

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING**

17 March 2007 - 11:05 a.m.

420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102

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**Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson

**Invocation:** Capt LaVar Burton

**Pledge:** Maj Don Schurtz

**Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, Maj Richard Bullock, Ltc Max Jamison, Ltc Gaylen Maynes, Maj Don Schurtz, Capt LaVar Burton, Maj Val John Halford, Ltc Jerome Gourley, Capt Clark Olsen, Ltc Max Jamison, Maj John Hayes

**Excused:** Maj Robert Cole,, Maj Roger Grua, Maj Tom Coyne, Maj Terry Wirth, Maj Gloyd Sprouse, Ltc Bob Paul

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson.
2. **Minutes:** Maj Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 17 February 2007 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as modified was made by Maj Richard Bullock, seconded by Ltc Gaylen Maynes Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** Calendar was reviewed and several more changes made.
4. **Members:** There were no new members submitted for approval.
5. **Finances:** Col Norm Erekson reported there is \$6362.79 in the operating account, \$2712.42 in the Life account - plus the CD.
6. **Valiant:** Ltc Max Jamison passed around a sample of the next issue and some additional changes were requested.
7. **Heritage Day:** Maj John Hayes indicated the keynote speaker will be Elder John Carmack. The choir will begin practicing the new music on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. He then passed around a tentative program of the event.
8. **Trek 2007:** The Trek has been postponed. The National Park Service has complicated our plans, forcing a delay until 2008. This will give Kevin Henson a better opportunity to prepare for the actual trip. He will make a drive through the route this summer.

The accouterments have been ordered to support Kevin next year. Delivery is expected in the next month. The price is \$135.00 per set and each Company needs to contribute.

9. **Essay Contest:** The contest is underway within the Seminary program. One has already been received.
10. **Days of '47:** Company B will furnish the color guard for the event.
11. **Heritage Day:** Maj John Hayes presented the preliminary program for the event. The Master of Ceremonies will be Lloyd K. Newell, Maj Bob Paul will speak about the building project, Kevin Henson will make a presentation about Trek 2008, and the keynote speaker will be Elder John Carmack. The event will need to be heavily promoted to get a good crowd to the Bountiful Regional Center.
12. **Building:** Plan "B" will be implemented this spring at This Is The Place Heritage Park. Plan "B" consists of soil testing, site preparation, bringing underground utilities to the property, cost estimate, engineering study and pouring the bases for the monuments. Funds still need to be collected for the building.
13. **Company Reports:**
- Company A: Nothing reported.
- Company B: Capt LaVar Burton reported that they have six Courts of Honor scheduled and that Brad Hill will be their next speaker.
- Company C: Capt Clark Olsen reported that they are performing a flag ceremony for the DUP and that Ltc Bob Paul will be their next speaker.
- Company D: Nothing reported.
- Company E: Nothing reported.
- Ship *Brooklyn*: Maj Richard Bullock reported that the Company has mailed a "California's Pioneer Heritage" brochure to all members of the Battalion, with a cover letter asking for donations to the building fund and applications for membership in the Battalion to pass along to others. None of this cost was from Battalion funds.

**Benediction:** Capt Clark Olsen      Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.