

MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When: Thu, Sep 15th
7:00 pm

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Presentation:
Fort Moore

Presenter:
Marilyn Mills,
area public
communications



Message from the President Greg Christofferson

[Remarks given at the Salt Lake Tabernacle on July 24th]

Good evening. My name is Greg Christofferson. As President, on behalf of the Mormon Battalion Association, I welcome you this evening.

This presentation of “The Mormon Battalion: A Symphonic Saga,” is the final event sponsored by the Mormon Battalion Association in this historic 175th Anniversary celebration year of the Battalion’s enlistment and service in the U.S. Army of the West.

In this past year, the Mormon Battalion Association has either sponsored or participated in events honoring the Battalion in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Utah.

We have been involved in symposiums, presentations, reenactments, musical productions, trail excursions, and coordination of large and small scale events in cities and towns.

In this semidemisepcentennial year we have completed a years-long research project and are finally able to identify with certainty all of the soldiers of the Battalion and women who accompanied them. We have created a brochure that is distributed at Church historic sites and by the U.S. Park Service to tourists traveling the Battalion Trail. We helped organize and coordinate the events held in San Diego last January, which were attended by thousands, and commissioned the musical tribute to the Battalion that you will hear tonight. I don’t know if we are as tired as the Battalion was when they arrived in California, but maybe close!

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Mormon Battalion Association Resources

Website

<https://www.mormonbattalion.com/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?>

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As we conclude this anniversary year, with your indulgence there are some thank-you's that need to be extended. I would like to thank the Mormon Battalion Executive Staff, Laura Anderson, Tom Griggs, Brad Allen, Ron Kirkpatrick, David Day, Richard Harden and Mary Ann Kirk for their incredible work through this year. I would like to thank our Board Chairman, Kevin Hensen for his leadership and knowledge of and infectious love for the Battalion Trail inspires us all. I would like to acknowledge our immediate past president Jerome Gourley, who could not be with us tonight due to illness. Under his leadership, many of the events of this past year were planned and organized.

I want to thank the Office of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for providing us at no charge the use of this historic Tabernacle this evening and assistance of the Temple Square Events Staff. I extend my appreciation to Elder Christofferson's administrative assistant, Judy Woolsey, for coordinating with that office.

Special recognition goes to Steven Breinholt, Temple Square Performances Coordinator and his staff, especially Doreen Foote, for their expert handling all of the elements necessary to be able produce this program. Steve has been cheerfully willing to answer his phone at nights and on weekends.

The Association wants to thank Marden Pond for his masterful composition that we will hear this evening. He has not only captured the story of the Mormon Battalion, but also the spirit of their epic sacrifice in answer to a Prophet's call.

Finally, I want to thank my brother, Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Todd has been a great friend to our efforts this past year, with with his willingness and ability to bring the Church's backing to events where it was appropriate, and his ready response to his brother's requests for participation Battalion events, such as tonight. I could not be blessed with a more loving, kind and supportive brother.

It will now be our privilege to hear from Elder D. Todd Christofferson, followed by a performance of The Mormon Battalion: A Symphonic Saga, under the direction of compose Marden Pond.



**The First General Festival of the Renowned Mormon Battalion
Women Who Walked and Waited**

**April 2022
Murray, Utah**



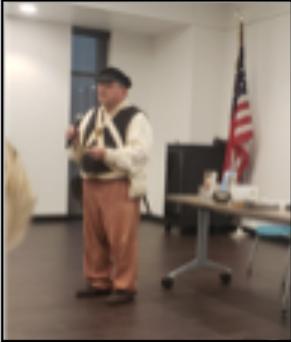
September - October 2022

175th Anniversary Events in Arizona



December 6, 2021

Maricopa Historical Society presentation by Denny Hoeh, MBA board member. He spoke on the Mormon Battalion (MB) in Arizona with special emphasis on the visits to the Akimel Oodham (Pima) and Pee-Posh (Maricopa) villages on the Gila River. There were 66 people in attendance. For many this was their first exposure to the story of the Mormon Battalion.



December 11, 2021

On a crisp clear Arizona morning, participants assembled at the Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. They hiked along a trail in the area where the Battle of the Bulls incident occurred. This activity was organized by David Barnhill, a direct descendant of Capt. Daniel C. Davis, Co. E.



December 18, 2021

175th commemoration of the Mormon Battalions arrival in Tucson and the 25th anniversary of the monument honoring them. Over 200 people attended the program with keynote speaker, Brandon J. Metcalf, an archivist with the Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



January 7-8, 2022

Celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Mormon Battalion crossing the Colorado River near Yuma, AZ. The U.S. Army of the West Mormon Battalion Foundation sponsored the event. Over 200 people attended the two-day event. On Friday, the keynote speaker was Laura Anderson, MBA board member. On Saturday, the keynote speaker was Brad Allen, president of the Mormon Battalion Historic Site in



February 11, 2022



A donation and placement of a Mormon Battalion manikin soldier in the Arizona Military Museum in Phoenix, AZ. Denny Hoeh, working with Joe Abodeely, the director of the museum, facilitated this donation to the permanent display of early military activity in Arizona. Cap Cresap supplied several pieces of the uniform. Several thousand people will see this exhibit each year.



Bulls showed up at the event





**Fort Moore 175th Celebration
July 4th, 2022**

Thank YOU Marilyn Mills



Guy Dickson
California Living History Service Mission
2nd Counselor
Days of 47 Parade - Flag Bearer

"May I again express my warm thanks to Mike [Anderson], for allowing me the honor of carrying the American flag at the head of the parade. It was an honor that I shall never forget.

I cannot adequately express to you the feelings that I had, when block after block the crowds on both sides of the street would rise, place their hands over their hearts, and stand in silent respect for the flag as we passed. It made for many humbling moments for me, but thrilling moments at the same time. I have been involved in Color Guard presentations of the colors in many different places, but never before have I been so moved by an audience during your Days of '47 Parade."



Photo: Salt Lake Tribune



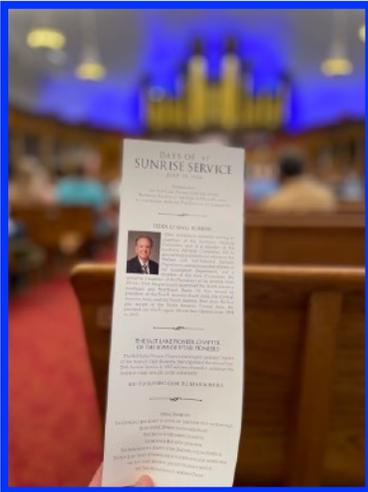
Living History Encampment

July 21-22, 2022
Benson Grist Mill
Stansbury Park, Utah

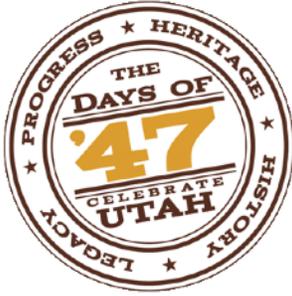


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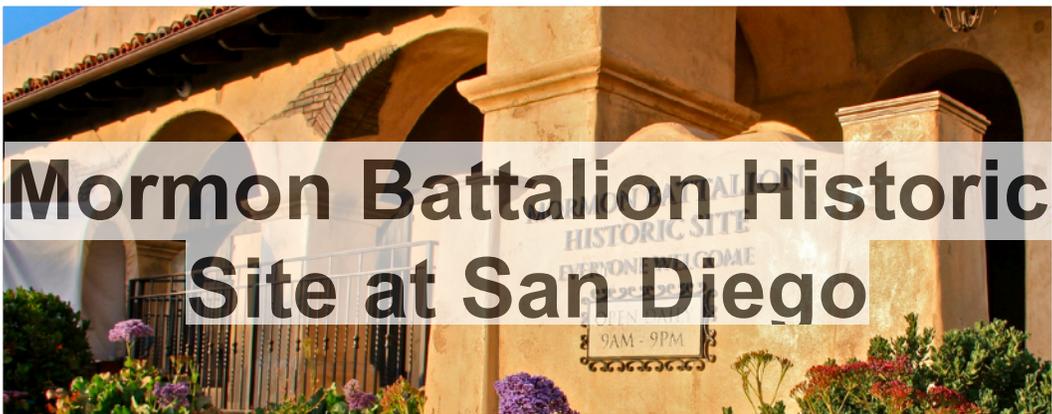
Sunrise Service
July 23, 2022
Salt Lake Tabernacle
Elder Lynn G. Robbins



Mormon Battalion Symposium
July 22, 2022
Stansbury Park, Utah

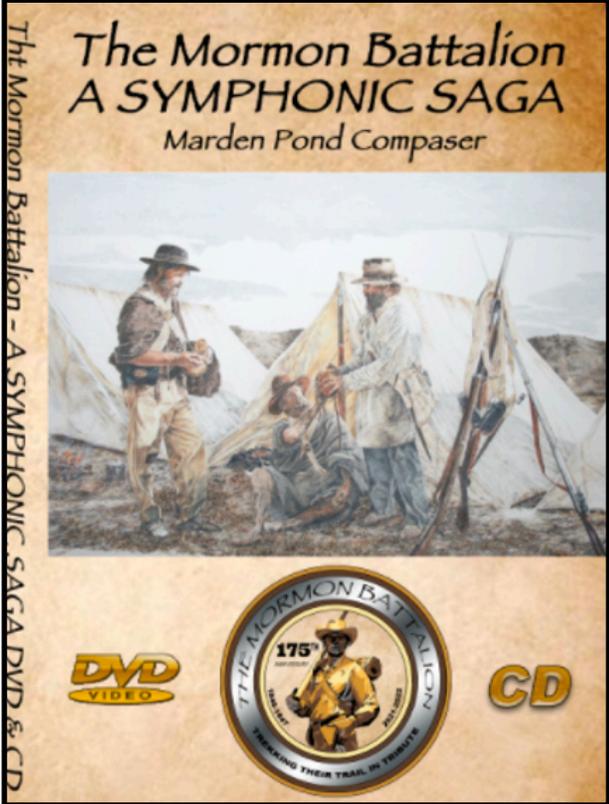


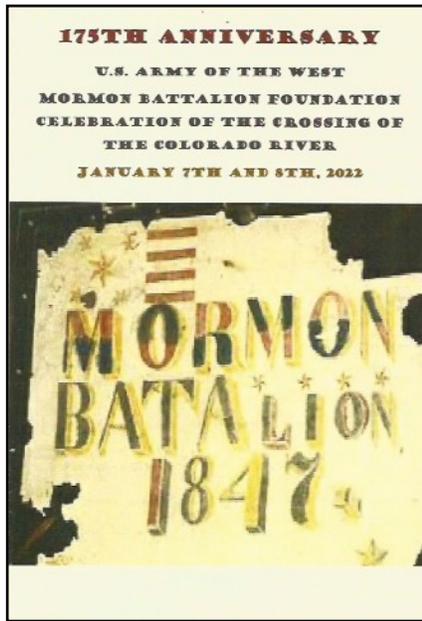
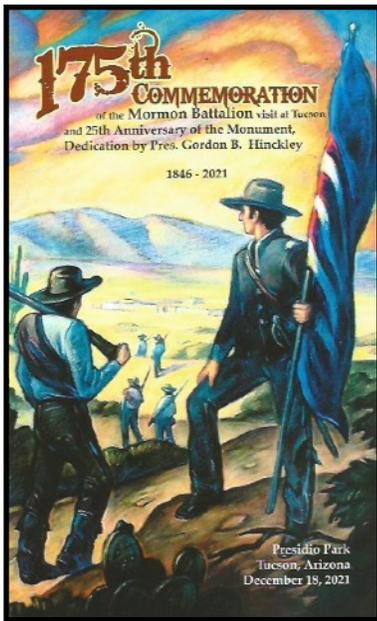
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Photos: Scott G Winterton, Deseret News

A Symphonic Saga
 Tabernacle in Salt Lake City
 Sunday, July 24, 2022
 Speaker: Elder D. Todd Christoffersen
 Composer: Marden Pond





MORMON BATTALION

Symposium, Living History Encampment, Sunrise Service, Concert - Mormon Battalion Symphonic Saga 175th Anniversary Celebration, July 21 - 24

LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT
(Benson Grist Mill located at 925 State Rd - 135, Stansbury Park, Utah)

Thursday - July 21
Live afternoons evening; Living History Encampment Set up "Hands-on" activities and instructions will be provided for such items as: Camp Layout, Fire Starting w/ Flint & Steel, Period Bedding, Tentage, Military Duties, etc.

Friday - July 22, Encampment Schedule

- 8:30 am - 7:30 am, Breakfast (Military Cooking, Pottery Moss Clear, Rations)
- 7:30 am - 11:00 am, Training & Instruction, Clothing, Equipment & Weapons Used in 1846, Scott & Maxwell of Arma Company Drill, Cartridge Making
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Displays & Presentations for the public. For details about encampment, as well as to RSVP Contact: Mia Anderson at: mianderson@gmail.com

Attend Symposium then return to camp

MORMON BATTALION SYMPOSIUM
(417 Benson Rd, Stansbury Park)

Friday - July 22

- 2:00 pm - 2:55 pm, "Dr. Sanderson and 1840s Medicine" by Brenda & Brent Cornell
- 3:05 pm - 3:55 pm, "The Mormon Battalion Caravan" by Emily Cronin
- 4:00 pm - 4:55 pm, "Theology: Women & Military Laureates" by Wendy Scorsen
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Dinner Break
- 6:00 pm - 8:55 pm, "A Day in 1846: Swallow - Mustering the Mormon Battalion" by Michael Anderson
- 7:00 pm - 7:55 pm, "Yes, Damn Lies and Statistics - Myths, Half-Truths & Some New Facts" by Laura Anderson and a Taste of History
- 8:05 pm - 8:55 pm, "The Delightful Road from Pueblo to Salt Lake" by Kevin Harrison

Events sponsored by the Mormon Battalion & the Utah Living History Associations

LH/MBA ACTIVITIES

Saturday - July 23

- 8:30 am, LHMBA members' breakfast at Benson Grist Mill
- MBA members' breakfast on your own
- 7:00 am, SUP's Sunrise Service at which we present colors at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square
- 8:30 am, All participate in the Days of 47 Parade in SLC, parade will begin at 9:00 am To March in Parade register with Brad Allen at bradallenba@gmail.com
- Return to Benson Grist Mill, hear down camp

MORMON BATTALION CONCERT
(The Terrace on Temple Square)

Sunday - July 24

- 7:00 pm, Live Performance of "The Mormon Battalion: A Symphonic Saga" Composed and Conducted by Markel Pond
- Special Guest Speaker: Elder D. Todd Christofferson



175th Anniversary Celebration

MORMON BATTALION

U.S. ARMY OF THE WEST

Parade & Community Event

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
Saturday, January 29, 2022
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free Children's Crafts & Activities
Great Family Fun

Frontier Games & Music Entertainment
Living History Displays

Dutch Oven Cook-off
Re-enactments
Historic Displays

Come hear our amazing story!

For information: www.sdcommunication.org/news-events

CELEBRATE! The 175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE

Mormon Trails Across NEBRASKA

A SYMPOSIUM

Free! Open to the Public
Featuring Elder Kyle S McKay

Aug 18th & 19th 2022
Mormon Trail Center
3215 State Street, Omaha NE
Sessions Starting At 9AM

FOR SALE



A Symphonic Saga CD
\$24.99 + shipping



Anniversary Pin
\$5.00



4 Anniversary Coasters
\$10.00

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EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE

175th COMMEMORATION

of the Mormon Battalion visit to Tucson

Sat. Dec. 18, 2021
Presidio Park, 165 W. Alameda
Downtown Tucson

- Games, Activities, & Exhibits 1-5pm
- Program 2-3pm
- Special Guest Speaker Brandon J. Metcalf, from the Church History Department
- Featuring The Mormon Battalion Brass Band

COMMEMORATIVE HIKE
Dec. 11, 7am a 9-mile hike on the Sky Island Trail Highway 82 at Fairbank Townsite
(The hike will begin at the Birth of the Bull Monument located on Chaviston Rd.) Contact Dave Bombill at asdrhf@outlook.com for more info.

PUBLIC IS INVITED.

Visit www.mormonbattaliontucson.com for more information about the Mormon Battalion visit to Tucson. Sponsored by the Tucson Mormon Battalion Monument Foundation and hosted by the Tucson Single Adults Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.