

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Staff Meeting 10:00 AM, Saturday, 15 March 2014 LTC Max Jamison Residence, 2854 N. Augusta Drive Lehi, UT 84043

The Mormon Battalion Association Executive Staff meets at least once per quarter on the third Saturday the month at 10:00 am, except when that day is a holiday or conflicts with another event. In that case, the meeting will be re-scheduled and the Executive Staff will be notified of the change. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Executive Staff Attendance: The minimum quorum of four was present: LTC Max Jamison (Battalion Commander), COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer), Margaret Larson (Membership Officer), and MAJ Val John Halford (Quartermaster/Logistics Officer). Excused: COL Jerome G. Gourley (Battalion Commander's Chief Advisor), Steven L. Rinehart (Judge Advocate General), and MAJ Clark Olsen (Community Relations Liaison).

Leadership and Guest Attendance: BG Ashley J. Hall (USA Retired, Board of Directors) and Kevin Henson (Senior Historian).

Welcome / Call to Order / Recognize Guests / Administrative Items LTC Max Jamison

Distributed new Leadership Rosters and organization charts. Advised that contact information for Board of Directors is not to be generally distributed. Still need short bio's from many leaders for posting on website. Policy: As with U.S. Congressional minutes, anyone can read appropriate items into the minutes, but – in the interest of expediency – we will only discuss those items the Executive Staff deems necessary. Brief 1-8 line responses to Action Items are in *italics*, with reference to applicable extended discussions in equivalent sections in Membership Reports, Member Advisory Committee Reports, and New Business.

Invocation Ashley J. Hall

Minutes of 15 February 2014 Executive Staff Meeting – Amended and Approved

General Business

● Recognition & Awards

None.

● Service Opportunities

☒ Identify and refurbish trail markers similar to those done on Old Spanish Trail for Eagle Scout projects. BG Hall to send copy of proposal on Old Spanish Trail Eagle Scout projects.

● *Project Request Forms*

Project Request Forms and *Budget Request Forms* need to be turned in by local units. We welcome your input on a list of potential projects in which local units can become involved. Such projects might include finding locations for placement of Battalion-related plaques, markers, and trail monuments. We need these forms for historical and IRS documentation purposes.

● Action Item Review

Leadership:

☐ All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**. *We now have five members: Hugh S. Gregson, Orem, Utah; BG Ashley J. Hall (USA Retired), Las Vegas, Nevada; Edwin N. Kimball, Sandy, Utah; COL Al Matheson (USA Retired), Cedar City and Hurricane, Utah; and James L. Waite, Nibley, Utah. Recruitment of others willing to serve in process, including women. BG Hall and Kevin Henson to forward recommendations.*

- All: Recruit and vet a new **Chief Finance Officer**, preferably a CPA already familiar with QuickBooks. *In process. Preference is for someone in Salt Lake area, although remote login may be possible.*

Recruiting:

- LTC Jamison: Follow up with representatives of University of Utah and Brigham Young University regarding recruiting of new college aged units. *In process.*
- LTC Jamison: Follow up with four local universities to recruit university staffs for *The Valiant Journal*. *In process. Bg Hall recommended we add Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah. Will contact Al Matheson of that city for input.*

Journals Transcription:

- ☒ COL Larson and Kevin Henson: Create list of locations of original Battalion journals and their custodians so we can request/create new transcripts. Many journals are still in possession of descendant families. Once journals are located, seek opportunities to authenticate current transcriptions and/or retranscribe them, and then post results on website for public use. *Mr. Henson submitted requested list. See Historian's Member Advisory Committee Report for extended discussion.*

Graves Memorialization:

- ☒ COL Gourley, COL Larson, MAJ Olsen, and Kevin Henson: Unlocated **Milton Smith Gravesite** near Philmont Scout Ranch, NM – Coordinate Graves Memorialization planning with LDS Scouting Representative and Philmont Scout Ranch Representative for Milton Smith gravesite near Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico. COL Gourley to take lead due to proximity of his home, and will arrange to set marker in concrete onsite. *Tabled pending adequate vetting of route interpretation. The Bureau of Land Management does not control the private properties upon which the grave probably exists. Marker 'could' be placed on State highway right of way or on private property (Philmont or UU Bar Ranch).*
- COL Larson and Kevin Henson: **Thomas P. Dutcher and William Reynolds (Reynolds) Gravesites** in different cemeteries in Iona County, Michigan – Locate living descendants to invite to graves memorialization. Contact historical organizations in Michigan. *Mr. Henson has reached out again to both the historical society and genealogical society to see if they will put him in contact with the families. If there is not a positive response, he'll start going through the phone book.*
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- ☒ Col Larson: Contact LDS Church about “Faith in Every Footstep” grave markers to determine who makes them and adhesive; then contact that company about making new Mormon Battalion markers to replace bronze medallions. *In process. See Graves Memorialization Member Advisory Committee Report for discussion.*

Documentation:

- ☒ LTC Jamison: Obtain copies of all correspondence between our former Executive Directors and providers, advisors, and consultants. *Have obtained correspondence with Symbol Arts and i4 Solutions.*
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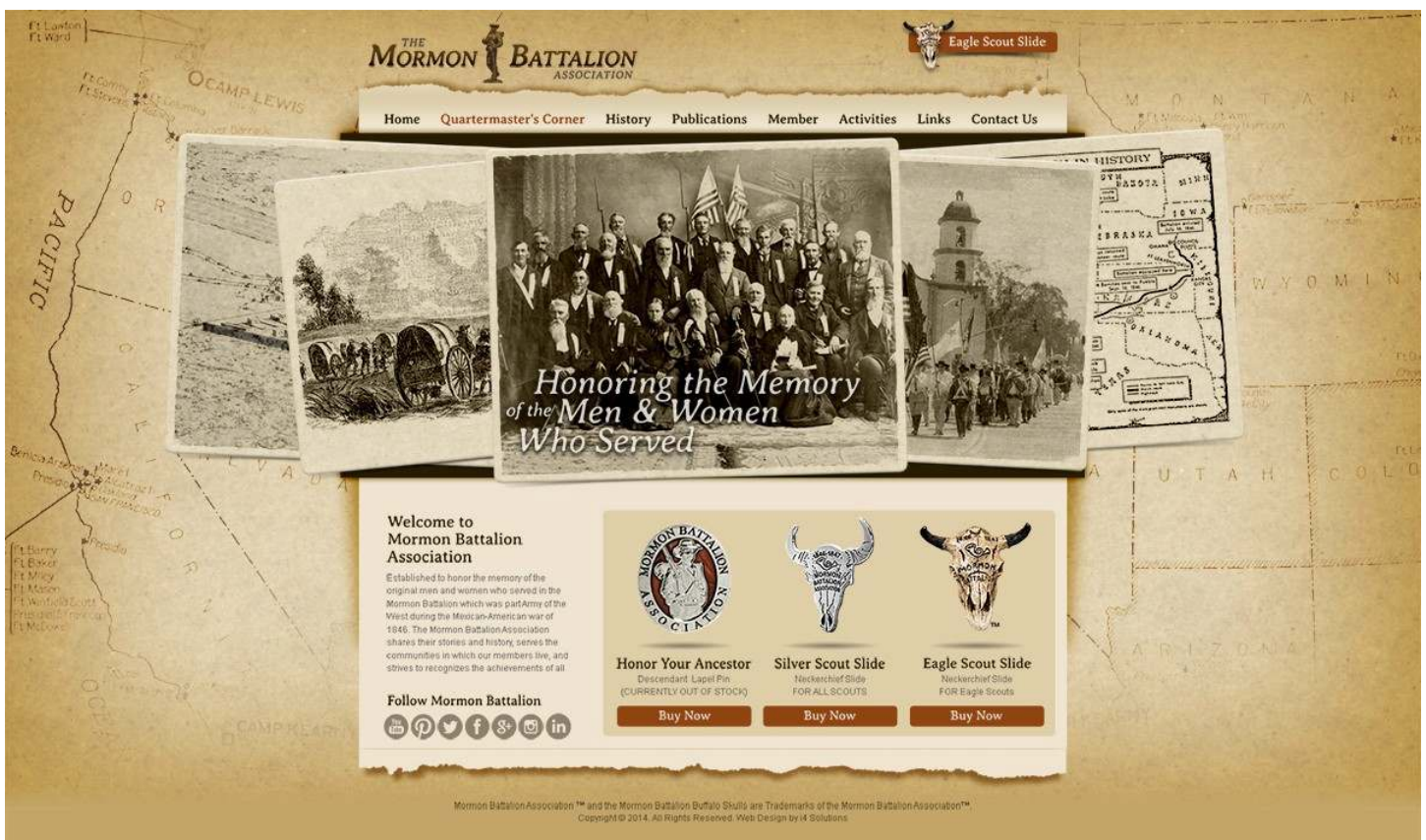
- Ashley Hall: Send sample of Old Spanish Trail Eagle Scout project proposal used to identify and refurbish trail markers. *In process.*

Days of 47 Parade:

- LTC Jamison: Place ad in newspaper inviting descendants of original Mormon Battalion to march with us in 24 July 2014 *Days of 47 Parade* wearing pioneer clothing. *In process. Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers are planning to attend.*

● Membership Reports

1. Website Revitalization – LTC Jamison: We received the web designer’s initial proposal for our website design:



My initial reaction is that the proposal is way off target, looking like a dusty old family history library desktop. We need to schedule a sit down with the programmer.

- *Home Page General Layout* – Rather than cluttering the Home page with stale sketches, maps, and daguerreotypes of reunions held years AFTER their service, we need to portray the current, vibrant, active SERVICE

organization we are striving to become. We need things that will catch the eye of the younger generation – much more color. The Home page could show an actual landscape photo from along the Mormon Battalion Trail fading down into Mitchell's four color 1846 "Map of Texas, California and Oregon" with the Mormon



Battalion Soldier logo showing much more prominently to one side, surrounded by the arrowed phrase "Heritage → Service → Legacy" (perhaps with a better font). We prefer our own font for our Masthead, akin to our letterhead stationary. We would like to include the script Brigham Young prophesy in the masthead, similar to the way it appears in the Membership Form: *As the Lord lives, you will never be forgotten... but will be held in honorable remembrance for ever and ever. * Brigham Young* We should have a trademark symbol (™) wherever the term "Mormon Battalion Association" appears, particularly on the masthead. The Welcome blurb needs major revision. I assume that we can change it periodically in response to current events and new postings. We currently only "follow" the Mormon Battalion Association on Facebook.

- *Home Page Direct Links* – I like their direct link to the Eagle Scout slide ABOVE the drop down list. Perhaps we could place direct links to the 4-5 most popular pages there. We don't need the "Buy Now" stuff on the home page if we have direct links.
- *Home Page Drop-downs* – Each of the six drop-downs should feature its own "theme" background with a landscape photo from the Mormon Battalion Trail fading down into things particular to that particular drop-down. I have asked Mr. Henson if he can provide landscape photos from his 2008-09 trek.
- *Quartermaster's Corner* – The lapel pin should be referred to as a "descendant lapel pin." ANY member or friend of the Mormon Battalion Association, descendant or not, can wear it. We refer to it as the "Ruby Mormon Battalion Membership Pin." The neckerchief slides should be referred to as the "Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slide" and the "Mormon Battalion Scout Neckerchief Slide" rather than "Eagle Scout Slide" and "Silver Scout Slide."

2. Adjutant General Report – Steven Rinehart: No report.

3. Stake Eagle Court of Honor in Farmington, Utah on Wednesday, 19 March 2014: We are finalizing plans with Rocky Dustin, the Farmington stake scouting representative requesting a flag honor guard and multiple Eagle Scout Slide presentations on 19 March. LTC Jamison, MAJ Olsen, CPT Olson, MAJ Halford, and a West Jordan Venturer Post specializing in flag honor guards will be there. The Venturer Post advisor has promised to bring over 40 Unites States flags from different historical periods with flag bearers. If they perform as expected, we may invite them to march with us in the 2014 Days of '47 parade.

Associated Organization Reports:

1. Battalion Trek – Kevin Henson:

Michigan Contingent Report: Our independent Battalion reenactor's group will be standing up a "log cabin building" activity this fall. Based upon an activity conducted at the Utah Territorial Statehouse State Park, these "giant Lincoln Logs™" are used to let participants "build" the walls for a log cabin. We expect this to be a bigger hit than the Candy Cannon. (See photos at: <https://www.facebook.com/373163842776627/photos/a.495821763844167.1073741836.373163842776627/495822893844054/?type=1&theater.>)

2. Mormon Battalion Volunteers, Utah Living History Association – MAJ Val John Halford: Our reenactors have changed the name of their unit, and are now part of Utah Living History Association. Have committed to marching in 2014 Days of 47 Parade with us.

3. Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers – Peter D. Guilbert: Received numerous reports on their activities

4. Sons of Utah Pioneers: Received numerous reports.

5. Friends of the Battalion: No report.

6. Mesa Company: Three times a month from October through April, they are telling the story of the original Trail at Christmas Camp (120 miles round trip each time). They are developing their own Wild Bull Eagle Scout neckerchief slide to present to those who have participated in Christmas Camp.

Local Unit Reports:

Headquarters (HHC) Company – MAJ Clark Olsen: MAJ Olsen has made a number of Eagle Scout Slide presentations.

Utah North Platoon – CPT Robert Olson: CPT Olson and MAJ Val John Halford have made a number of Eagle Scout Slide presentations.

Eastern Idaho Squad – CPT Thomas Griggs: They now have two uniformed members to make presentations.

Logan Squad (aka “D” Company) – CPT James Hansen: No report.

Ogden Section (aka “C” Company) – SGT Thayne Fry: No report.

Salt Lake Section/Squad (aka “A” and “B” Companies): LTC Jamison has made a number of Eagle Scout Slide presentations.

Utah South Platoon – LTC Jerry Harris: No report.

Albuquerque Squad – CPT Blaine Bachman: CPT Bachman has made a number of Eagle Scout Slide presentations.

Cedar City Squad – CPT Robert Tingey: No report.

St. George Section (aka Dixie Company) – CPT Robert Wood: CPT Wood has made a number of Eagle Scout Slide presentations.

White Mountain Section – 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) – MAJ John Bascom: No report.

Arizona Detached Section – LTC Lloyd Smith: No report.

Yuma Squad – CPT Gary L. Smith: No report.

● Member Advisory Committee Reports:

1. Graves Memorialization Member Advisory Committee – COL Carl V. Larson, Chair:

a. Gravestone Plaques – Col Carl V. Larson – COL Larson has previously reported that we have a limited supply of concrete encased bronze plaques remaining, and that they are vulnerable to vandalism. The Executive Staff tasked COL Larson to find a less expensive alternative similar to the LDS *Faith in Every Footstep* anodized aluminum plaque which can be permanently glued to gravestones. COL Larson solicited a bid from SymbolArts to provide such 3" x 5" metal gravestone plates. They would cost \$8.50 each, with a minimum order of 16. LTC Jamison and COL Larson will further discuss with SymbolArts. COL Larson will contact LDS Church for their recommendations for best gravestone adhesive.



2. Historians Member Advisory Committee – Kevin Henson, Chair:

a. Journals Transcription: Suggest an effort to reach agreement with the LDS Church and other entities to post journal transcriptions for those that claim copyright. We should examine the copyright options. Mr. Henson doesn't think they have the right to claim copyright if anyone can re-transcribe a text that's past its' copyright expiration date. Need legal counsel on this matter and statement of policy for the Mormon Battalion Association from Steven Rinehart, our Judge Advocate General who just happens to be an intellectual property rights expert. Perhaps Kayla Willie would give her thoughts/observations based upon her experience at the Harold B. Lee Library Special Collections.

Mr. Henson spent 3½ days at the University of Utah Special Collections re-transcribing the entire Sanderson journal. His effort matches the original as a page-by-page, line-by-line transcription. Margaret Larson volunteered to make a second reading. As soon as Margaret is done, Mr. Henson will begin editing the journal for publication. The goal is to be finished before year end. Significant resources are being made available on-line. The entire contents of the Battalion Family Letters file (LDS C Hx Lib) are now online. MS 2070.

[http://churchhistorycatalog.lds.org/primo_library/libweb/action/dlSearch.do?ct=facet&fctN=facet_rtype&fctV=manuscripts&dscnt=0&vl\(58370231UI0\)=any&onCampus=true&query=any%2Ccontains%2Cmormon%20battalion%20letters&scp.scps=scope%3A\(ALEPH-JHX\)%2Cscope%3A\(ALEPH-PCPX\)%2Cscope%3A\(PLIBRARY\)%2Cscope%3A\(PARCHIVES\)%2Cscope%3A\(PEAD\)&tab=default_tab&dstmp=1394763459696&highlight=true&ct=search&search_scope=CHL&indx=1&displayField=title&vl\(1UIStartWith0\)=contains&q=mormon%20battalion%20letters&vl\(freeText0\)=mormon%20battalion%20letters&fn=search&vid=CHL_PUBLIC&institution=PCHD](http://churchhistorycatalog.lds.org/primo_library/libweb/action/dlSearch.do?ct=facet&fctN=facet_rtype&fctV=manuscripts&dscnt=0&vl(58370231UI0)=any&onCampus=true&query=any%2Ccontains%2Cmormon%20battalion%20letters&scp.scps=scope%3A(ALEPH-JHX)%2Cscope%3A(ALEPH-PCPX)%2Cscope%3A(PLIBRARY)%2Cscope%3A(PARCHIVES)%2Cscope%3A(PEAD)&tab=default_tab&dstmp=1394763459696&highlight=true&ct=search&search_scope=CHL&indx=1&displayField=title&vl(1UIStartWith0)=contains&q=mormon%20battalion%20letters&vl(freeText0)=mormon%20battalion%20letters&fn=search&vid=CHL_PUBLIC&institution=PCHD)

b. Histories: Found an early file containing Mormon Battalion history. Y'all may want to run down there and check it out. My digitization request is #CH27398. The LDS CHL catalog reference follows:

Mance H. Vaught papers, 1938-1988 / Mance Hyrum Vaught / MS 12041 / Folder 9 - Box 1 - Reel 1 / Manuscript/.

3. Membership Member Advisory Committee – Margaret Larson, Chair: We will start mailing our new Membership Form to our current and former members immediately. It provides us with vital contact, aptitude and skills information, collects dues and donations, and administers the Oath of Membership. The form lists four categories of membership:

\$30.00 Annual Individual Membership (payment due the month in which you joined the Battalion)

\$200.00 Lifetime Individual Member Dues (One time payment)

\$60.00 Annual Family Group Membership (at least two members in an immediate 2-3 generation family)

\$120.00 Annual Associate Organization Membership (group, organization, or multi-generation families)

Those who properly complete, sign, and return our Membership Form and are current in their dues will be members in good standing, with all rights and benefits of membership, including the right to vote in local and general elections.

4. Scouting Relations Member Advisory Committee – MAJ Clark Olson, Chair:

a. Mormon Battalion Trail Award – Kevin Henson: On 5 December 2013, LTC Jamison assigned Mr. Henson – under the direction of MAJ Clark Olson – the responsibility of researching our “taking over” the Mormon Battalion Trail Award (created and managed by our own CPT Brent Bryner from Logan) from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and/or the LDS Church. LTC Jamison provided Mr. Henson with a Mormon Battalion Association Leadership Roster, but he defers to the Executive Staff as to who they want to be the contact(s). Suggest someone more local than Mr. Henson. The BSA office would like to have a “face” to attach to the names.

Mr. Henson was the first person from Mormon Battalion Association they'd ever met. Mark Francis – Director of LDS-BSA Relations (Mark.Francis@Scouting.org)

As reported last month, the LDS-BSA Relations office is VERY willing to divest itself of the Battalion Trail Award process and responsibility. The National BSA Office has indicated they would NOT interfere with changes to the patch requirements or a change of administering entity. Need to keep them apprized however. A copy of the verifying e-mail from the National Office was sent to LTC Jamison and MAJ Clark. However, Mr. Henson's observation and question remains: IF the Mormon Battalion Association is unwilling and/or unable to commit sufficient manpower to administer/nurture the program indefinitely, THEN the Mormon Battalion Trail Award will become an orphan program. WHAT then, would become of the patch award process? We really need to think it through before committing to taking it over. Suggestion: Since it is NOT really a significant time investment for the LDS-BSA Relations Office, perhaps some token annual fiscal contribution might help take the sting out of administering it? The patches pay for themselves – it's the annoyance of BSA staff involvement. Find some other process that CAN be supported long-term.

The reporting process still needs to be revised based also upon your choice. What good are some of the requirements if no one follows up on the information provided? Mr. Henson will discuss this with others. He requests we advise him of Executive Staff decision, and that we communicate it to the LDS-BSA Office as part of the effort to establish contacts with these nice folks.

Mr. Henson has not begun work on the requirement booklet revision. Any ideas for changes? Suggestion: Implementing of Trail Award changes should target July 2016 as the 170th anniversary of the Battalion's formation. That should provide sufficient time to get the PR effort in place. Previous recommendation about public relations preparations is reiterated.

b. Trail Hikes: During the past 3-4 months, we have received a number of requests for identifying sections of the Mormon Battalion Trail for Scout groups to hike for the Mormon Battalion Trail Award. This points to the need for a repository of suggested hikes. Mr. Henson will contemplate this and begin working on suggestions *for all the trails used during 1846-47*. This material would identify “high-value” sections for aesthetics, historical importance, and access. This may result in another book or downloadable app. At this time, Henson has NO plans to delineate the “return trails.” That's for the next generation to accomplish.

5. Men's Uniform Member Advisory Committee – MAJ Val John Halford, Chair:

Kevin Henson: Mr. Henson provided MAJ Halford with the publication information for the *Sutter's Fort Costume Manual* circa 1845 by David Rickman. This is THE standard by which the Sutter's State Park staff (men & women) are dressed for their portrayal. Cost is \$20 / copy.

6. Women's Dress Member Advisory Committee – Kayla Willey and Wendy Sorenson, Co-chairs:

Margaret Larson: I have found several sources for women's pioneer clothing:

- White Elegance – whiteelegance.com
- Images for pioneer clothing – google.com – shows images and sewing instructions for various clothing items, particularly apron and petticoat
- Pictures and descriptions of undergarments, dress, etc. – averseofmysong.blogspot.com
- Descriptions of period clothing, hairstyles, etc. – clothingthesaints.com
- Deseret Book™ – trek clothing
- McCalls™ dress pattern 9423 (girls--9424)
- Simplicity™ dress pattern 3723 (girls--3725)

7. 2014 Heritage Day Member Advisory Committee – LTC Max W. Jamison, Chair: Recommend foregoing Heritage Day this year, and plan for full day symposium at BYU in April 2015.

● Continental Support Staff Reports:

1. Quartermaster/Logistics Report – MAJ Halford: Mormon Battalion Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides:

a. Purchasing Policies – There has been some confusion about the methods of purchasing available. In order to remain in strict compliance with IRS rules, and maintain a log of slide recipients, we implemented the following three methods of purchase, plus a followup method in our February meeting:

- Purchase In Person from Eagle Kits – Require a completed *Slide Request Form* with every in person purchase. The Eagle Kit holder must then turn in one form to the Quartermaster for every new slide received.
- Purchase Online via PayPal – Restructure our online payment process to require submission of a completed *Slide Request Form* before proceeding to the via PayPal direct payment window. The Quartermaster will send a copy of our official *Presentation Guidelines* with the confirmation email.
- Purchase via Mail Using Check or Money Order – Change our mail in order process to require submission of a completed *Slide Request Form* with their check or money order made out to the Mormon Battalion Association. The Quartermaster will send a copy of our official *Presentation Guidelines* with the shipment.
- Follow up – The Quartermaster will send all purchasers a numbered Certificate of Authenticity with membership application after the presentation. This will help to maintain communication with recipients.

b. Increased Shipping and Handling Costs – LTC Jamison reported that the USPS recently lost two slides we sent to the St. George area, and we had no way of finding them, so we had to “eat” the cost of replacing them. A review of our UPS billing revealed that it costs \$7.06 for shipping and handling to the St. George area. We have added digital tracking at \$1.35 per shipment, and are providing UPS with a copy of each PayPal order form onto which they will attach a tracking bar code. That means we can expect a minimum cost of \$8.41 per slide within Utah, and more out of state. I have increased our shipping and handling fees for standard domestic delivery in 2-7 business days:

- \$0.01 to \$20.00 merchandise value = from \$5.00 to \$7.00 shipping and handling fee,
- \$20.01 to \$40.00 merchandise value = from \$10.00 to \$14.00 shipping and handling fee,
- \$40.01 to \$60.00 merchandise value = from \$15.00 to \$21.00 shipping and handling fee,
- \$60.01 to \$80.00 merchandise value = from \$20.00 to \$25.00 shipping and handling fee,
- \$80.01 and up merchandise value = \$25.00 shipping and handling fee (We may increase this, too.)

2. Acting Finance Officer Report – LTC Jamison: Our financial status continues to improve. We need to pick up another shipment of 50 Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slides from SymbolArts, and get the 18 slides in inventory numbered. No local units have requested any funds. We paid \$74.78 for 2½ months of UPS shipping costs. Other than purchasing 200 Mormon Battalion Trail Award patches from SymbolArts, renewing our annual UPS contract for \$134.00 in September, and our Battalion Day expenses in October, we foresee no major expenses in 2014.

New Business

(Open to Floor)

1. New Board of Directors – LTC Jamison:

a. Membership – Per our new Articles and Bylaws, we are creating a new Board of Directors comprising 7-10 civic leaders friendly to the Battalion. We expect to fill the Board quickly. To date, five have accepted our invitation. They need not be current members of the Battalion or reside in Utah, but comprise fresh cross-pollinating wise and successful business and community leaders from *outside* the Battalion capable of rendering unbiased decisions. Our Board now comprises the following:

***Chairman:** [TBD]

***Director:** Edwin N. Kimball, Sandy, UT

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§President: LTC Max W. Jamison (Battalion Commander)

§Vice President: COL Carl V. Larson (Battalion Executive Officer)

§1st Executive Director: [TBD]

§2nd Executive Director: [TBD]

*elected members

§designated *ex officio* (secondary duty) members

b. General Election of Board of Directors, Battalion Commander, and Battalion Executive Officer –

We are due to hold General Elections of select members of the Board, plus a new Battalion Commander and Battalion Executive Officer in September 2014.

2. LDS Scout Encampment in Denver, Colorado Area this Summer – One of the Denver, Colorado stakes is planning a large LDS Scout encampment this summer. We've been making suggestions to them which they are acting upon. The LDS-BSA office only has about 50-75 Mormon Battalion Trail Award patches on hand. LTC Jamison and COL Larson will order 200 more from SymbolArts.

Projected Action Items

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- All: Recruit civic and community leaders to serve on our new **Board of Directors**.
- All: Recruit and vet a new **Chief Finance Officer**, preferably a CPA already familiar with QuickBooks.
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Closing Remarks

LTC Max W. Jamison

Inspirational Thought

None

Benediction

LTC Max W. Jamison

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