

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



October 2020

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Commander's Message

Legion Nobles,

Hopefully this special newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. I'm not telling you something new, but it's been an unusual year, unlike anything I've ever experienced. The IALOH has been greatly impacted as well with the cancellation of our annual convention, Canadian Wreath Laying and almost all the association LOH meetings. Now we must add our annual Wreath Laying pilgrimage at Arlington National Cemetery to that list of casualties. As of this writing, Arlington Cemetery remains closed to visitors, except for family members of people interned there.

Making this decision was one of the most difficult that I've had to make, personally it means I will not have the honor of placing the wreath and experiencing our new host hotel for the event. But the decision was made easier by the fact that in the role of Commander, the safety and health of our membership is my primary responsibility. I would never forgive myself if even one of our members contracted the CORONA virus. Add to this the potential unrest surrounding the national election and uncertainty of closed restaurants, monuments, and museums, the event just wouldn't come close to meeting the expectations of our membership.

So this year, celebrate Veterans Day with your family and pay respect to those who served, those who are serving, and especially those who gave their lives protecting our freedoms.

In the meantime, we are scheduling a video election of officers after receiving special dispensation from Imperial Sir Jim Smith and letters have been sent to the home address's all unit commanders and adjutants on file with details. We will also be voting on a new unit at that time. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The next convention, scheduled for 19 April 2021, is still going forward as planned and information is available on the IALOH.ORG web site. I hope to see you all on the cruise!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours In The Faith,

Tracy Coughlin
IALOH Commander (acting)
Remember, it's an honor to be in the Legion of Honor



Tracy Coughlin, PC



Quarterly Newsletter

The regular quarterly newsletter will be published in late October after the election of the new Lt. Commanders. The newsletter will have information about the newly elected officers and their division and committee assignments.

Arlington Cancellation

The Arlington Wreath laying for the year 2020 has been cancelled. It was a difficult decision to make because the wreath laying is a moving experience everyone looks forward to every year. But under current COVID-19 virus conditions and the uncertainty of being able to lay the wreath at the tomb it was decided it should be cancelled. Anyone registered for Arlington 2020 has been notified and a refund has been processed.

As it stands at this moment the 2021 Arlington Wreath laying is scheduled for November 3 - 7, 2021. The IALOH Officers will continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus restrictions and will post information on the IALOH website www.ialoh.org when you can register for 2021.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Special Election Process

The year of 2020 has been a year like no other. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many disruptions to the International Associations Legions of Honor (IALOH) processes. First the 2020 annual convention was cancelled and secondly the Arlington Wreath laying has been cancelled. When the annual convention was cancelled the IALOH was unable to conduct the normal business of electing new officers, approving bylaws and new units, budgets, etc. The IALOH decided this process would be performed at the Arlington Wreath laying. Now that the wreath laying has been cancelled, once again, this has put the IALOH in a position that has never happened before.

Since the IALOH is not able to conduct business as usual, the IALOH submitted a request to the Shriners International Potentate Imperial Sir James Smith for a special dispensation to perform the business duties of the IALOH electronically. On August 26, 2020 the Office of the Imperial Potentate issued Special Order No. 01, Series 2020-2021 allowing the IALOH to perform the normal business actions mentioned in the above paragraph electronically.

In order to comply with the Special Order certain steps must be followed:

- The IALOH must give the Units and Nobles at least two weeks' notice of the given start date and time the business meeting will be conducted.
- Set up a process to ensure only authorized IALOH Officers and Nobles are participating in the electronic voting.

To comply with step one, a letter was sent to the Unit Commanders and Adjutants on September 15, 2020. The two week notification starting with the date of the letter.

A electronic business meeting will be held on **October 17, 2020 at 1900 (CDT) hours**. An email will all the instructions on how to participate will be sent to the voting participants email address on record. The elec-tronic meeting and voting will be conducted using the Zoom program.

To comply with step two, the IALOH will use the delegate nominations form (DNF) submitted to the International Adjutant by the Unit Adjutant. Instructions were sent to the Unit Commanders and Adjutants with instructions on how to process the DNF for members wanting to participate in the voting process.

The IALOH is dedicated to ensure the electronic voting process is performed smoothly and fairly. We appreciate your patience in this matter and if you have any questions please let us know.

We Are Going Cruising

The 90th Convention will be held on the
Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas.

The cruise is a 4 day cruise to the Bahamas.

The Mariner of the Seas has been refurbished with up graded amenities.

We sail from Port Canaveral, FL with stops at:

Perfect Day at Coco Cay, Bahamas

Nassau, Bahamas

We then have a full day of cruising back to Port Canaveral, FL.

This should be a fun trip.

For details go to the IALOH website - ialoh.org or contact an IALOH Officer

So pack your bags and let's go cruising



At this time the 90th Annual convention is still scheduled to proceed as planned. If additional information about the cruise becomes available it will be posted on the IALOH website.

Candidates Running For Lt. Commander

There are four Lt. Commander slots open ; they are 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The candidates information can be found on the IALOH website www.ialoh.org. The candidates are:

Wayne R. Angstrom - Al Koran

Wayne R. Steele - Al Menah

Charles McIntosh - Karem

Douglas Tayrien - India

Geoffrey D. Lyster - Kena

Jaime Muñoz - Al Rai'e Saleh

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*It's an honor to
belong to the
Legion of Honor!*

*The objectives of the
International Association Legions of Honor:*

*To foster a Spirit of Patriotism
and 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 and increase in
Friendship and Cooperation between our
Legion of Honor Units
and other Units of Shriners International.*



Website: www.ialoh.org

On the website you can find:

List of Current Officers

Division Assignments

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