

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
ADVISORS STAFF MEETING**

**20 January 2007 - 11:15 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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Conducting: Col Norman T. Erikson

Invocation: Maj John Hayes

Attending: Col Norman T. Erikson, Maj Richard Bullock, Ltc Max Jamison, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Roger Grua, Maj Tom Coyne, Maj John Hayes, Maj Don Schurtz, Capt LaVar Burton, Capt Jay Bowen, Maj Val John Halford, Ltc Jerome Gourley, Capt Earl Gillmore, Ltc Robert P. Paul

Excused: Maj Robert Cole, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Capt Dale Read

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erikson.
2. **By-Laws:** The Elections Committee reported on the recent ballot for the approval of the By-Laws as follows: 79 valid Ballots returned. 61 For the Changes or 77%; 18 Against the changes or 23% 28 invalid ballots returned (no return address) 24 for the changes or 86%; 4 against the changes or 14%. The new By-Laws are hereby accepted as voted on.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of 18 November 2006 were presented for review. Motion to modify the minutes made by Ltc Max Jamison. Motion to accept the modified minutes made by Maj Richard Bullock, seconded by Ltc Gaylen Maynes. Vote approved.
4. **Swearing in:** Ltc Jerome Gourley was sworn into office as Executive Officer by Col Norman Erikson.
5. **New Members:** Maj Richard Bullock submitted the names of proposed new members. Life - Pat Newman, Donna L. Ford, Erlene G. Hedrick, Lynette O. Baker, Kayla Willey, Jo Ann Hansen. New Annual members Wade Leon Bradshaw and Leon Gubler. Motion to accept them as submitted made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne. Vote passed.
6. **Finances:** Maj Tom Coyne reported that there is \$4854.36 in the operating account. A CD at 5.25 % was purchased for \$22,000 leaving \$1712.42 in the Life account. \$497 in interest was moved from the Life account to the operating account. Motion to accept the financial report made by Ltc Jerome Gourley, seconded by Maj Don Schurtz.

Vote approved.

Ltc Gaylen Maynes indicated that about \$50,000 has been spent on New building for architect fees and plans. Motion to accept made by Ltc Max Jamison, seconded by Ltc Jerome Gourley. Vote passed.

7. **Heritage Day:** Maj John Hayes reported his progress on the Heritage Day plans. He also proposed that a DVD covering the construction of the Visitors Center be made for our historical records. This camera could also be used for a webpage feed to observe the construction via the Battalion website.
8. **Building:** Ltc Robert Paul reiterated the need for funds to make the building a reality, donations should continue to be made.
9. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison indicated that each issue of the *Valiant* will be limited to eight pages, four times a year. He stressed the need for articles from the Companies. Perhaps have one of the wives assigned to take pictures and write Company articles for publication.
10. **Trek 2007:** Col Erekson reported that Kevin Hensen of Michigan will accept all liabilities and responsibility and invites us to join with him. The Executive Committee will draft a Memorandum of Understanding outlining our agreements. Capt Earl Gillmore said you basically sign a waiver of responsibility when you go on any march. He will send a sample form to Ltc Jamison.
11. **San Diego:** Mormon Battalion Day. To be held the 26th and 27th of January. at San Diego's Old Town. On the evening of the 26th there will be a special program at the San Diego Stake Center at 7 p.m. 4741 Mt. Abernathy Street, San Diego. The hours at Old Town are 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
12. **YUMA:** U.S. Army of the West held a ceremony and statue unveiling on January 11th at Yuma, Arizona. Col Erekson and Pres Erekson attended the gathering of over 800 attendees. A nice dinner was given after the memorial ceremony.
13. **Quartermaster:** Maj Don Schurtz has been making the neckerchief slides for our Eagle Scout awards and has sent over 4400 slides over the years. He is having difficulty keeping up and is working on developing a second source.
14. **Proposal:** Capt Earl Gillmore passed out a letter and requested that it be read aloud. His letter presented a new philosophy and offered thanks for having the opportunity of serving the Battalion.

15. **Company Reports:**

Company A/B: Maj Don Shurtz reported that a joint meeting had been held the night before and a presentation made by a Bolivian speaker. He also indicated that Company B will hold separate meetings in the future, at the West Jordan Senior Center.

Company B: Maj Don Schurtz indicated that elections will be held next month to confirm LaVar Burton as Capt of Company B.

Company C: Capt Dale Read has changed jobs and needs to be replaced with a new Company Commander.

Company D: Nothing to report.

Company E: Nothing to report.

Ship *Brooklyn*: Maj Richard Bullock pledged that the Ship *Brooklyn* Association and Ship *Brooklyn* Company of the Battalion will provide a suitable plaque in the new Battalion Jesse Little Memorial Gardens that emphasize the connections between to ship *Brooklyn* Saints and the Mormon Battalion. Cost is estimated at about \$1500.

16. **Other:** Motion to shred the used By-Laws ballots made by Maj Roger Grua, seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.

Benediction: Maj Tom Coyne

Dismissed: 12:25 p.m.