

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
ADVISORY STAFF MEETING  
16 Aug 2008 - 10:40 a.m.  
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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**Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson

**Invocation:** MAJ Roger Grua

**Pledge:** MAJ Clark Olsen

**Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard Bullock, VP Erma Bullock, PRES Anne Erekson, LTC Max Jamison, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Roger Grua, LTC Jerome Gorley, MAJ Clark Olsen,

**Excused:** MAJ John Hayes, CAPT LaVar Burton, CAPT Earl Gillmore, LTC Bob Paul, MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Don Schurtz, MAJ Val John Halford, MAJ Doug Williams, MAJ Tom Coyne.

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson
2. **Minutes:** MAJ Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 17 May 2008, and Heritage Day 14 June 2008 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by PRES Annie Erekson, seconded by MAJ Roger Grua. Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented by MAJ Richard Bullock.
4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of John Kent Brooksby of Pinetop, AZ and Joseph Hansen of Escondido, CA as new annual members and the name of Steven J Burton was presented as an annual to lifetime upgrade. A motion to accept these members was made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson. A vote to accept these members passed.
5. **Finances:** LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that all bills to date have been paid on the building project except the second monument casting. There is a balance in the bank to complete Phase 1 of the building plan.
6. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next *Valiant* would be published in a week or two. He needs articles.

7. **Building Project:** COL Norm Erekson reported that the utilities have nearly all been installed. The park is working with us. We gave upgraded drawings to the park showing locations and routing of the new utility lines
8. **Trek 2008:** LTC Jerome Gourley reported that the Trek is underway and they are having a great experience. Author Sherman Fleek made a presentation at Ft. Leavenworth that was well received.
9. **Elections:** MAJ Bullock reported that the ballots have been mailed and will be counted before the Executive meeting on 20 September.
10. **Company Reports:**
- Company B: No report
- Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen reported that his surgery went very well but was very expensive. The annual Company picnic will be held tonight at Trace Skeen's home in Eden, UT, everyone is invited. The *Ogden Standard Examiner* wrote articles about the Battalion and Trace Skeen's play. Also an article about their participation at the DUP museum. They made a PowerPoint presentation at the Porter Reunion. Robert Olsen getting a new coat. The new BSA Eagle award program has been well received. Kevin Henson will talk with them by cell phone at the picnic this evening.
- Company D: Nothing reported.
- Company E: Nothing reported
- Ship *Brooklyn*: MAJ Richard Bullock reported he had participated in the memorialization at Salt Lake City and Maeser, Ut. He has given a talk at the Mormon History Conference in Sacramento and got photos of two passengers that had never been seen before. He has finished the ship *Brooklyn* archive material donations and gave copies to the FHL, Oakland FHL, San Francisco Public Library, and Brigham Young Libraries. He is presently writing an article for the *Valiant* about the last surviving members of the Mormon Battalion.
11. **Heritage Day:** LTC Jerome Gourley and LTC Max Jamison have volunteered to co-chair Heritage Day 2009 on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Tabernacle. They are recommending that Kevin and Denice Henson be the featured

speakers, with Hartman Rector or Elder J. Russell Ballard as guest speakers.

**Benediction:** MAJ Clark Olsen      **Dismissed:** 11:45 a.m.