

**U.S. MORMON BATTALION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
17 September 2005 - 9:20 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Ltc Robert P. Paul
- Attending:** Ltc. Robert P. Paul, Maj. Richard H. Bullock, Maj Thomas Coyne, Maj. Roger Grua, Erma Bullock, Norma Bench, Roselyn Slade, Carolyn Park, Capt Earl Gillmore, Jay M. Todd, Capt Jay Bowen, Ltc Max Jamison, Maj Terry Wirth, Capt Rodney Rasmussen, Kayla Willey
- Excused:** Maj. Robert D. Welti, Col Norman Erikson, Pres. Annie Erikson, Maj Gloyd Sprouse
- Invocation:** Jay M. Todd
1. **Welcome:** Ltc Robert P. Paul
 2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 20 Aug. 2005 were presented for approval. A few corrections were proposed. Motion to accept revised minutes made by Maj Richard Bullock, seconded by Maj Tom Coyne, motion passed.
 3. **Calendar:** Calendar was presented by Maj Richard Bullock and several additions were noted.
 4. **Memberships:** Maj Gloyd Sprouse reported to Ltc Robert Paul that there were no new members in the past month. Erma Bullock reported there was a new Life Member in the Auxiliary named Elaine Harris, a Ship *Brooklyn* Company member. Capt Jay Bowen posed to general question of “How do we stimulate inactive members?” Suggestions included special mention in the next *Valiant* of membership renewal letters being sent out. Several suggestions were discussed and the following summary motion was introduced by Ltc Robert P. Paul: The December/January letter of membership renewal should be sent to all inactive and active Annual members that makes note of their past interest in the Battalion, a request that they renew their membership, and encourage new ideas and contributions on how we can make the Mormon Battalion more responsive to their needs and improve future growth of the Battalion. Motion was seconded by Maj Richard Bullock. Vote passed.

5. **Auxiliary:** Norma Bench presented the Mormon Battalion Song with sheet music and a CD player. Two verses were sung. Norma stressed that the Women's Auxiliary were going to hold a special training meeting on 15 October for all Auxiliary members, with a luncheon after the meeting..
6. **Heritage Day:** Jay M. Todd, Chairman of Heritage Day 2006, indicated that a lot of 'catching up' on Mormon Battalion activities and people. He had requested a member of the Quorum of Twelve to address the Battalion on Heritage Day, but if not have formal approval yet. He indicated that a second statue "Duty Triumphs" could be unveiled, but Ltc Paul said that in his view it would be unlikely that Dr. Steven Neal would finish of provide another statue for potential display at next year's annual meeting. Brother Todd asked for the Re-enactors to be included in the event. From group discussions came the suggestion that Capt. Jared Cornell be added to the Heritage Day Committee. Ltc Robert P. Paul added the importance of fund raising as part of the program.
7. **Valiant:** Capt Earl Gillmore indicated that the next *Valiant* would be going out before Christmas and would carry a Christmas greeting from the Battalion. There would be a Christmas gift page of items that are available from various Companies as gifts, a dues message and request for suggestions. Maj Richard Bullock asked if the ship *Brooklyn* story could be included. A nod was given but not formally approved.
8. **Trail Marker:** Ltc Robert P. Paul showed a proposed sketch of a Mormon Battalion Trail Marker. He stressed the confidentiality of the proposed marker! There was some discussion and then Maj Bullock reminded that Col Erikson had once said that the River of Time people had proposed traveling over the Battalion Trail in 2006 and suggested that perhaps they could install the markers as they traveled. Jay M. Todd said that would be a significant item and stressed the need to contact River of Time regarding the same. He called for a conference call at the earliest convenience between them, Col. Erikson, Ltc Paul, Ltc Jamison, and himself and explore the possible options. He indicated the Stake Presidents and Public Affairs Reps could maintain the markers. Ltc Robert Paul stressed that the request to add the Mormon Battalion Marker to the other Western Trails markers must be made to the Trails Association by the Mormon Battalion and no other organization. It must not get out that a new marker is being proposed at this time.

9. **Financial:** Maj Tom Coyne stated that we are still in the black but that cash flow had been negative in the month of August.
- Ladies were excused for their own meeting.
10. **Copyrights:** Ltc Robert P. Paul stated that the only official symbol of the Mormon Battalion is The Battalion Soldier and showed the official registration papers to stress his point. No other symbol is to be used.
11. **Other - Exhibit:** Ltc Robert P. Paul showed an article in the San Diego *Seagull* that talked about the Mormon Battalion and had a photo of a booth. He indicated that we should try and acquire the booth display and have it moved to Heritage Park.
12. **Other - DVD** Ltc Max Jamison indicated that two versions of the Heritage Day 2005 program have been cut and passed them around for inspection. He also presented the pricing for duplication but no action was taken.
- Ltc Jamison next reported a proposal from John Hayes that we consider building a podium that contained a microphone etc. for a permanent fixture available to the Battalion. The cost was indicated to be about \$650. A Executive Committee elected to defer any decision at this time.
13. **Other - Artwoork:** Ltc Robert Paul then shared new artwork from Helen Paul that adds to her continuing series of Mormon Battalion scenes. She is considering many more pieces and possibly publishing a portfolio of art. The four new pieces show considerable talent.
14. **Other - Warriors:** Capt Terry Wirth passed around a document for consideration concerning modern warriors and past connections to the Mormon Battalion, and the need to allow modern warriors to call themselves “Mormon Battalion” warriors. The article was complex in nature and it was decided that more study would be required before appropriate comments could be made.

Benediction: Maj Tom Coyne

Meeting dismissed 11:10 a.m.