

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL STAFF MINUTES
16 May 2009 - 9:30 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

- Conducting:** COL Norm T. Erikson
- Attending:** COL Norm T. Erikson, MAJ Richard Bullock, LTC Jerome Gourley, LTC Max Jamison, PRES Annie Erikson, VP Erma Bullock, MAJ Don Schurtz, Norma Bench, MAJ Clark Olsen, MAJ Val John Halford, LTC Gaylen Maynes, MAJ Doug Williams, Kayla Willey.
- Excused:** MAJ Stan Fitts, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ John Hayes, LTC Bob Paul, MAJ Glade Nelson
- Guests:** Kevin Henson, Trace Skeen
- Invocation:** MAJ Doug Williams
- Pledge of Allegiance:** MAJ Clark Olsen
1. **Welcome:** COL Norm T. Erikson.
 2. **Minutes:** The Executive Staff Minutes of 18 April 2009 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes made by Norma Bench, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.
 3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented and a few changes were made.
 4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the name of Douglas Wilson of Manhattan Beach, California as a renewing annual member and David Smith of Mesa, Arizona as a new Life member. David has donated the personal records of Lot Smith to the Battalion in the past. LTC Jerome Gourley commented upon the job VP Erma Bullock has been doing and the need for more, younger recruits. A motion to accept these new members was made by LTC Jerome Gourley, seconded by PRES Annie Erikson. Vote passed.
 5. **Financial:** COL Erikson reported that the current operating account as of April is \$5800.25. A motion to reimburse LTC Max Jamison \$139 for software for emailing the *Valiant*, which he will donate to the building fund, was approved. LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that \$25K was spent for the second statue mold and that he will pay \$75K for casting to begin. The building fund may or may not be enough to cover the costs of Phase I. A motion to accept the financial report made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.

6. **Valiant:** LTC Max Jamison reported that the next issue of the *Valiant* would be ready for distribution on 13 June 2009.
7. **Heritage Day:** LTC Jerome Gourley offered his thanks to LTC Max Jamison and MAJ Johnnie Hayes for their efforts in getting ready for Heritage Day. Tickets are now available for distribution and posters advertising the event will be sent out by email. CAPT Floyd Rigby has received no support from the Battalion for members of the Battalion Choir. They have had three practices to date. They meet every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the American Fork Tabernacle on State Street.
8. **Essay Contest:** COL Erikson reported that the essays received totaled thirty-two. The first round of judging has been completed. Trace Skeen would like to invite the essay contest winners to participate in his upcoming Battalion musical. He will work with MAJ Roger Grua in coordinating this invitation. We will also add the participants as Honorary Annual members.
9. **Company Reports:**
- Company B Conducted a color guard for the Army Engineering society. Participants were CO)L Norm Erikson, MAJ Don Schurtz and Jerry Anderson.
- Company C MAJ Clark Olsen reported that they had a very good meeting last month when a lecture about pioneer medicine from Brea Cornell of the re-enactors was presented to twenty-eight members in attendance. He is working hard on recruiting but having little success.
- Ship *Brooklyn* MAJ Richard Bullock reported that he had given details of the proposed Ship Brooklyn monument to the architect.
10. **Building:** COL Erikson asked for help at the work site from someone with a pickup to move some materials. MAJ Doug Williams volunteered. Kevin Watts, the new architect, has a new concept for the monument site that appealed to the building committee. New plans are being drafted and more soil is being moved around in preparation.
11. **Other:** Kevin Henson reported that he was returning the accouterments and guns that had been borrowed last year. They were turned over to MAJ Don Schurtz after the meeting. He reported that his father-in-law Jerry Watts was in the hospital with pneumonia. The San Diego museum is going to be opened in January 2010. They want to produce an interactive video for the museum but the BYU film department is very unorganized at the present time. Elder Snow of the Second Quorum of Seventies has responded that they would be willing to help in digitizing the Battalion records.

LTC Gaylen Maynes reported that the BYU Dance/Drama group, that has performed several times about the Women of the Battalion are putting their production on DVD that will be available for general distribution. Shirley Maynes new book is nearly ready for launch on the internet at Battalionwomen.com.

Kayla Willey and MAJ Doug Williams will be reviewing the Battalion files in the vault after the meeting in preparation for digitizing.

COL Erekson indicated that they had been requested to perform a flag ceremony at the Holladay cemetery on Memorial Day at 9 a.m. This is an annual event that generates a nice donation to the building fund.

Trace Skeen indicated that there was some interest being shown by Weber State to adopt his musical to something that could be performed by the College on an annual basis.

Benediction: Norma Bench

Dismissed: 11:30

Benediction: MAJ Glade Nelson

Dismissed: 11:25 a.m.