## International Association Legions of Honor



88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Holiday Inn- Dayton/Fairborn 2800 Presidential Drive Fairborn, OH 45324 17-21 April 2019



## **Greetings Legion Nobles and Ladies,**

What an honor you have bestowed on me in being elected to serve as your International LOH Commander for 2018-2019. Lady Pat and I are looking forward to traveling throughout North America visiting and renewing friendships as well as making new ones. Traveling for the last eight years, Lady Pat and I are getting close to finishing a trip of a lifetime. As a Lt. Commander I've met so many friends that I am proud to call family. Yes, My Military family and my Masonic family are without saying, the Best of the Best. Masonic teachings and the military, has been our life. Now, we begin our last year, as Commander of the International Association Legions of Honor.

YOU have been a big part of our life, and I am very happy to say, 'Thank God our paths in life have crossed'. What a blessing to Lady Pat and I, and we will cherish this remaining year by serving you and the IALOH. Where did the last eight years go? I can only say that when you can serve and still have fun doing it, nothing will ever be more satisfying. Thank you all for being part of our family

We are working hard for the 88th International Convention, in making it not only important but enjoyable as well. We are looking forward to greeting you on your arrival in Dayton Ohio.

Our convention will be held at the Holiday Inn – Dayton Fairborn, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, Ohio. We will be right across from Wright State University, and right in the middle of wonderful attractions and many different restaurants. **The hotel's cut-off date for reservations at the IALOH rate is Feb 17, 2019.** Please call the hotel directly at (937)486-7800 and ask for our group rate, which is only \$109.00 plus tax and extends three days before and three days after our convention.

**Wednesday** is the beginning of our convention with the **IALOH Golf Tournament**, which will be held at the Beavercreek Golf Club. This Course is just two short miles from our hotel and a 4 ½ Star course listed in Golf Digest's "Places to Play.

Thursday morning is the formal convention opening with our traditional luncheons. PICs at the Commanders Luncheon will be able to tell their customary jokes of how theirs was the best convention ever. At the Ladies Luncheon, Lady Pat invites all the Ladies to a relaxing Tea, bring out your Hat and Gloves if you are so inclined. That evening will be the Welcome Party. Break out your Military Uniforms and "Come Fly With Us"!

**Friday** is the Necrology Service, our special time to remember those who are no longer with us. We will finish the day with the Drill Competition and the Candidates Hospitality Room.

**Saturday**, we will continue with our regular IALOH activities, such as business meeting, election, picture taking and ending the convention with the **Installation Banquet**.

Sunday, Safe Travels Home

If you need assistance, please contact me at (937) 689-2393, pote.combs08@gmail.com

Keep em' Flying,

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IALOH Commander