



Message From The President



Jerome Presenting Mormon Battalion Neckerchief Slide To Eagle Scout Cooper Jolley

This July through September Newsletter is the result of a request from Kevin Henson, Chairman of our Board of Directors. It's full of photos of events held during the busy months of July, August, and September. We extend to all who were so instrumental in our successes, our heartfelt gratitude. Beginning on Friday morning, the 23rd of July, we opened the Sunrise Service, held in the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City by posting the colors and leading the congregation in The Pledge of Allegiance. Following thereafter, we led the

Days of '47 Parade with colors, Horse and Mule-drawn wagons, our re-enactors and a 40-person delegation from Yuma, Arizona...not to mention several female volunteers who carried our new banner celebrating the 175th year since the Battalion was enlisted in Iowa, 1846. Thanks to Greg Christofferson and Laura Anderson, we are including for your reading pleasure, the article printed on-line and in the Church News. We hope that the pictures you see in this edition of our Newsletter will give you some idea of the pageantry and positive vibes we felt and participated in, during these months. August was filled with exciting events. Enjoy the pictures and commentary.

Trekking Their Trail In Tribute!

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Mormon Battalion march, beginning next May 2022, several of us are going to walk Mormon Battalion Sick Detachments trail from Pueblo, CO to Salt Lake City. The march will be under the direction of Kevin Henson and his wife, Denny. Everyone is invited to join! Whether you can walk the entire trip or just a

few miles, you are cordially invited to do so. We are seeking volunteer participation and hoping that several of our members and/or friends, will join with us. We are beginning the celebratory trek in Pueblo, because that's the location where the sick detachments and most of the women and children, spent the winter of 1846, rejoining the pioneer Vanguard Company in Wyoming and completing the trip down into the valley of the Great Salt Lake in spring, 1847. Our arrival will coincide with the Days of '47 festivities held annually in Salt Lake City. Please, those of you who would like to make this 'once in a lifetime memory' contact me and let us know of your degree of interest.

Thank you for your continued support, spread the word, invite a friend to join us, send a check.

*Bless you all,
Jerome*



Pioneer Day Sunrise Program In Assembly All On Temple Square



Greg, Elder D. Todd Christofferson, and Jerome at End of Sunrise Program



Laura and Greg Displaying The 175th Anniversary Mormon Battalion Banner



Jerome, Laura, and Greg



U.S Army of the West Ladies Parade Participants from Yuma, AZ



U.S Army Of The West Parade Participants Preparing To March In The Pioneer Day Parade



MBA Members and Parade Participants Laura, Greg, and Shar in a Covered Wagon



U.S. Army of the West (Yuma, AZ) and MBA Members Marching in the Pioneer Day Parade.



Mormon Battalion Teamsters at End of the Parade.

Report On Commemoration Events

Report on the July and August commemoration events of the Mormon Battalion Association's 175th Anniversary of the Mormon Battalion March. (Reported by Laura Anderson.)

Our first activity was the Sunrise Service on July 23 at the Assembly Hall at Temple Square where the Mormon Battalion Association was asked to post the colors. We then had a place of honor in the Days of '47 parade. Our thanks go out to John Bascom for arranging for 2 wagons that added to this event. Also, our thanks go out to the Army of the West Mormon Battalion from Yuma for a large group of reenactors who marched with their group and carried our banner in the parade. I received a comment from a long time Battalion member who said this was the best representation by the Mormon Battalion Association in his memory. Way to go Jerome, Greg and John.

Our next set of activities was a 2-week trip across the mid-West, starting in Nauvoo, Illinois. The 15th of August featured a fireside hosted at the Nauvoo Family Inn. The topic was the Women of the Mormon Battalion, including an explanation of what happened to the money sent home to the families by the Battalion members who received clothing allowance and pay. This presentation was given by Laura Anderson. There was a lively discussion, with many questions from the attendees.

The next three nights we had people come to Battalion activities at the State Park in Nauvoo.

On Thursday the 19th, we started across Iowa and met up with Bill and Jill Crandell and David and Mary Ann Kirk to see sights along the Iowa trail with local historians. There is such a feeling of place when you stand on the hill at Garden Grove or Mt Pisgah and think of these men whose families were refugees being asked to leave their families on the open prairie to fight for a government that had, as Henry Wilcox put it, "Utterly rejected us."

At Garden Grove we had a nice tour with property owner Karla Gunzehauser.

Next, we went to Mt Pisgah, where we shared information with Jane Bailey of the Iowa Mormon Trails Association that she had not seen before which will help to place a couple of additional communities more exactly on the map. This information came from our Kindex project.

WOMEN OF THE MORMON BATTALION

THOSE WHO WENT WEST AND THOSE ON THE HOME FRONT

with Laura Anderson

Join us for
**A Self-Paced
Three Day
Tour of
Historic Nauvoo**
August 16th - 18th

August 16th, 6:00 PM
• Meet & Greet at the Pavilion at Nauvoo State Park

August 17th and 18th
• Pot Luck Dinner Each Night at the Pavilion at Nauvoo State Park. Share stories of the men, men and women of the Mormon Battalion

August 19th, 8:30 AM
• Begin the Journey across Iowa Meeting at the Pavilion, Nauvoo State Park

Follow
**The Trail
From Iowa to
Ft. Leavenworth,
Kansas**
August 19th - 20th

August 20th - 21st
• Celebrate Kanesville to Council Bluffs Events to Commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Jewish Pioneer Trail and Iowa Statehood. Symposium at Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 22nd, 8:00 AM
• Commemoration of Samuel Boley Grave, Bluff Street and MacCurtain Ave. near Des Moines, Iowa

August 26th, 9:30 AM
• Meet at Sherman Street, Leavenworth, KS Fort Leavenworth Tour With Jed Wingo, Director of Public Works at Fort Leavenworth
• Afternoon at Frontier Army Museum for Guest Speakers

Nauvoo Family Inn
Dining Hall and Event Center
August 15, 2021
7:00 PM

August 27th - 28th
Santa Fe Trail Association - Council Grove Presents
'Military on the Santa Fe Trail'

For More Information Visit <https://www.mormonbattalion.com>

On the 20th and the 21st the Mormon Battalion Association was represented at a symposium held at Council Bluffs by the Council Bluffs Stake and the

Celebrate!

-175th-
Kanesville to Council Bluffs

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the early Saints Exodus across Iowa, the founding of Kanesville, and the granting of Iowa statehood — all in 1846!

1846
DISCOVER
New Pioneer Blood Stains Across Iowa FINDING PIONEER ANCESTORS IN SOUTHWEST IOWA
Miss Gandy's Bible is the Clue!
INSPIRED LEADERSHIP OF BRIGHAM YOUNG
New Resources Found for the Mormon Battalion History

2021
EXPLORE
Native American History
Lewis & Clark at The Bluffs
Cremosity of Christ and His God Blessings at Fort
Roman Catholic Presence History in Buchanan County
Historical Site
The Magic Mile

SYMPOSIUM

with Debra R Curtis Jr., Church Historian

Invited Speakers

Anna Hale - General Post Office - Kanesville
Bluffs, Iowa

Jed Woodworth - Lead editor of the book *Clayton*

Jeff Walker - Historian and author

Jill Cranell - Daniels Center for Family History and Genealogy BIA

Dana Anderson - Fort Douglas Digging Women Initiative Association

Matthew Crow - Biographer of David L. Kane

Susan Kelsey - Billy Caldwell and early Native American History

Local Historians

Carl Scott, Terry Lately, Bob Sharp & Shanna Anderson Young - Historical Pioneer Research Group, Inc

Dr. Richard Warner - President, Pioneer Council Bluffs

Ryan Roenfeld - Author and Historian

Tom Entwistle - Director of Dodge House

Terry Lately - Teacher, History Degree in History

A two track symposium featuring the history of the Latter-day Saints in Iowa from 1846 - 1853 and key developments in the history of Council Bluffs. Presented both in Room and Zoom.

August 20 - 21, 2021
Iowa Western Community College Arts Center
Council Bluffs, Iowa

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Free!

Winter Quarters Historic site. Kevin Henson spoke about the muster in of the Mormon Battalion at Council Bluffs. Laura Anderson spoke about the women's money from the Army and how Brigham Young used it to supply the families of the Mormon Battalion left behind. Mary Ann Kirk spoke on the new understanding's we have about the Mormon Battalion participants identity and how the Kindex program has helped in the effort to identify them. Terry Lately had a presentation on the graves in the Council Bluffs area. The

presentations were well received and will be on line in the future, helping us to tell our story of the Mormon Battalion.

On August 22nd we then did a commemoration of the Samuel Boley Grave. Here, a descendant Chalise Johnstun spoke on the family of Samuel Boley, the first Battalion member who died, and how their involvement with the Church had affected their family. Watch for the video to be posted on our website.

On August 26th we had a guided tour of Fort Leavenworth by Jeff Wingo, the Public Affairs officer at Fort Leavenworth. Watch for the video to be posted on our website.



We saw James Allen's grave and the place where the Battalion crossed on the ferry from Weston, MO. There were many other sites of interest on the Fort.

See (soon) the Mormon Battalion Face book page for videos of the tour.

In the afternoon, we visited the Ft. Leavenworth Museum. Here Megan Hunter, a curator, had prepared a presentation to teach us what Leavenworth was like in 1846 she also showed us some artifacts.



On August 27th- 28th In 2018, the Mormon Battalion Association was invited to participate in the 2021 Symposium and re-enactment of the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe trail and the 175th of the Mormon Battalion at Council Grove. We went to the Kaw Mission in Council Grove where the men waited for Lt Col. Allen. This is where the Battalion learned that Allen had died.



Kevin Henson helping an attendee try on a buffalo robe at the Mormon Battalion Camp at the Council Grove commemoration.

Finally, save the dates and please participate in our activities in Old Town San Diego on January 28 through January 30, 2022. Currently, plans for these events are underway, and details will soon follow. This will commemorate, to the public, the 175th anniversary of the Battalion's arrival in San Diego.



The Mormon Battalion at Council Grove, Kansas

The Mormon Battalion camped here for five days beginning 27 August 1846. The battalion's more than 500 volunteers and officers had been recruited from the Mormon pioneers (members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to fight in the war with Mexico. The commanding officer, Colonel James Allen, had died at Ft. Leavenworth because of a lingering illness, and was replaced by Lieutenant Andrew Jackson Smith, who took command here on 30 August. Smith then led the Mormon Battalion to Santa Fe, about half of the 2,000-mile march to San Diego.

Council Grove was a government way station used by soldiers and traders preparing for travel along the Santa Fe trail. While awaiting the change in command, the Mormon soldiers repaired their wagons and equipment, gathered supplies, and held religious services here. The battalion acquired two cannon drawn by six horses each, a portable blacksmith shop, forty provision wagons, twelve family wagons, and a few private baggage wagons. Merchants in twelve wagons also joined the battalion here for the march to Santa Fe, selling the soldiers clothing, water, and other goods.

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Buffalo Soldiers camp with the Laundress set up.

