

# Mormon Battalion Association

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Dear local commanders,

It is imperative that you attend our March Leadership Meeting of the Mormon Battalion Association at 9:30 AM this Saturday in the lower level Pioneer Hall of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters Building at 3301 E. 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. You really need to be here! If you cannot attend, please send a trusted representative. We will:

- discuss our plans for this year's Heritage Day,
- discuss four colored samples of our new Eagle Scout neckerchief slide, plus our plans for bronze paper weights, wall plaques, and a full-sized buffalo head sculpture,
- view an actual first generation neckerchief slide with incredible detail,
- discuss legal and financial matters vital to our organization.

**Legal Matters** – Steven L. Rinehart, our newly appointed Judge Advocate General and a nationally recognized federal corporate trial lawyer, has taken time out from his busy schedule to discuss such vital issues as revenue sharing, fair trade practices, and organizational gender bias. Please do not miss this opportunity to learn from the very best!

**Financial Matters** – We will discuss the financial relationship between your unit and the parent Mormon Battalion Association, a single Utah based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation which provides a tax-free umbrella status to all of its units and at large members. For those unaware, in order to justify your non-profit status, the Battalion is **required** by federal and state law to maintain a trail of accountability of your unit's income and expenditures. In a Commander's Call at our annual business meeting on 17 July 2010, COL Gourley instructed you to either provide printed copies of your monthly bank statements or grant us the right and means to download them electronically so that we could accurately complete the annual Federal Form F-990. He followed up with a letter to each of you on 25 February 2011 requesting that you supply a 2010 income and expenditure summary sheet to him no later than 1 April 2011. **This is not trivial or optional!** Your failure to report this information constitutes tax fraud, endangering the nonprofit tax-free status of both your company and the Battalion as a whole. Please don't make us cancel your membership or subpoena your unit records.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday morning and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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