



# Now Hear This...



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## From the Commander's Desk...

### The Party's Over!

The year of 2017 is now closed!! As is my tradition, I sang Auld Lang Syne then ushered in the New Year at the traditional Arab Shriners Annual New Years Breakfast.

### Welcome 2018!

This a reminder that it's time to send your Annual Report for 2018 which is due in January of 2018. It is a report of the number of members you had on December 31, 2017 and the Officers you elected for 2018. In the event you did not receive a report form from the Int'l Adjutant (because your last year's payment was not received on time) you can go to the website [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org) and obtain the forms. Have your Treasurer include a check in the amount of two dollars per member or a minimum of \$30 if you have 15 or fewer members and send it to the International Adjutant with copies to the International Commander Morris Sykes. Don't forget to include your Necrology Report, because the name of each person listed on your report will be read at the Annual Convention in Overland Park, Kansas on April 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. You will be able to take the Candle Holder Souvenir back to your Unit.

After getting back from visiting both El Jebel and Al Kaly Legion of Honors in Colorado, my time and attention focused on preparing for the Annual Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The 4<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander Dr. Michael Murray was in charge of the event; however, he was in the hospital and had PIC Jim Pulley and his Chief of Staff James Lare take over. The two of them and their Ladies did a first-class job for everyone.

The International Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske and Lady Anne arrived Friday night from the Las Vegas Golf Fund Raiser for the Shriners Children Hospitals in order to participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Wreath Laying party consisted of myself escorting Imperial Sir followed by my Chief of Staff Steve Suchsland escorting my Granddaughter Taylor Hamon. The stairs leading down to the Tomb were lined by the Int'l Officers and the Past Int'l Commanders. The Imperial Sir said this was the highlight of his year and it was mine also. My daughter Lisa took video and photos of the Wreath Laying for the Imperial Potentate Sir at the Tomb. You can see the video and photos on my Facebook page.

Lady Suzette and I attended the Arab Legion

of Honor Christmas Party of Commander Alex and Daisy Parker at the Top of the Tower in Topeka. It's special to take pictures of friends with Kansas' State Capitol dome in the background and to view



Morris Sykes

the Christmas lights on the streets below. Local high school choruses provided the entertainment by singing Christmas carols and ended with the theme song of each of the five branches of the Armed Forces. The young ladies were decked out in red gowns and the young men in tuxedos. The Arab Legion of Honor Unit's red jacket uniform is always fitting for the annual Christmas party.

I made a trip up to Billings, Montana to the December meeting of the Al Bedoo Legion of Honor. They had a lot of questions about procedures, having just received their charter a year ago in July. They will submit their Annual Report for both 2017 and 2018 this January. The weather turned bad so on my return home I drove on ice from Billings, MT to Cheyenne Wyoming.

Have you made your registration to attend the International Association Legions of Honor Annual Convention at Overland Park, Kansas on April 25<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> 2018? If not, now is the time to do it! I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Hotel and registration forms are on the [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org) website.

Yours in the Faith,  
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## The Crystal Ball

*Looking at the Future...*

**Annual IALOH Convention**  
April 25th - 28th  
Overland Park, KS

**SESA March 2018**  
Gatlinburg, TN

**MASA April 05 -08**  
Harrisburg , PA

**SASA May 03 - 06**  
Richmond, VA

**TALOH 28 Feb - 02 Mar**  
Fredricksburg, TX

Check the IALOH web site for details and registration forms in addition to information and other upcoming events

*If you would like your Association meeting listed here, please pass the information to the Adjutant.*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Three

Lady Pat and I started off October with our yearly gathering with our counter parts, 2008 Ill Sirs and Ladies. It was our turn to schedule the events this year and we started off with a grand tour of the Air Force Museum here in Dayton. Everyone had a great time touring but only wished they could have spent another day there as there is so much to see and it continues to grow every year. They are about ready to build another hanger for expansion. We topped off the visitation of our counter-parts with a trip to La Comedian Dinner Theater for a wonderful meal and entertainment.

Oct 23 we attended the Zenobia LOH Change of Command Ceremony where I installed the officer for 2017-18. We had a wonderful evening and fellowship with these great nobles.

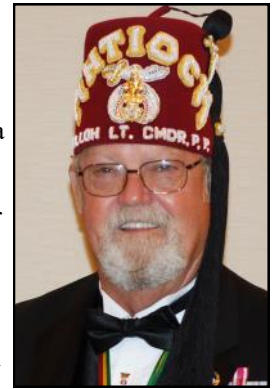
Oct 27 We traveled to Syria LOH in Cheswick, Pa to attend the Commanders Ball with Commander Ed Tanski and Lady Barbara. We had a great time and truly enjoyed the evening. We traveled the next day to attend the Commanders Ball at Zem Zem LOH with Commander Steven Smith and his Lady. A busy weekend but totally full of fellowship and fun with both Temples.

November we attended the Annual Wreath Laying at Arlington, Virginia in memory of our departed Legion Nobles. Ill. Sir Gary L. Bergenske and Lady Anne attended the ceremonial with the International LOH and was presented the Flag that had been flown over the state capitol. We had another wonderful wreath laying ceremony and successful event this year. We had a lot of newcomers again this year and we are all proud to have them there with us. Antioch Shrine Temple had a Happy Veterans day to salute and thank the past and present men and women who have served our country. We had a wonderful turn out of veterans and we appreciate all the sacrifices that they have made for this wonderful country we all live in today. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE!!**

December, 4-5, we traveled to Mohammed Shrine LOH to install the newly elected officers for the upcoming year, great big congratulations to all and I wish you a very successful year. On 11 Dec we traveled to Aladdin Shrine LOH Install the Commander Joseph Fodor and his line officers for the year 2017-18, Congratulations to Aladdin LOH and we wish you a successful year. December is always a fun time for the

Combs's as we change uniforms and become Santa and Mrs. Claus. We had the honor of being invited to our old Military unit to play the part again this year. We were set up in the cargo

compartment of a CV-17 Aircraft, Christmas tree and all. My honor that was for the both of us and such a reception!! Santa was very proud that day!! An additional surprise for our military family when we attended two retirement ceremonies dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus. They truly love it I might say and were honored to have us there. So many memories with this unit and a great family gathering. December will close out with me taking part in the ritualistic part of giving Barry Spencer his charge for becoming Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge in Kentucky. Congratulations my Ills. Brother!



**Ray Combs, PP**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Seven

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you had a Merry Christmas and are energized for the new year as we try to get more members into our LOH units. The IALOH Officers will also be trying to help Temples without a LOH Unit to establish one. We can make 2018 the best year yet for our Legion of Honor!

In October, my lady Shari and I attended the stated meeting at Khiva Shrine where I presented a Distinguished Service Award to Ill. Sir Scott Woolery, retired Army Major, who was instrumental in re-establishing a Legion of Honor unit at Khiva. Under his guidance, the unit is doing well and we will be expecting big things from them. Also in October, we attended the Fall Gathering of the Texas Associ-

ation Legions of Honor in Round Rock, Texas. It was hosted by Commander Arvid Bergman and his Lady Barbara. It was very well attend with members from Ben Hur, Kareem, Hella and Arabia. The Fall Gathering is a fun time with no business planned and a chance for Legion Nobles and Ladies to get together for fun and fellowship. With Arvid being From the Upper portion of Michigan, he conducted a ceremony to make all present Honorary Yoopers! You will have to ask him about this.

Of course, the first weekend of November, we all attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and IALOH Commander Morris Sykes along

with IALOH Chief of Staff Steve Suchland and Commander Sykes' Granddaughter laid the wreath, The whole weekend was very enjoyable seeing old friends and meeting new ones. LtCmdr Murray, who was in charge of the Hospital-ity Room, had gotten sick and could not be there, but PIC Jim Pulley and Lady Deb along with LtCmdr Ray Combs and Lady Pat,



**Eddie Daffern, PP**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Jim Lare and Lady Nancy, along with others did an admiral job in taking over and making sure the Hospitality Room was stocked with food and drink.

November 18th was the Military Ball at Arabia Shrine in Houston. Again, it was one of the best we have ever attended. Thanks go to Commander Rick Villareal and Lady Olga, Emcee Marty Rodriguez and Lady Sandy and the entire LOH unit for making this a very special occasion. Attendance was near 400 and if you can be there next November, you will not regret your decision. This year the Vietnam Veterans were honored and all present received

a Challenge Coin. Great job Arabia!!

December 14th, Lady Shari and I along with my Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara attended the stated meeting of Alzafar Shrine where I presented Commander J.R. Alaniz with a Distinguished Service Award. He organized the new unit, under the direction of III. Sir Jay Thomas, and had about 30 members who were charter members. Commander Alaniz has been the Commander for the past two years and has done a great job getting the unit heading in the right direction. The unit really works for the Temple and have hosted Veter-

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an's Day Celebrations. The leadership will change for 2018, but I know the unit will continue to grow and prosper. Great job J.R.!

Semper Fi,

Eddie Daffern 2nd LtCmndr

## 3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Imperial this year was outstanding. Congratulations to Imperial Sir Berganske.

My Chief of Staff, Bobby Smith & I manned the IALOH Booth, spent time getting to know one another over several meals out in the great City of Daytona FL. I was able to catch up with friends from all over the nation, always enjoyable; one of which was a past IALOH Officer, Wayne Heimsoth from California. The Officers were again privileged to present Colors in the Formal Opening portion of Imperial Session

GLSA was next on the August calendar. Jr. Past Cdr. Bob Watson had a wonderful Convention in Indianapolis

IN. Congratulations to all the new Officers. Ft Wayne, IN will be the site next year.

On to CSSA in Overland Park KS hosted by Cdr. Darold Farless. Unfortunately, the untimely death of Cdr. Mo Mueller changed the lineup for leadership. We are all grateful to Smokie Siecgrist for stepping up for the second time to be CSSA Cdr. Smokie has declared this coming year to be dedicated to CSSA will be hosted in Branson MO next year. I spent time with my good buddy from Texas, Arvid Bergman.

September was SESA, which we had to miss regrettably due to medical concerns. Then SASA was cancelled due

to Hurricane Maria. Fortunately, no damage done to our part of North-Carolina.

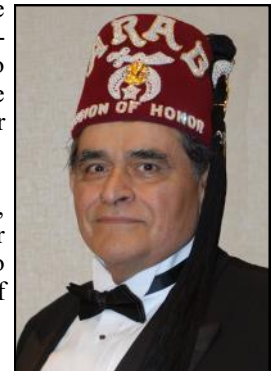
As always, it's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor.

YITF

3rd LCDR

Al Gonzalez

## Division Five



**Al Gonzalez**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings from Evansville, Indiana.

The Holidays were a joyful time. I trust everyone had a pleasant season and now we are all back to work serving the Legion and Shrinedom.

We should all be continuing to work on membership enrollment. I don't believe we could have too many Legionnaires.

Please excuse my absences lately. I have had several flare ups due to diabetes. I hope I am on the road to recovery.

Army Strong!

Mike "Doc" Murray

4th Lt. Commander, IALOH

## Division Four



**Mike Murray**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Six

This letter is right at the end of 2017 and your Units have had the December holidays behind.

I left communicating to you all last July. With the summer and fall left in the rear, I shall try to catch up with that time frame. The first week in July we traveled to Daytona Beach, FL for Imperial Shrine Sessions. As is a custom the International line of officers to make this part of our travels, as we have presented the flag of our Country and ten more, depending on the presenters available. IALOH has a business meeting the morning of the opening ceremony and all are invited to this open meeting.

August had us traveling to the Seattle area for the Pacific Shrine Association convention hosted this year by Nile Temple. We were honored by attending the Nile LOH business meeting and

their temple banquet. What a great weekend it was. Next year it will be in Wyoming and we are already planning to attend.

The next couple of months were dedicated to reaching out to my division various units. During the first week in October I traveled to Arizona where I was able to visit El Zaribah LOH and install one of their own as Commander of Western Shrine Association Legions of Honor (congrats again Chris Hagenian PC). The rest of October was spend working locally with our LOH unit.

During the first weekend of November we took our annual pilgrimage to Arlington VA for the IALOH Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown. This weekend is my favorite trip of the year, where every military family and even civilian families should make this trip at least once. The humbling experience of

being at the Tomb with the deep feeling that you can get seeing the cemetery in person is awe inspiring. After this trip it was time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and with it being past, I hope it was a blessed time for all.



**Steven C. Walker**

As I had started this letter in the December time frame, we have all been through the Christmas season and are preparing to bring in the New Year. May I wish that all my LOH brethren around the globe have a GRAND 2018.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division One

Greetings Nobles. We are now entering the last quarter of the IALOH calendar. It has been an exciting last 3 months, as we had attended Arlington Wreath Laying. We attended several parades.

SASA was canceled due to several hurricanes up the east coast.

Our Southern neighbors and LOH Units in Puerto Rico were hit hard by The Hurricanes. Noble Armando Wiscovitch, a doctor in Puerto Rico was called to service with the Puerto Rican National Guard and had to cancel His trip to Arlington as a result of this.

Arlington was well attended by about

300 members and friends. The weather was very pleasant. The hospitality room was well taken care of by Nancy Lare. Sandy Philips made her delicious potato soup. Sandie Thulander brought her tasty meatball soup, Anita Smith made a big pot large butter beans. Shirley Glenn brought cornbread, but last but not least, Morris made his delicious chili. Thanks to all that helped serve our delicious foods. Thank you all!!

Our next function is to attend the Commanders's Ball at Jericho Shrine Temple in Kingsport, TN, January 26 & 27, 2018.

Our SESA Midwinter will be in Gatlinburg, TN., March 2018

If you have an event you would like for Anita and I to attend, please let me know.

Looking forward to a great year. Have a blessed New Year

YITF

John Robert Smith 7th Lt. Commander



**John Robert Smith**

### Yearbook advertising rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$110.00
Three Quarter (3/4) Page	\$85.00
Half (1/2) Page	\$60.00
Quarter (1/4) Page and Business Card Size	\$30.00
Four 1/4 Page Ads	\$110.00

Ad submission forms are available online at [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org) or from the International Adjutant. Yearbooks are also available to the general membership for \$20.00 per copy plus postage.

Remember, your support is deeply appreciated.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Two

Hope you had a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Years with your family and friends. It is always a special time of year to spend with others and to remember the true meaning of the season. Soon we will be getting ready to head to the Shrine Bowl in Tampa. This will be a special event for me as I remember taking my son to his first Shrine Bowl while he was a patient at the Shrine Hospital in Minneapolis. Now I will be taking my grandson to his first Shrine Bowl. He is looking forward in seeing all the players from the different colleges.

Not sure how it happened, but he is a Gators fan....will have to work on

that. Hope to see you there. My Lady Jan and I are now struggling with our schedule for 2018, as many of you are. How to spread time between family, work, vacations and LOH events? I "think" we have it figured out, it is going to be a very busy year. After the Shrine Bowl, there is SESA mid winter (March 8-11), MASA (April 5-8) and then the International LOH Convention in Overland Park Kansas (April 25-28). These are just a few events you may see me at the first part of the year, as there are many more that are on the calendar. This is also a exciting time of year in planning our trips as we get to see and renew friendships at the differ-

ent events and conventions. If you have not, please make plans to attend any of the above or conventions near you. These meetings and events are always fun and creates new friendships.

Hope to see you soon

David Ginapp



**David Ginapp**

## From the Adjutant/Editor

Well, 2018 is already here and I have so much to do before the upcoming convention. Where does the time go? Our last quarter began with our pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery for the annual wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. There was a great turnout for this year's trip, and In addition to laying our wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, we also continued our tradition of laying poppy blossoms at the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice at Arlington. This monument recognizes the large number of U.S. citizens who enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and lost their lives during World War I.

The inscription on the cross reaffirms the sentiment expressed by Prime Minister King regarding Americans who served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Following World War II and the Korean War, similar inscriptions on other faces of the monument were dedicated to the Americans who served in those conflicts. We are only about three months

away for our annual convention in Overland Park, Kansas on 23rd—28th April, I sincerely hope that you are planning to be there for the festivities, Our commander has a great schedule planned for everyone. In this month's Newsletter you will find an ad form for the annual IALOH yearbook. I would like to encourage everyone to make good use of this yearbook ad form and show your support by taking out an ad for you or our unit. I have only received about 10 Annual Report Forms so far, but there are still numerous LOH units who have not paid their dues from last year and so on. Please call me and we can work something out. Also please make out two checks if your LOH unit is sending in their dues and their yearbook ad, also please put on the check what it is for.. It is easier for bookkeeping purposes to do it this way.. There are forms on the webpage at [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org) under forms. Please call me if you have any questions. I have

only one more newsletter to publish before

I turn the adjutant position to

the next elected noble. There are two nobles running for the International Adjutant position. They are Noble David Smith of Arab Shrine and Noble Bill Chicky of Karem Shrine. Good luck to both.

Kindest Regards,

Kevin



**Kevin Fox**

## 2018-19 Yearbook Ad Campaign

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the application form for ads in the 2018-2019 yearbook. Aside from the income from your annual dues, the primary source of income for the Association comes from our Units' and members' support through ads in the annual yearbook and your continued support is appreciated.

**Deadline for the  
April  
Newsletter  
Is  
31 March 2018**

## International Association Legions of Honor Yearbook Advertisement Agreement 2018-2019

Return to: Kevin Fox, Yearbook Committee  
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Please insert the attached advertisement(s) in the I. A. L. O. H. 2017-2018 yearbook for which the sum of \$ is enclosed. (Make checks payable to I. A. L. O. H.)

Please Indicate Quantity for Each Ad Size:

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# International Association Legions of Honor



87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
 Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
 Overland Park, KS  
 April 25 – 29, 2018

## Convention Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Member's voting status will be determined by the "Emeritus" list and the "Delegate Nomination" form submitted to the Adjutant by the Unit. In order to vote a form must be on file prior to the convention.**

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Car:  Air:  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Convention Registration Fees

Nobles Early Registration (Before 13th Mar 2018) \$139.00 (US) per person X	<input type="checkbox"/>	= \$	_____	0.00
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# Arlington Wreath Laying 2017



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## **Make Plans Now to Attend the 87th Annual Convention in Overland Park, Kansas 25-28 April 2018**

The registration form and schedule of events for the 87th Annual Convention in Overland Park, Kansas, are in this issue of the newsletter. Please make copies of these pages and distribute to the members of your Units.

The Commander's welcome letter and a Drill Competition registration form can be found on our web site under [Events](#).



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Love of Country and Flag;  
To perpetuate the memory  
of our Comrades in Arms  
who made the Supreme Sacrifice  
by giving their lives for their country  
while members of the Armed Forces;*

*To devote our efforts  
as individuals and  
Legion of Honor Units  
to strive for an increase in  
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between our Legion of Honor Units  
and other Units  
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