ Anderson nominated Mike Anderson to serve on the Board, and he accepted. That leaves only one vacancy!]*

Mormon Battalion Association

Board of Directors



We have intentionally recruited outsiders familiar with the original Battalion to our Boards of Directors to bring new leadership skills and management expertise to the Battalion complementing our four designated Executive Staff members. It is our intent that the outsiders always be able to overrule our designated members. Such a recruiting policy is a two edged sword: If we “pack the Board” with outsiders, they frequently cannot dedicate sufficient time to our cause; and there is a potential for occasional conflict of interest requiring recusal if they also serve on our Executive Staff. CPT Todd Crappa did both, and Greg Christofferson would also, if he accepts our proffered position as Acquisitions/Fund Raising Officer.

5. New Website – On 15 August 2019, the Executive Staff authorized LTC Jamison to hire professional web designer Aspen Anderson to redesign website implementing Dan Roper’s Release 4.0 template. Ms. Anderson, MAJ Laura Anderson, and LTC Jamison held initial discussions and signed a contract on 5 October for an initial outlay 40 hours work for \$1,000. Ms. Anderson, MAJ Anderson, Dan Roper, and LTC Jamison held a detailed design review on 19 October. While some design issues have come up which may cause a minor cost overrun, they have already begun posting information to the framework and plan to have the website up and running before the end of the year. . *[MAJ Anderson agreed to work with Ms. Anderson to incorporate into our website the capability to permit Battalion member donors or Kindex transcribers access to the large databases of data that she and other researchers are accumulating.]*

6. Preparation of IRS Form 1023 – The Executive Staff has contracted with Gary Lunt, CPA for \$250.00 to prepare and submit an IRS Form 1023. While this is retroactive, it is important that we get it done as quickly as possible so donors do not lose their tax deductions. LTC Jamison will submit a spreadsheet to Mr. Lunt summarizing our 2017-2019 expenses. *[Done today.]* Mr. Kirkpatrick will prepare future annual forms as our Finance Officer.

7. Transfer of \$5,000 from Arts Fund to Historical Research Fund – With the consent of our anonymous donor of the two funds, the Board approved transfer of \$5,000 from the Arts Fund to the Historical Research Fund. This will bring us to \$1,752.57 in the former and \$6,494.17 in the latter.

8. Designated Donations – We discussed procedures for making donations to the Battalion with designation for their use, such as reimbursement stipends for Battalion travel. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that there should be no problem with this as long as the recipient keeps receipts.

9. Stipend to Help MAJ Anderson with Recovery of Battalion Data on Computer – MAJ Anderson has so overwhelmed two different laptop computers with Battalion data that they have both crashed, each time costing her over \$1,500 to replace them. She requested a stipend of about \$1,000 to help offset her most recent costs. She is separating her data into a different drive from her operating system and backing it up to an external drive. We need to help her help us. Ultimately, we need to give her and like historians the ability to safely store their research data on our web based drive. *[COL Matheson offered to pay for two large external hard drives to help with MAJ Anderson’s archiving, and suggested that we host our research on a cloud based server where all researchers could go.]*

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 – James Waite: No report.

Ogden Section – MAJ Clark Olsen: No report.

Salt Lake Squad – CSM Munford: No report.

Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris: No report.

Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman: No report.

Cedar City Squad – SGT Larry Bilyeu: No report.

Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel: Four events coming in the next week.

St. George Squad – CPT Robert Wood: COL Gourley 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: No report.

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

At Large Members – No report.

Membership Advisory Committee Reports:

1. **Art Committee – Mike Anderson:** Working on plans for a new painting.
2. **Website Historians Editorial Review Board (HERB) – Mike Anderson:** No report.
3. **“All Things Mormon Battalion” Project –** No report.
4. **Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Program Committee – CSM Munford, Chair:** No report.
5. **2022 Events – Kevin Henson:** No report.

Commander’s Staff Reports:

1. **Senior Historian’s Report – MAJ Anderson:** My first goal in researching the Mormon Battalion was first to know what had been done. This way, I have created an inventory of sorts, about who has worked on the Battalion in the past and how they listed names, birth dates, death dates etc. and what lists are created copying other people’s work. This has been useful in my research efforts. When I come on an anomaly in what has been reported by others, I have a much better chance of figuring out who has first reported this anomaly and how best to resolve it. For instance, one question was: Are Isaac Harris and Isaac Harrison two different persons or are they the same person represented in two different styles. Answer: They are the same person represented in two different styles according to the Consolidated Military Service Records. (That took me 45 seconds instead of a day or two to figure out.)

Goal number two is a spreadsheet I created with hyperlinks to the resources which have been used by prior researchers. I have, whenever possible, made a digital copy of what is represented by this project. In the long run saving the Association thousands of dollars in travel and research time and expense. These sets of documents includes the Carl V. Larson files now in my possession, the Norma Ricketts files copied from UC Berkley in California, and other records in the Church Historian’s files at Church History Library.

Goal number three, using stipends from the Mormon Battalion Association, I have gleaned additional records from National Archives (NARA) and the Library of Congress. We are on our way to getting digital copies of most of the vast number of original records about the Battalion held by the NARA.

In Sep 2017 the Mormon Battalion Association proposed an agreement with the BYU Nauvoo Community Project to have students research and write reports about the men of the Mormon Battalion. If we found donors to support two part time students at Brigham Young University's Center for Family History and Genealogy for a year, the BYU Staff would hire them, provide a work place, and do the payroll for us at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00. The donors could either donate to the Mormon Battalion Association’s nonprofit arm or directly to BYU earmarked for Battalion research. Sadly, we have not yet been successful in finding the donors. When we do, the BYU records would be posted on the Nauvoo Community Project, their research log would go on FamilySearch, and links for both will go to our website. Thus the donors could feel good about supporting both the Mormon Battalion Association’s efforts to identify these soldiers and they would also be supporting a set of students at the Brigham Young University's Center for Family History and Genealogy in their education giving them another meaningful project to be involved with and some funding to continue their schooling! For more about the Center and their programs see the hyperlinks below:

<http://genealogytrot.blogspot.com/2015/03/nauvoo-community-project.html>

Search at Nauvoo Community project <http://nauvoo.byu.edu/Search.aspx>

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libraries, they have been the most accommodating library I have visited (perhaps because of my family's long history with them going back to my grandparents)! Since they are the official repository for the Driggs and Pony Express collections, the addition of ours would make it a primary stopping place for trails research.

I made two motions which were carried:

- 1) To contact Reba Grandrud, Special Regional Director of Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS).
- 2) To join the PNTS. [After the meeting, LTC Jamison completed an online application for Affiliate Membership in the PNTS. They didn't ask for any money YET. He gave them our official address, website, his phone number, MAJ David Jamiel name as our primary contact, and MAJ Anderson's as our secondary contact.] Mr. Matheson offered to pay the \$250 membership fee for the year for the PNTS and mentioned us getting a hold of Camela Bradford, a lawyer who is the step daughter of Driggs.

I will work with Ms. Anderson on the website over the holiday if I get a chance. I am working with Mary Ann Kirk, Katherine, sp Forbes, and Kevin Hensen on the lists of persons involved in and with the Battalion.

2. Commander's Report – LTC Jamison: (See Board of Directors Report above.)

Continental Support Staff Reports:

1. Chief Finance Officer Report – CPT Crappa: (LTC Jamison) We currently have a bank balance of **\$10,654.73**, dpwm from \$10,839.92. Since our last meeting in October, we have had the following activity:

a. Main Share Savings:

- *Deposits:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$1.05**
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

b. General Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$0.35 interest, \$425.00 cash donations, and \$778.06 PayPal deposits
- *Expenditures:* \$200.00 transfer to Historical Research Fund for cancelled \$200.00 Check 125 to Kevin Henson, \$314.49 for normal shipping and handling, \$118.20 for three normal monthly fees from GoToMeeting.com™, \$250.00 for Aspen Anderson website update, \$12.00 for Utah State Foreign Registration Statement, \$100.00 for Idaho State Foreign Registration, \$463.44 to SymbolArts for Eagle Scout slides
- *Current Balance:* **\$2,406.94** down from \$2,747.66
- *Pending Expenditures:* \$250.00 to Gary Lunt, CPA, to prepare IRS Form 1023, normal monthly shipping and handling fees, and normal \$39.26 monthly fee from GoToMeeting.com
- *Pending Deposits:* \$1,000.00 donation from MAJ Laura Anderson, which would be forwarded to Kindex to further their work in our behalf

c. Arts Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$2.50 interest
- *Expenditures:* \$5,000 transfer to Historical Research Fund
- *Current Balance:* **\$1,752.57**, down from \$6,745.00
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

d. Historical Research Fund:

- *Deposits:* \$0.29 interest, \$200.00 transfer from General Fund for cancelled check to Kevin Henson, \$5,000.00 transfer from Arts Fund
- *Expenditures:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$6,494.17**, up from \$1,347.32
- *Pending Expenditures:* Stipend of \$750.00 to Aspen Anderson for website Release 4.0 design, Stipend to MAJ Anderson of \$643.00 for her November NARA trip, and about \$1,000.00 to help offset her costs replacing her laptop computer overloaded with Battalion research data. Stipend to assist Mr. Henson with the search for and marking of the common grave of **PVTs James Hampton and John Green** in New Mexico.

Per approval in our October meeting, we transferred \$5,000.00 from our Arts Fund to our Historical Research Fund. We rapidly selling Eagle Scout Slides, likely due to the LDS Church's imminent departure from the Boy Scouts. We are well positioned for the immediate future, but are discussing replacing receipts from Eagle Scout Slides by making access to our research databases contingent on membership in the Battalion.

2. **Webmaster – LTC Jamison:** (See Board of Director Report, Item 5 above.).

New Business

(Open to Floor)

1. **Swearing in of New Board and Executive Staff Members.** The following individuals were present and sworn in using the new approved verbiage:

A. Battalion Executive Staff:

- **Judge Advocate General** on the Battalion Commander's Advisory Staff – MAJ David T. Day
- **1st Executive Director (External Affairs) Senior Historian** on the Executive Staff and Board of Directors – MAJ Laura Anderson
 - **Legislative Relations Officer** on the Executive Staff – MAJ David Jamiel
 - **Reenactor Coordinator** on the Executive Staff – MAJ Val John Halford
 - **Webmaster** on the Executive Staff – Ltc Max W. Jamison
 - **Acquisitions/Fund Raising Officer** on the Executive Staff – MAJ Greg Christofferson (not present, and will be sworn in at a later date if he accepts)
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 - **Finance Officer** on the Executive Staff – Ronald P. Kirkpatrick
 - **Membership Officer** on the Executive Staff – MAJ Steve Cannon

B. Battalion Board of Directors:

- **Chairman** – Edwin Kimball Christofferson (not present, and will be sworn in at a later date if he accepts)
- **Director** – Mike Anderson
- **Director** – Smokey Bassett
- **Director** – Greg Christofferson (not present, and will be sworn in at a later date if he accepts)
- **Director** – Peter Guilbert
- **Director** – BG Ashley J. Hall (not present, and will be sworn in at a later date if he accepts)
- **Director** – S. Dennis Holland (not present, and will be sworn in at a later date if he accepts)
- **Director** – Terry Latey
- **Director** – COL Al Matheson

Projected Action Items

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- Dennis Holland: Submit list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates to LTC Jamison.
- LTC Jamison: Contact Mormon Battalion Historic Site, San Diego for list of current and past missionaries for honorary membership certificates.
- 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 Gail Holmes.
- LTC Jamison, Dennis Holland, Dennis Amaral, and Guy Dickson: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past California LDS Living History Mission members. *Peter Guilbert will help put together a list for Northern California.*

Website Updates:

- 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.
- 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.

“All Things Mormon Battalion” Project:

- Dan Roper: Implement Release 4.0 as quickly as possible. *Held meetings in October. He is working with Aspen Anderson, a professional website designer, to build our new website using open source software similar to Dan’s proposal. They are scheduled to meet with LTC Jamison and MAJ Anderson Saturday afternoon. (See New Business.)*
- All: Nominate indexers good at reading cursive to MAJ Anderson to help with indexing and transcription in Kindex™ software.
- COL Gourley and LTC Jamison: Follow up with Greg Christofferson regarding his contacts with our friends with deep pockets to fund \$20,000 for two BYU students in Dr. Jill Crandall’s BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy to find and digitize original “cradle to grave” documents of the approximately 2,000 members of the original Mormon Battalion and their laundresses, guides, and family members.

Research Mormon Battalion Association Documents in BYU Special Collections:

- LTC Jamison: Research missing history of Mormon Battalion Association from late 1940s through late 1990s in the Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.

Closing Remarks & Inspirational Thought

LTC Jamison

Now is the time for a changing of the guard. With help from a few very special people, I have been in the wagon traces largely by myself carrying the administrative burdens of the Battalion for over four years, mailing slides and memorabilia to patrons, handling all of the finances of the Battalion, and handling volumes of official correspondence. A few of you have seen my need to delegate duties for some time, and have stepped forward to help. This became more urgent when I advised you of my marriage and eminent relocation to who knows where in our last meeting in October. Dear friends, I am touched by your loyalty and support for the Battalion we love! There are so many of you willing to help! MAJ Anderson accepted my call to become our new 1st Executive Director (External Affairs) Senior Historian, and to host our Battalion library in her home in Tooele, Utah. Then MAJ Griggs accepting my call to become our new 2nd Executive Director (Internal Affairs) Adjutant General and Quartermaster/Logistics Officer, and to host our Quartermaster Store and receive all of our mail in his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Then MAJ Halford accepted my call to fill a new position as our Reenactor Coordinator and to

host our accouterments in his home in Farmington, Utah. The list goes on: Smokey Bassett, Peter Guilford, Terry Latey, and Mike Anderson have accepted nominations to serve on our Board of Directors, lawyer David Day has volunteered to help us with our legal matters *pro bono* as our new Judge Advocate General, CPA Ronald Kirkpatrick has volunteered to help us with our financial matters *pro bono* as our new Finance Officer, CPT Steve Cannon has volunteered to help us as our new Membership Officer, SGT David Jamiel accepted our call to serve as our new Legislative Relations Officer. And finally, we hope that Greg Christofferson will accept our call to serve as our Acquisitions/Fund Raising Officer. *You all amaze me! And I am deeply touched!* And the search goes on to find a new Battalion Commander to replace me. But please be aware that while I may be moving, I'm not leaving the Battalion, but will actively serve the Battalion as Webmaster and any other functions requested for many years to come.

Benediction

MAJ Laura Anderson

Next Executive Staff Meeting:

7:00 PM, Thursday, 16 January 2020
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