

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

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Conducting: Col Norman T. Ereksen

Invocation: MAJ Doug Williams

Pledge: MAJ Don Schurtz

Attending: Col Norman T. Ereksen, MAJ Richard Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, VP Erma Bullock, PRES Anne Ereksen,, MAJ Val John Halford., LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Tom Coyne, Elaine Ereksen, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Doug Williams

Excused: LTC Jerome Gorley, MAJ John Hayes CAPT LaVar Burton, CAPT Earl Gillmore, MAJ Clark Olsen, LTC Bob Paul, MAJ Stan Fitts.

1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Ereksen
2. **Minutes:** MAJ Richard Bullock submitted the minutes of 19 April 2008 for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by LTC Gaylen Maynes. Vote passed.
3. **Calendar:** The revised calendar was presented by MAJ Richard Bullock.
4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the names of Tina Marie Forsyth of St. George and Paul Civitarese of Foxboro, MA as new annual members along with CAPT Dale Read as a renewing Annual member. A motion to accept these members was made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by MAJ Roger Grua. A vote to accept these members passed.

VP Erma Bullock then indicated she had been asked by a current member if they could apply past membership fees toward a Lifetime Membership. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that if an annual member had paid for three consecutive years the fees could be applied toward a Lifetime membership. Thus costing an additional \$120 instead of \$200. A motion to this effect was made by MAJ Roger Grua, seconded by MAJ Doug Williams. Vote passed. It was also agreed this would be added to the Policy Manual.

5. **Finances:** MAJ Tom Coyne reported that April resulted in a negative cash flow of \$761.69. The extra expenses were the *Valiant*, Heritage Day, and slides material. LTC Gaylen Maynes indicated that Phase I costs are covered but need more contributions before work on the building can begin. The monuments have been paid for by another donor.

Col Erikson indicated that \$300,000 has been contributed in kind on installation of the utilities.

6. ***Valiant:*** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next *Valiant* would be a single page that would be prepared by COL Erikson.

7. **Building Project:** COL Norm Erikson reported that the utilities have nearly all been installed. Topsoil from the Veteran's Administration building site, a mile away, will be donated as fill to our site for the gardens and will cost \$20 a load as a fuel surcharge. Need someone to count the number of loads that are delivered.

LTC Max Jamison indicated that we should hire a professional Grant Writer to obtain annual grants for maintenance of the building.

The ladies departed for their Auxiliary meeting.

8. **Heritage Day:** MAJ Richard Bullock indicated that posters are being printed and tickets are available. He passed 100 tickets to COL Norm Erikson for Company C, and 100 tickets to MAJ Don Schurtz for Company B. MAJ Doug Williams received 150 tickets and agreed to contact the At Large members, place posters throughout the FHL and make tickets available to the floor supervisors for distribution. MAJ Bullock has called all the members of Company A and others distributing nearly 200 tickets plus 350 for the choir. LTC Bob Paul has 400 tickets and Kirt Jameson will receive a packet should he receive calls. All the newspapers have been contacted, the Church News, KCPW, Mormon Times and The City Weekly. Press releases will be distributed about the first of June. Due to logistics, Kevin Henson has been moved to the Business meeting where he can demonstrate google earth and his plans.

9. **Essay Contest:** MAJ Roger Grua reported 35 entries and that judging has begun. He stressed the need for speedy review as some judges are leaving town.

10. **Trek 2008:** COL Erikson indicated the Trek is gaining momentum and will be a significant event of importance to the Battalion..

11. **Company Reports:**

Company B: MAJ Don Schurtz reported that they had a talk by a Bro. Eldredge concerning Johnston's Army that was quite interesting. His group participated in Scipio and gave out nine Eagle slides.

Company C: MAJ Clark Olsen has had neck surgery and doing very well. They had Eagle slides for seven Eagle scouts.

Company D: Nothing reported.

Company E: CAPT Earl Gillmore has been in an auto accident and could not be present..

Ship *Brooklyn*: MAJ Richard Bullock reported he had participated in the memorialization at Scipio, and has been working hard on Heritage Day.

12. **Elections:** COL Erikson indicated this is the year for elections. The committee assigned consists of LTC Jerome Gourley, as chairman, with MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Richard Bullock, VP Erma Bullock, Norma Bench and MAJ Doug Williams. Nominations must be received by June 14th, ballots mailed July 1st, counted August 16. New officers will be sworn in October 18. Any member can suggest nominations. COL Norm Erikson has elected to run again as has MAJ Richard Bullock.

13. **Other:** Applications have been sent in regarding the Days of '47 parade.

Cap Cressop has produced a large format map with detail about the Battalion that he wants to market.

MAJ Johnnie Hayes has requested an annual budget of about \$250 for A/V supplies.

Benediction: MAJ Roger Grua **Dismissed:** 11:30 a.m.