

# Mormon Battalion Association

## Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

7:00 PM, Thursday, 20 June 2019

LTC Max Jamison Residence and via GoToMeeting.com

189 E. 1864 South, Orem, UT 84058

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 was 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) who are working at the Payson Temple, CPT Todd Crappa (Chief Finance Officer and Board Member) who is caring for his special needs family, MAJ Clark Olsen (Scouting Relations Officer) who is working, CSM David Munford (Command Sergeant Major) who is working in Heber Valley, Mike Anderson (Chair of the Historians Editorial Review Board) at Camp Floyd, Steve Reinhart (Judge Advocate General), and Kevin Henson (Trails Expert).

**Board of Directors Attendance:** The following were present: James Waite (Vice Chair) and Guy Dickson.

The following were absent: Edwin Kimball (Chair), Greg Christofferson, Ashley Hall, Dennis Holland, and Al Matheson (Members).

**Local Leadership Attendance:** The following were present: SGT Larry Bilyeu (Cedar City Squad) and SGT David Jamiel (Colorado Squad).

The following were absent: CPT Blaine Bachman (Albuquerque Squad) and CPT Thomas Griggs (Eastern Idaho Squad).

**Associated Organization Attendance:** The following were present: Peter Guilbert (California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area) and Mary Ann Kirk (San Diego Mormon Battalion Historic Site)..

**Guests:** None.

**Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items**

**LTC Jamison**

**Invocation**

**SGT Jamiel**

**Minutes of 9 May 2019 Executive Leadership Meeting – Approved**

**General Business:**

**Recognition & Awards**

None

**Service Opportunities**

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

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### 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).
- All: Find individuals willing to serve as **1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director** (S1 - Adjutant General) and **2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Director** (S7 - Public Relations Commandant) of the Battalion Continental Support Staff. Section 2.02 of the *Articles of Incorporation* states that they manage all administrative support business matters. Their roles are that of Chief Business Executive (CBE) and Chief of Business Operations (CBO), supervising the Battalion Continental Support Staff.

### Graves Memorialization:

- COL Larson and Kevin Henson: Work on preparations for graves memorialization for **Lewis Dent, Milton Smith, Thomas P. Dutcher and William Reynolds (Reynolds)**.

### Finances:

- LTC Jamison: Work with CPA Gary Lunt, Steven Reinhart, and legal colleague to prepare IRS Form 1023. *In process*.
- LTC Jamison: Prepare summary of finances to forward to Board of Directors for internal audit. *In process*.

### 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: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.

### 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.
- 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:**

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#### **Affiliate Organization Reports:**

1. **Battalion Trek/MapNTour.com (Michigan Contingent) – Kevin Henson:** No report.
2. **Boy Scouts of America:** No report.
3. **California LDS Living History Mission, Southern California Area – Guy Dickson:** None
4. **California LDS Living History Mission, Northern California Area – Dennis Amaral:**

#### **Past Activities:**

- 23 May – School Presentation, John Adams Academy
- 24-27 May – Waterfront/Gold Rush Days
- 31 May – School Presentation, Yuba City
- 8 June – Street Fair, Placerville

#### **Future Activities:**

- 23 June – Meeting. President Amaral to discuss working on a 13-14 September activity at the Johnson-Springview Park in Rocklin. Will be having an encampment along with many other US historic venues. This is headed up by Brother Brasher and he helps fund students to go back the many Revolutionary War locations so they can learn real history. Looking for opportunities for activities for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the march of the Mormon Battalion. We have found out about a Battalion veteran buried in the old Sacramento Cemetery. Dick is investigating. We are investigating the possibility of doing a graveside service for him and possibly others
- 4 July – Parade, Carmichael
- 20 July – CPHF Bus Tour
- 24 July – Sunrise Service and Days of ‘47 Parade *[It does not look like anyone will be coming this year.]*

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:** Lots of discussion about the Fort Moore Mormon Battalion Monument Plaza. Here’s a summary:

- **3 July 2019, 10:00 AM, Rededication Ceremony** – The main part of the ceremony will take place in the plaza across the street and down the hill. Only 150 assigned seats will be available. One five minute talk has been scheduled for an LDS representative. Members of the Church are encouraged to support this as the *only* rededication celebration.
- **4 July 2019, 9:00 AM, Annual Fort Moore Memorial Committee (FMCM) Flag Raising Ceremony** – The City is now permitting the annual flag raising in coordination with members of the Church and the Battalion community. On 12 June, Guy Dickson sent out the following email:

After considerable bureaucratic wrangling with the City of Los Angeles, the LA Arts Commission, various community organizations, LA Interfaith Council, church Public Affairs, etc., it has finally been decided that the Fort Moore Memorial Committee will go forward with its annual reenactment Fort Moore Memorial flag raising event on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Flag Raising reenactment will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the now refurbished Fort Moore Memorial, located at 430 N. Hill

Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. All are invited. California Living History Mission SoCal missionaries are encouraged to consider attending the flag raising ceremony if they are available to do so. Battalion era Pioneer dress is encouraged. Brethren are encouraged to participate in the reenactment flag raising ceremony in Pioneer dress, with Battalion accouterments. Those who have black powder flintlocks, or percussion muskets in good working order are asked to bring them, along with their own powder charges (12 plus) for the gun salute. NO projectiles are to be brought to the site on your person, or even in your vehicle. Those participating in the flag raising ceremony reenactment are asked to present for drill training no later than 9:00 a.m. All others are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help set up and organize for the event. Please see the other information and dates below in the e-mail from Sister Marilyn Mills. If you have any questions about the Fort Moore Memorial July 4th flag raising reenactment event, please contact Sister Mills directly at [Marilyndpa@aol.com](mailto:Marilyndpa@aol.com). Finally, for all who are able to attend the July 4th Fort Moore Memorial flag raising event, please extend to others, and help welcome all who attend. Please consider that all who attend may not be members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and may not have an understanding of the contributions made by the Mormon Battalion. Some may even harbor hostility for the Memorial, and for our presence. Smile, be kind, and look for the opportunity to share our warmth for the community. Television, and print media reporters may be present to record our activities, and our actions. All Zone Leaders, and District Leaders please distribute this to your missionaries at this time.

And then Guy Dickson sent out the following notice just three days ago:

I have been asked by the Fort Moore Memorial Committee to provide a head count for those who will be attending the Flag Raising on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to plan their event, and would like to know how many to expect. We have also been asked to request that all who are coming be notified that they should bring their own folding chairs for the event. Additionally, if any of your missionaries have Easy-Ups, they are asking that those be brought as well. Thank you for getting back to me as soon as possible with the above information. Please remember that if any of your people are intending to participate in the Flag Raising, they need to be at the Memorial at 9:00 a.m. Everyone else should arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help with set up.

- **8 November 2019, Veteran's Day Interfaith Ceremony** (the Friday *before* the Monday, 11 November Veteran's Day holiday) – This event is now in doubt, given stronger support for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **History:**

On 8 June, Tom Anderson of the FMMC sent an email to President Dennis Holland stating that the Los Angeles County Arts Committee insisted that the 3 July rededication highlight “monument art rather than any historical context” and that they are “particularly put off by reference to military aspects.” Mr. Anderson stated, “In order to support the county, public affairs organized a multi-faith multi-ethnic celebration for July 3rd. Although not embraced by the county, it was well received by members of the Latino and interfaith communities and has been rescheduled for November 8th (just before Veterans Day). Our hope is that the Battalion contingents will support the county only on July 3rd and defer any plans for July 4th to a broad community celebration on November 8<sup>th</sup>.... The Battalion opened the West and now its descendants have a unique opportunity to work with the community to soften the negative dialogue about the monument and the Mormon Battalion. This monument was imagined to remember the history and sacrifices of the Battalion. That is the paramount legacy. Commemorating the raising of the flag is supportive, but can be done other than on the 4th.”

On 8 June, LTC Jamison sent the following email to President Holland:

I am not aware of Tom Anderson's relationship to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (nicknamed the Mormon Church). I gather that he is a representative of the multi-faith multi-ethnic Los Angeles County Public Affairs Committee. [He is actually a representative of the FMMC.] We appreciate His trying to put a positive spin on the unfortunate politicization of a historic national event. It is evident that the current membership of the County Arts Commission has done little research into the humanitarian service of the Mormon Battalion in early California. Had they done so, they would know that we honor the Mormon Battalion, not for their battle hardened combat experience, but for their exemplary serve to the common residents of California. To quote the home page of our website, [www.mormonbattalion.com](http://www.mormonbattalion.com):

We emulate the only unit in American military history bearing a religious title and being comprised entirely of recruits from a single religion. This unit's members had every reason to be conscientious objectors during a war of annexation. If the 10,000 members of the new Christian religion called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (derisively nicknamed the Mormons) had a quarrel, it was with the United States, not their new hosts, the Mexicans. They had just been expelled or "ethnically cleansed" in mid-winter from Illinois and the United States by mobs and state militia. After being forced to abandon their homes in Nauvoo (then the largest city in Illinois) and cross the

Mississippi River into the wilds of Iowa Territory, most expected the now impoverished Mormons to dissipate, disburse, and drift off into the forbidding western frontier to die. Few believed that they could successfully cross hundreds of miles of "Great American Desert" plains in the Indian Territory, then cross the continental divide, and finally find a place to survive in the remote high mountainous desert frontier of Mexican Alta California. Such a mass exodus had not been accomplished since the days of Moses! With this prospect, many questioned how the Mormons could spare their best frontiersmen, their lifeblood, for such a venture right at the moment when they were so desperately needed. Yet these 500 men volunteered when their prophet leader Brigham Young called. And the rest is history....

During its single twelve month enlistment during the Mexican-American War, these humble soldiers became what we would today call a public affairs pacification unit, unselfishly serving and establishing friendly relations with Native and Spanish Americans wherever they went. Later, many of its veteran frontiersmen were instrumental in guiding "greenhorns" from the East and Europe in establishing Mormon settlements all over the Mountain West.

It is our understanding that we have been specifically asked NOT to attend the low publicity 3 July rededication program in uniform. Now we are being asked NOT to attend the annual 4 July flag raising either.

We will gladly support your interfaith group's celebration on 8 November. While most of our reenactors had prior commitments to participate in the 4 July Freedom Festival in Orem, Utah, we may be able to convince them to come to the 8 November commemoration. They wear authentic Battalion uniforms and will be able to fire salutes with their authentic replica muskets.

On Monday, I will take the initiative to try to organize a bus caravan our our members and those of fellow Utah heritage organizations, the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, and the Sons of Utah Pioneers (who hosted a similar public relations bus caravan to California in 1950). *[Note: Given the reversal back to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the uncertainty of the 8 November event, we may not want to do this. We will await further info from Marilyn.]*

On 10 June, President Holland responded to Mr. Anderson, stating that the FMMC had "been doing a July 4th flag raising for years and years now, would not want to miss doing the event this year, even though the envisioned July 3rd event would not address that issue. I am of the opinion that the Committee and re- enactors are doing what they always do and it will not look like the 'Church' is responding to the lack of cooperation on the July 3rd event. Our goal is to not use up political capital for a later re-dedicatory event." He noted that members of our organization were going to try to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup>, and he wanted to let us know "what is going to happen before commitments of time and money to be attend. I don't see a problem with raising the flag on the 4th. I think the FMMC and the Battalion re-enactors will enthusiastically support both the July 4th flag raising as well as a future community rededication event in November.... I think it would be in all of our best interest to take the initiative while the subject is fresh on everyone's minds to put together an interfaith and community leader event like the Veteran's Day suggestion." And while he had not personally experienced 'Mormon Military' hostility, he had heard of it through Church public affairs people since 2001. He said: "I don't have much tolerance for people who try to 'rewrite' history as they would like it to be, rather than as it is. I think it is our challenge to educate these factions in this particular area to the fact that while the Battalion was a military unit, they were not known for any military type activities. The most significant event that occurred on Fort Moore Hill was the peaceful raising of the US flag for the Los Angeles Community, and the community celebration that followed. I think NOW is not too soon to push for the November idea." He suggested that a member of the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation serve on a committee with Mr. Anderson, Church Public Affairs, Bishop Mendez, the Interfaith community, the Latino community, and hopefully some of Los Angeles City Supervisor Hilda Solis's staff. And to focus on broader California pioneer history and educate the community about the peaceful intent of the Mormon Battalion, he suggested showing of the 17 minute "More Precious Than Gold" video, highlighting the fact that they were noted for their road building, community service, and relationship building between the U.S. Army and the local *Californios*! He suggested that future annual flag raisings become community events to recognize *all* who attended that first flag raising – the local *Californios*, the Battalion, and pioneers who settled the area. He also suggested getting permission to place story boards to help educate the public and school kids on field trips to the monument (especially since the Church has offered to finance them) so that the monument would become a significant community historical site and not slide back into graffiti and disrepair. Finally, he suggested a common concentrated effort to provide a positive image education about the Church.

On 11 June, Mr. Anderson replied that his intent in sharing his email with many was to "seek wide-ranging engagement and understanding from those who have supported the Memorial in the past" and make future annual celebrations more

“inclusive and broadly supported civic events.” He suggested that it might be advantageous to break the current mold for four reasons:

- 1) If an annual event is held for the greater good near Veterans Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities will diminish.
- 2) The primary goal is to remember the Battalion not annual events.
- 3) Supporting the County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> only might (or might not) gain us some leverage with regard to November.
- 4) Shaking things up gets attention and could bring forth creative ideas.
- 5) We are stronger if we organize together.

On 12 June, Marilyn replied, suggesting that Veteran’s Day had only one somber military purpose: To honor veterans, and that it would be more appropriate to use the more joyous 4<sup>th</sup> of July to focus on the contributions of all pioneers, particularly since the majority of the people were off work or school then, whereas many people would be working on 8 November (not even the real Veteran’s Day holiday). “ You can abandon the theme of re-enacting the first Independence Day in Los Angeles, but the theme of *freedom for all* fits in better with *Independence Day*,” and that Latinos in the community would start complaining that it was strictly a *military* observance. Finally, “the flag raising is the “*hook*” to get people to attend – it’s what you do on the 4th of July. It has NEVER been just about raising the flag. The FMCC is an amazing group of faithful Battalion descendants who understand this. They have done more to keep the history alive and honor the memorial than any other group.”

**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:** (Mike Anderson) Our Living History group is planning on the Days of ‘47 Parade as we usually do. I and a few others will be doing a MB display at Cove Fort for Cove Fort Days on August 2-3.

**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:** September 2019 Convention in Santa Fe. MAJ Anderson will be discussing the finances of the women of the Battalion. Mr. Henson will be giving a presentation about his rediscovery of Emory’s Butte in New Mexico. He is getting closer to locating the common grave of PVTs **James Hampton and John Green**. He requests that our Board consider how we might work to FIND and MEMORIALIZE their grave. He says “It will be a small miracle to actually find the grave – but I’m of the opinion we ought to organize a work group to go look. It would be nice to have a Youth Conference do it! Rattlesnakes and all. Maybe wintertime?” (See *February and March 2019 Minutes*.)

**18. Santa Fe Trail Association –** No report.

**Board of Directors Reports:** No report.

### **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:**

**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:**

**Past Activities:**

May – COL Gourley and I awarded an Mormon Battalion Eagle Slide to Adam Kurtz at his Court of Honor.

**Future Activities:**

21-22 June – Folk Festival at Frontier Fort Museum and State Park in Cedar City, UT. Fort display of Hospital Tent and Military Surgeon and Nurse set up in Frontier Fort beside Museum building. History of Military Medicine

during Mexican-American War and Civil War presented by Larry L Bilyeu RN, Crystal I Bilyeu, Michael Moon RN, Jay Petrell.

**Colorado Squad – SGT David Jamiel:** No report.

**St. George Squad – CPT Robert Wood:** COL Gourley and CPT Wood 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:**

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**1. Art Committee – Mike Anderson:** No report.

**2. Website Historians Editorial Review Board (HERB) – Mike Anderson:** I have updated the outline for the History tab as follows:

- *Maps, Museums, Monuments, and Markers* tab will be placed in Section VII Resources under its own title.
- *Original Battalion Roster* tab will be placed in Section VII Resources under its own title.
- *Original Muster Rolls* tab will be placed in Section VII Resources under its own title.
- *Original Journals and Diaries* tab will be placed in Section VII Resources under its own title.
- *Database of the Mormon Battalion* tab will be replaced by MAJ Anderson’s more current database.
- *Annals of the Mormon Battalion* tab will be deleted.
- *Graves Memorialization* tab will be deleted.
- *Images and Descriptions* tab will be deleted, with "Rations" article placed in Section III and the Larson’s article on Battalion music placed in Section I.E.
- *Annotated Reference List* tab will be placed in Section VII.B until we do something better.
- *Bibliography* tab is an expansion of the bibliography found in the *Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Program booklet*. Considering renaming it *Trail Information* and placing it under Section VII Resources.

We now have seven new articles:

- The Mormon Battalion Volunteer - Top to Bottom [History Tab Outline]
- I.A. The Mexican War Volunteer
- I.B. Introduction to Headwear, Clothing, and Footwear
  - I.B1. Headwear 1840s
  - I.C3a. Haversack and Contents
- V.D. Starting Fire with Flint & Steel & More
- V.E. How to Make a Mexican War Haversack

**3. “All Things Mormon Battalion” Project – LTC Jamison, MAJ Anderson, and Dan Roper:** (For details, see Board of Directors Report in our 21 January 2017 *Minutes*.)

### **Phase 1:**

1. Fund two BYU student researchers part time through 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 and their laundresses, guides, and family members, i.e., original birth, christening, marriage, property, census, death, and probate records. *Greg Christofferson spoke to MAJ Anderson at the recent Mormon History Association Convention, and expressed hope that a donor would soon be forthcoming.*
2. Fund digital copying of:
  - a. our growing collection of primary and secondary Mormon Battalion data, i.e., *Muster Rolls, Pay Rolls, Post Reports*, medical reports, finance reports, LDS Church records, etc.
  - b. digital copies of the Mormon Battalion Association library we donated to the BYU Special Collections.

3. BYU has agreed to host the Item 1 data compiled by Dr. Crandall, plus whatever Item 2 data we are willing to share with other researchers, but we must store our private data on our own website.
4. Join the recently formed Early Saints Research Group/BYU computer working group. If we find out where they are headed, we can map out what we want to accomplish without duplicating their efforts. We hope to refine our own Content Management System (CMS) well enough to become the default standard for sharing access to data from Items 1 and 2.

**Phase 2:**

5. Rehost and build Release 4.0 of our [www.mormonbattalion.com](http://www.mormonbattalion.com) website, replacing the current limited proprietary CMS with a portable more flexible and user friendly one, and hosting it on the Google™ cloud based server.

**4. Mormon Battalion Historic Trails Award Program Committee – CSM Munford, Chair:** *Endorsement by LDS Church* – Greg Christofferson is arranging 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.

**Commander’s Staff Reports:**

**1. Senior Historian’s Report – MAJ Anderson:**

Dr. Crandall, Kevin Henson, and I gave presentations at the Mormon History Association Convention in Salt Lake City on 7 June, and will also be presenting and the Oregon California Trails Association (OCTA) Convention in Santa Fe on 3-10 September. I will have some expenses on the OCTA Santa Fe trip in September, but these will be minimal as OCTA will give me some stipend money for speaking. This will give the Mormon Battalion Association a lot of exposure and help with networking with those who are in these areas for putting together our future events.

I plan on going on my fourth Battalion sponsored trip to the NARA in November, when the specialists are there again this year. Hopefully, the Battalion can help with this trip! LTC Jamison and Kevin Hensen are talking about joining me on this trip.

**2. Commander’s Report – LTC Jamison:** The HERB today provided seven awesome new articles which I will post tomorrow.

**Continental Support Staff Reports:**

**1. Chief Finance Officer Report – CPT Crappa:** (LTC Jamison) We currently have a bank balance of **\$11,455.06**, down from \$12,660.91. Since our last meeting in April, we have had the following activity:

**a. Main Share Savings:**

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

**b. General Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$0.15 interest, \$28.00 cash donations, and \$201.63 PayPal deposits,
- *Expenditures:* \$78.80 for two normal monthly fees from GoToMeeting.com™ and \$104.13 for normal UPS shipping and handling
- *Current Balance:* **\$3,370.37**, up from \$3,323.52.
- *Pending Expenditures:* \$250.00 to Gary Lunt, CPA, to prepare IRS Form 1023, normal monthly UPS Store shipping and handling fees, normal \$39.26 monthly fee from GoToMeeting.com, and normal shipping and handling fees.
- *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:* \$2.57 interest
- *Expenditures:* None
- *Current Balance:* **\$6,737.35**, up from \$6,734.78,
- *Pending Expenditures:* None

**d. Historical Research Fund:**

- *Deposits:* \$0.54 interest



- *Expenditures:* \$528.22 stipend for MAJ Anderson's May NARA trip, \$250.00 stipend for MAJ Anderson's Mormon History Association Convention expenses, \$200.00 stipend for Kevin Henson's Mormon History Association Convention expenses, \$260.00 stipend for LTC Jamison's Mormon History Association convention expenses. \$60.00 to Sherman Fleek for three autographed books for the Battalion library.
- *Current Balance:* **\$1,346.29**, down from \$2,643.95.
- *Pending Expenditures:* \$250.00 stipend for MAJ Anderson's November NARA trip, and minimal stipends for her and Kevin Henson to represent us at the September OCTA Convention in Santa Fe. Mr. Henson also requested assistance with funding the search for and marking of the common grave of **PVTs James Hampton and John Green** in New Mexico.

*We have gradually depleted the \$10,000 Historical Research Fund grant given us three years ago, and need to start raising funds to continue this vital work. Pending those donations, LTC Jamison suggests that we transfer some funds from our Arts Fund to the Historical Research Fund.*

## 2. Webmaster – LTC Jamison:

- **Member Activities | Minutes** – We posted the May Minutes.
- **HERB Corrections and Additions** – We posted the new outline, and are preparing to post two approved articles. (See HERB Committee notes above.)

## New Business

**(Open to Floor)**

None

## Projected Action Items

### 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).
- All: Find individuals willing to serve as **1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director** (S1 - Adjutant General) and **2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Director** (S7 - Public Relations Commandant) of the Battalion Continental Support Staff. Section 2.02 of the *Articles of Incorporation* states that they manage all administrative support business matters. Their roles are that of Chief Business Executive (CBE) and Chief of Business Operations (CBO), supervising the Battalion Continental Support Staff.

### Graves Memorialization:

- COL Larson and Kevin Henson: Work on preparations for graves memorialization for **Lewis Dent, Milton Smith, Thomas P. Dutcher and William Reynolds (Reynolds)**.

### Finances:

- LTC Jamison: Work with CPA Gary Lunt, Steven Reinhart, and legal colleague to prepare IRS Form 1023. *In process.*
- LTC Jamison: Prepare summary of finances to forward to Board of Directors for internal audit. *In process.*

### 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: Provide honorary membership certificates to current and past SNMP members.

### **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.
- 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**

None

### **Benediction**

**MAJ Anderson**

### **Next Executive Staff Meeting:**

7:00 PM, Thursday, 15 August 2019 (No meeting in July due to Days of '47 Parade)  
Residence of LTC Max W. Jamison  
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