

"As the Lord lives, you will never be forgotten... but will be held in honorable remembrance for ever and ever." – Brigham Young

To only *retrospectively* honor the *heritage* of the original Mormon Battalion is but a hollow sham if we learn nothing from their humble sacrifice. To truly fulfill Brigham Young's prophesy, we must make their simple hymn of service reverberate and amplify within our deepest souls until it becomes our own great anthem whose crescendo reaches out to mold yet unborn generations. We too are pioneers, and must *prospectively* add our own humble *legacy* to theirs – rendering selfless and unrequired service, compassion, and charity to "men and nations to the latest generation, worlds without end, forever and ever."

Please join us at [www.mormonbattalion.com](http://www.mormonbattalion.com) to stay up to date on programs and events of the Mormon Battalion Association. We welcome your stories and photographs of both past current events and stories that you would like to share with us and others. Please send them to our webmaster, Brian Cole, at [mormonbattalion@hotmail.com](mailto:mormonbattalion@hotmail.com).

We invite all to become a member of the Mormon Battalion Association. Please see our website for an application form.

### 2009 Heritage Day Committee Co-chairs:

LTC Jerome Gourley, LTC Max Jamison, and MAJ John Hayes

Our Appreciation goes to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Temple Square Event Co-ordinators, LDS Audio-visual Department, and all participating Boy Scouts for their service to the Mormon Battalion.

Special thanks to the Staff and Friends of the Battalion – on both sides of the veil – who have so selflessly given of their time and materials that this program might succeed. The Lord bless and keep you!

## 2009 Mormon Battalion Heritage Day Program



Tabernacle on Temple Square, Salt Lake City, UT  
Saturday, 13 June 2009, 10:00 AM - Noon



"The March," by Dorothy Boyle (2003)



Elder Douglas L. Callister was sustained a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy on 1 April 2000. He has served in the Europe East Area of the Church for four years in the Area Presidency and as Area President headquartered in Moscow. His prior Church service includes assignments as an Area Authority Seventy, Regional Representative, president of the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission, president of the Glendale California Stake, bishop, and sealer in the Los Angeles Temple. He earlier served as a missionary in Switzerland. Elder Callister received his bachelor's degree

from Brigham Young University, Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Southern California, and Master of Law Degree from Harvard University. He practiced tax law for thirty-six years in Los Angeles, California. He was born 17 February 1939 in Glendale, California. He is married to Jeannette McKibben Callister, and they are the parents of six children and twenty-three grandchildren.



In January, Kevin Henson and his wife, Denny, finished the first complete rehiking of the 2,000 mile Mormon Battalion Trail since 1847. Michigan, Scouting, and Education have been recurring themes throughout Kevin's life.

His 1974-75 LDS mission in Michigan set the stage for a 1990 return with employment through the MRI medical imaging industry. Volunteer service to Scouts and other youth groups has almost been continuous since his 1980 BYU graduation in Earth Sciences and Outdoor Education. While there, Kevin also worked with the original BYU Handcart Trek program for two years. Denice Watts married Kevin in 1980 and they have been blessed with four wonderful children and six grandchildren. Plans are in the works for a full day seminar soon.



The Mormon Battalion Choir has been formed to bring tribute to the proud legacy of the Mormon Battalion, and each brave man and woman who participated in that historic endeavor. Musical Director, CAPT Floyd Rigby's great grandfather, Henry Weeks Sanderson, marched with the Battalion. CAPT Rigby has directed music in school, church, and community. He founded the Southern Utah Heritage Choir in St. George, performing locally and internationally with them for fifteen years. Floyd and his wife, Claire, now reside in Highland, Utah.

- Prelude..... **Bring Them Home** (from *Battalion – The Musical*)  
Lyrics & Music: Trace Skeen, Music & Arr.: Richard Wilson
- Accompaniment. ... **Dr. Don Cook** (Organ) and **Monica Hymas** (Piano)  
Mormon Battalion Choir
- Master of Ceremonies..... **Dennis Nordfelt**  
Regional Director, LDS Church Education System
- Opening Hymn (Choir)..... **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**  
Lyrics and Music: Joachim Neaader (1650-1680), Arrangement: Mack Willberg (1955)
- Invocation. .... **MAJ Roger Grua**  
Chaplain, Mormon Battalion Association
- Posting of the Colors..... **COL Norman Erikson**  
Mormon Battalion Honor Guard
- National Anthem (Choir & Congregation).... **The Star-Spangled Banner**  
Lyrics: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), Music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)
- Seminary Essay Contest Winners..... **MAJ Roger Grua**  
Chaplain, Mormon Battalion Association
- Battalion Trek Report. .... **Kevin Henson**  
Trek Coordinator, aka "2SGT Ebenezer Brown of Company A," Battalion Trek, Inc.
- Musical Tribute to the Mormon Battalion (Choir).....  
**Grace/It Is Well with My Soul/  
Stouthearted Men/The Impossible Dream** (from *Man of La Mancha*)  
Lyrics: John Newton (1725-1807) Early American Melody/Arr. Mark Hayes/  
Lyrics: Horatio G. Spafford (1822-1888), Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)/  
Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960), Music: Sigmund Romberg (1887-1951), Arr. John Leavitt (1956)/  
Lyrics: Joe Darion (1917-2001), Music: Mitch Leigh, Arr.: John Leavitt (1956)
- Keynote Speaker. .... **Elder Douglas L. Callister**  
Second Quorum of the Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Closing Hymn Medley (Choir)..... **I See Our Zion/  
Be Thou My Vision**  
Lyrics: Paul Woodbury, Music: Joan Porter Ford/  
Lyrics: Dallan Forgaill (6<sup>th</sup> Century), Music: Old Irish Hymn (6<sup>th</sup> Century), Arr.: Robert Hunter (1941)
- Benediction..... **Denice Watts Henson**  
Trekker, Battalion Trek, Inc.