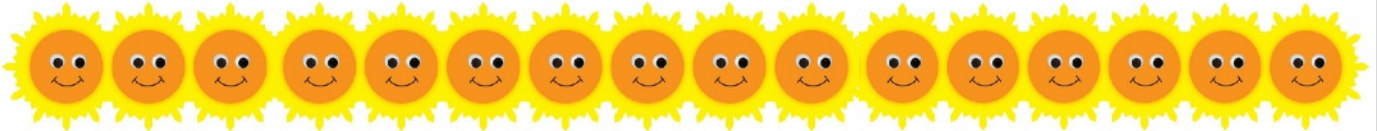


# MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION

"Will be held in honorable remembrance..."



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## From the President

**Greg Christofferson**



On April 23rd, at the invitation of President Stan and Sister Shirley Kauffman, mission leaders of the San Diego Historic Site Mission, I took 22 young sister missionaries, six senior couple missionaries and the Kauffman's on an excursion from the Mexican border in the Yuha Desert to the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, following the Battalions trail from January 10-27, 1847. We covered in 12 hours what took the Battalion 17 days.

My interest in that portion of the trail started in 1977, when I moved my family to Irvine, California. I met an elderly man who had done some research on the trail, which sparked my interest. Over time, I traveled to the Anza-Borrego Desert, up to Warner Ranch to down the Temecula Valley and on to Oceanside to identify to my satisfaction the route and stopping points of the Battalion over that portion of the trail. Fortunately,



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## MAY - JUNE 2024

# General Membership Meeting

### WHEN

Thur, May 16, 2024  
7:00 PM MDT

### PRESENTER

Michael Anderson

### WHAT

"A Study of Weapons, Uniforms/Clothing, and Equipment Used by the Nauvoo Legion, Mormon Battalion, and Utah Territorial Militia, 1839 - 1869"

### LINK

Join Zoom Meeting

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we now have Kevin and Denny Henson's Google maps tour as well.

I eventually developed a car/bus tour which covers 240 miles with nine stops (three off-road) where people can literally walk the Battalion's trail and feel what historian Leonard Arrington called, "The Spirit of Place." I tell the Battalion story and read from their journals at each stop. As we know, this was the most difficult portion of the trail. Over the years, I have taken multiple groups, families and individuals on this trail tour. The consistent consensus is that they have a new understanding of and reverence for the Battalion's sacrifice.

These enthusiastic and dedicated missionaries were no exception. I usually don't take groups out this late in the year because it's too hot in the desert (and it was 100 degrees), but due to an unusual amount of rain this season, the desert was "green" with the cacti in bloom. The missionaries were not fazed by the heat and eagerly made the walks into Palm Spring, Box Canyon and Foot and Walker Pass. It was a joy to be with them!

When we arrived at the Mission San Luis Rey at sunset, the missionaries were encouraged to think about what they had seen, learned and felt, and how they could incorporate that into their presentations and testimonies as they conduct tours at the Historic Site museum. I think it will make a difference.

The spirit of the Battalion continues to inspire and motivate all who learn about it. I'm pleased that the missionaries who spend 100% of their time telling the Battalion's story are now more knowledgeable and even more dedicated, having been on the trail and enjoyed the Spirit of Place.



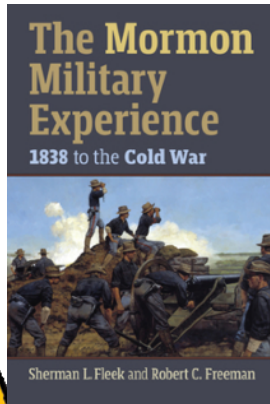
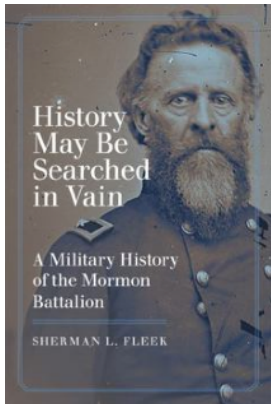
## ABOUT OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### "A Study of Weapons, Uniforms/Clothing, and Equipment Used by the Nauvoo Legion, Mormon Battalion, and Utah Territorial Militia, 1839 - 1869"

With the help of Mike's collection of memorabilia from this time period, he will present what was most likely used by those who served in the : Nauvoo Legion 1839-1846, the Mormon Battalion 1846-1847, and the Utah Territorial Militia 1847-1869. During these time periods there were many changes evolving when it came to weapons, equipment, and uniforms/clothing while serving in the Militia or as a volunteer in the U.S. military. Many of our honored Mormon pioneer ancestors served in all three of these periods, while others may have served in but one or two. We honor their service no matter what it was.



## BOOKS OF INTEREST



**A Mormon  
Battalion Color  
Guard was formed  
on  
April 27, 2024  
for the  
Sons of the Utah  
Pioneers  
at their annual  
Symposium  
Dinner.**



**L-R:**  
*Greg Christofferson,  
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Richard Harden*

## National Historic Trails Auto Tour Route Interpretive Guides

[Article Series \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/series.htm?id=EAE02D51-0A44-462F-B215B0D870200444>



## MEET OUR PRESENTERS...

### Michael Anderson



Raised in Utah, Michael Anderson has authored numerous articles on military history and material culture, covering periods from the early colonial period to the late 1860's. Research for the material found in his recent work, "FOOLED, EVERYBODY"-THE UTAH WAR 1857 - 1858, came from numerous sources, including; official U.S. government and military records, official Utah State History records, LDS Church archives, first-hand accounts, studies of original artifacts, period photography and sketches, and much more. Besides the history, his research studies focused on the various uniform parts and clothing used, their patterns, the textiles used, and how they were constructed. For the past 35 years, he has painstakingly reproduced authentic 1775 -1865 period clothing, uniforms, and equipment using the same patterns, textiles, coloring dyes, and hand-sewn construction methods. These authentic recreations are now worn by hundreds of living historians and reenactors, are on display in dozens of museums throughout the country, and have been used in various films of this time period. Has served as an historical consultant and technical advisor to numerous museums, living history parks, historic art projects and film production companies. Furthermore, his passion for American and early LDS history has kept him busy for over 35 years in his attempt to keep it alive through: public school presentations, living history activities and events, public historical interactive displays, conducting tours of historical sites, and more. He particularly loves sharing the forgotten stories that surrounded the birth and growth of America, that helped make her great, and of those heroes who sacrificed their all while demonstrating tremendous character, faith, and fortitude rarely seen today.



## "Pay at Santa Fe"

### Mary Ann Kirk



Although the men received a \$42 clothing allowance at Fort Leavenworth, their first actual pay was received at Santa Fe. Andrew Jackson Shupe from Company C provided one of the clearest explanations of their first paycheck in his journal. The pay came from the first muster payroll submitted at the end of August by Lt A. J. Smith for their first six weeks of service. Interestingly, the muster roll was back dated to July 16 and all the men with a few exceptions were paid from July 16 to August 31 even though close to 150 joined after the July 16 muster and were added at the end of the rolls.

Captain Brown, who led the Brown detachment, later returned to Santa Fe from Pueblo to collect the pay for those soldiers who were in the Higgins detachment who left before arriving in Santa Fe. He described the pay received by privates. Officers received higher amounts.

"On the 16th [October] we got pay for our Services one month and a half which was ten dollars and Sixty Sents[.] we got \$2.60 in cash and the balance was in check. The money that I got I had to pay some debts that I owe to the souldiers and the check was 8 dollars...five dollars and fifty Sents was left which I Sent to my famely." (Andrew Jackson Shupe)

Many men sent back the \$8 in check to Council Bluffs through courier John D Lee and his companion Howard Egan. Found at the back of a record for Camp Creek (one of the Council Bluff settlements), a ledger indicated many family members received \$7.20 which suggests \$.80 cents was likely given to the Church for tithing.

**MAY - JUNE 2024**



**Submitted by Laura Anderson**

Craig and I went with two researchers from the Long Distance National Parks Service and took a tour across trail sites in Nebraska including the O'Fallen Bluffs where you can still see 14 distinct swales going up over the hill. The power plant (seen in the back of this picture) wants to put a high tension line right in the middle of them.



We visited the Pawnee Village near Genoa and many other sites along the Loup and Wood Rivers. We went into Columbus, Nebraska and dodged tornados getting into Omaha. According to one local, it was the worst day for tornados she had seen in her 40 years of living there. (Pictured is R-L Guy, Laura, Tom, Nick, Gary at the Pawnee Village which was mentioned in the journals of the Vanguard Company)



On Saturday Craig & Laura Anderson and David Day along with several board members from our National Mormon Trails Association attended the 2024 seminar for the Mormon Trails Across Nebraska which was informative!

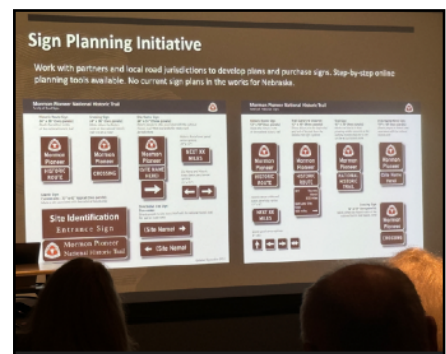
Guy from the Long Distance Trails office in Santa Fe instructed us on the types of signs available for directional signage from the National Parks Service. We then had lunch as we headed out for a bus tour to the Elk Horn River which is where the Vanguard Company and the Big Company organized in 1847 for their trip to Salt Lake City.

The reason I think these associations are important to the Mormon Battalion Association is that if we are not dedicated to the existing National Historic Mormon

Trail why would they want to add the Mormon Battalion Trail to their system.



Lets not forget the man behind the camera and the chauffeur who is always driving "Miss Crazy" - my wonderful and supportive husband Craig Anderson.



## **Mormon Battalion Association Resources**

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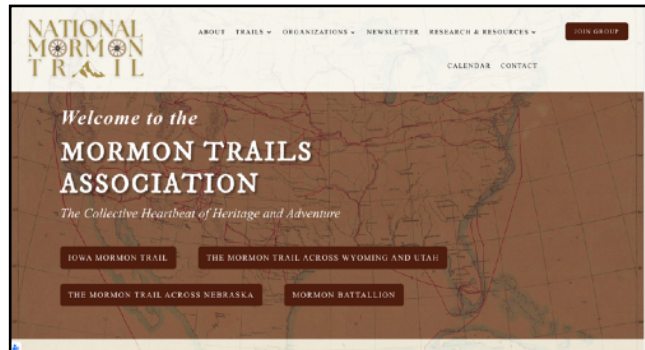
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**This website is for four organizations: The Iowa Mormon Trails Association, The Mormon Trail Across Nebraska, The Mormon Trails Across Wyoming and Utah and the Mormon Battalion Association. The website is still in development.**

## **Mormon Trail Across Wyoming and Utah MTAWU**

Clint Udy's presentation February 15, 2024 on the "Down and Back Wagon Trains" can be accessed here:

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The first trail outing will be May 18th to Fort Supply and Fort Bridger, and other sites. On May 15th the general membership Zoom meeting presentation will be to prepare for this outing (note this is a change from the date in previous newsletters). The presentation will be by Trudy and Mike Hickey who have a fun story to tell about how they became experts on the location of Historic Fort Bridger. A link will be sent prior to this meeting.