



Southeast Shrine Association Legions of Honor

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The Legionnaire

Midwinter in Savannah

Hear ye! Hear ye! Time to reassemble and swap some large tales with your fellow Southeastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor Brothers!

Commander Steele and Adjutant/CoS Jim Marshall have made every effort to make this year’s event memorable, and AFFORDABLE! The hotel is in easy reach of the historic area and they have also provided us with a nice hospitality room.

A ‘rough’ copy of the schedule is included inside this addition along with the contact number for the hotel. We will have some special group entertainment that everyone will enjoy,

Talk it over with your unit and try to get a few of you unit members (if not all!) to make this event. **TIME TO GET OUT OF THE COVID FUNK AND BACK INTO SOME FELLOWSHIP!**



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George Washington

DIC and surviving spouse

Are you a disabled veteran? If so, your spouse may be eligible for additional payment when you pass.

Surviving spouses will receive Survivors Benefit Payment (SBP) depending on the amount withheld on leaving service. In the event your death is related to an illness or injury you received during service, they may also be eligible for Dependency Indemnification Compensation (DIC). This issue has come to the forefront since the pandemic because veterans have passed away with Covid and, although they had underlying veteran related illness, did not get DIC because it was not included as an underlying cause on the death certificate. Ensure your loved ones **ALWAYS** know where your DD 214 and VA rating letter are located.

Message from Commander

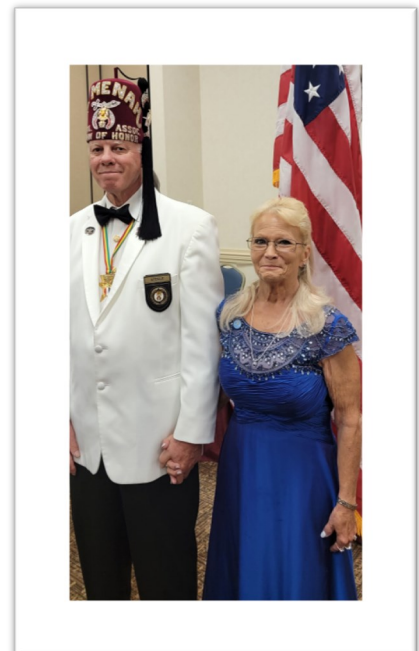
I want to begin by wishing everyone in the Southeastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor (SESA) a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Lady Vicki and I have been very busy since my installation as commander attending numerous events with the OES, Blue Lodge, Shrine, and IALOH. My Chief of staff, Jim Marshall, and I have been working on the SESA Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Savannah, Georgia 23-26 February 2023. A flyer was sent out on the event and the hotel and registration information can be found under Associations on the IALOH Webpage. The cut-off registration is approaching and so we can get an accurate account of the attendees, please register as soon as possible.

The leadership has decided, in a ZOOM conference on 16 November, to hold our necrology at the Mid-Winter vice in August, so please get the names of the nobles who have passed to the black camel since our last necrology to the adjutant. I have decided that the uniform for the entire event will be casual. Units will wear their shrine or unit shirt and trousers. No uniforms or suits are required.

During our convention last fall I mentioned that I would like to see some picnics held over my period of command. I am still interested in doing so. It would probably take two units to host one each. One in the northern part of the SESA and another in the southern part. This would prevent individuals from traveling to far to attend. I am still looking for the two units to step up to the plate to be the hosts.

Over the past year I have been working on the rewrite of the IALOH Drill Manual. There are several changes to including the deletion of the Six-Man Color Guard as a judged event. How to do it is still there and can be found in the Appendix. I turned the rewrite over to the Commander Ginapp, for his review, during our annual pilgrimage to Arlington, Virginia for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, during the first weekend in November.

*2023 SESALOH Commander
Wayne Steele and Lady Vicki*



A good time was had by the near 100 Arlington attendees and one of the highlights following the Wreath Laying Ceremony was the two tomb guards who served as our guest speakers at our luncheon. They dispelled several of the myths we have heard about those who served as guards at the tomb. If you have not already done so, I highly recommend you sign-up for the Annual IALOH Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida in April 2023. The event will have a beach theme and those who attend should have a great time, with the events scheduled. Information can be found on the IALOH Webpage. Again, Lady Vicki, Crystal, and I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season, a Happy New Year, and the best wishes for the year ahead.

Wayne R. Steele
Commander,
Southeastern shrine Association.

Message from the 2nd Lt Commander

Nobles,

We are doing our best to communicate with units. We know there is a lot going on, especially with Veterans Day just behind us and the holiday season bringing lots of parades and festivities. Share you success with the rest.

As the Commander has mentioned, the drill competition manual has been revised. We will work to ensure everyone knows the standards, and that the inspecting team has been briefed and is clear on what, and

what not, to inspect.

This will also give us an opportunity to talk over longer-ranged plans at our pace as opposed to the rush-rush of summer conference.

We have some fun events planned for mid-winter and hope everyone is well represented.

See you in Savannah!

Steve Singleton

Southeastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor Mid Winter

**11-14 August 2022
Music Road Resort**

**303 Henderson
Chapel Rd,
Pigeon Forge, Tn**



CALL (865) 286-2243 by

30 June 2022

When calling for reservations, be sure to mention

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My Fez Card

The new My FezCard Viewer app provides members with immediate access to their digital membership card on their smartphone without the need to carry a hard card in their wallet. Additional benefits of the My FezCard Viewer include a unique QR code function that permits members to check in at their Shrine Center/Club/Unit, earn award points, enter raffle drawings, and more!

The My FezCard Viewer is available for download on the [Apple App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).

For members who do not own a smartphone, the local Shrine Center, Club, or Unit can scan the QR code on their existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine their membership sta-



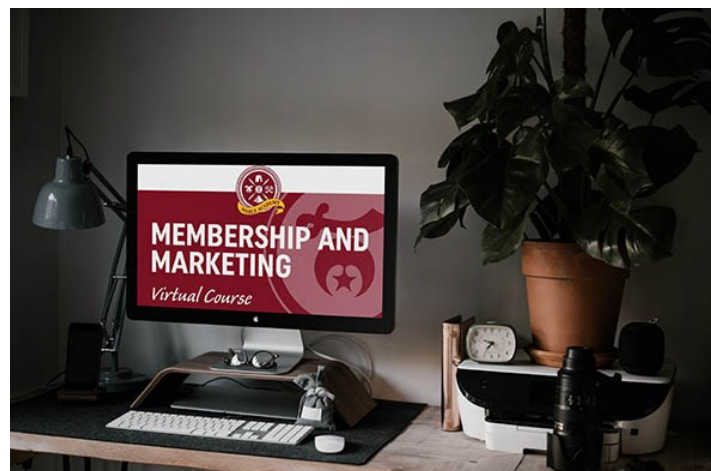
Preparing Aspiring Leaders to Succeed

The Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF) Noble Academy Leadership program is designed to equip aspiring leaders with the introductory tools needed to become more effective at managing chapter operations as they pursue a path toward positions of increased organizational responsibility.

This program will benefit aspiring leaders within sub-chapters of their parent organization who wish to strengthen their leadership skills. Additionally, this education track focuses on helping students gain confidence and discover innovative strategies for encouraging, developing and managing people, processes and systems. It can also serve as leadership development training for anyone who seeks to one day run for a leadership position within his or her chosen Masonic organization.

More information about this program will be provided in coming months.

[Leadership Education Track | Shriners International](#)



Message from the Adjutant

“Winter is the Time for Comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire: It is The Time for Home and Family.” Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday.

I would like to remind everyone that the SESA LOH mid-winter will be in Savannah GA. February 23 - 26,

2023. I look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying the fellowship together.

Have a wonderful Holiday season and bright and prosperous New Years.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.

Happy Holidays

James Marshall P.C.

S.E.S.A LOH Adjutant

Message from the Treasurer

Greetings Legionnaires!

Another year is about to end and it's Dues time again. When you receive your form, please respond with your 2023 Dues. We have a couple of Units that have paid ahead, so they can disregard this reminder.

I'm looking forward to the Mid-Winter in Savannah. Commander Steele has been working hard to provide us with great Food and Lodging. It will be a great time, please try to attend.

Remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during the Christmas Holidays. Sandra and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope you have a great 2023.

All the best!

Daniel E. Kitchens, PC
SESALOH Treasurer

Southeastern Shrine Association Mid- Winter

23-26 February 2023

*Country Inn & Suites
Savannah Midtown
7576 White Bluff Road
Savannah, Ga 31406*



CALL 912-692-0404

by **9 February 2023**

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Congressional Vet Bill Status

To check status on any veteran related legislation, go to;

[https://
www.congress.gov/
bill/117th-congress](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress)

To read the text of bills that are to be considered on the House floor in the upcoming week refer to

[https://docs.house.gov/
floor](https://docs.house.gov/floor)

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER



The Chaplain's Corner

Nobles and Ladies,
Here it is, just a few short weeks before the celebration of Christmas. A time when we should be happy and joyous, but non the less, our world is in turmoil. We are expected to find peace and love for one another, that is definitely hard to do given the circumstances. God tells us in John 16, verse 33 that These things I have spoken to you, that you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." This verse gives me hope. I hope it does you too.

Looking at others through God's eyes and seeing where their heart is, we can see

where their heart is. The outward persona may not be the true person. The Bible verse to help us look in that direction is Mathew 7, Verse 5. "First take the wood out of your eye, then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friends eye." Let us all start the New Year following the guidance from the Good Book, inspired by our creator.

Sharon and I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Wonderful and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

Bob Hoffman P.P.
SESALOH Chaplain

Free Lifetime National Park Passes

All U.S. veterans and Gold Star family members will be able to get a free lifetime entrance pass for federal parks and recreation sites nationwide starting Nov. 11.

The pass, an expansion on the annual free pass for currently serving troops and their families, grants free access to about 2,000 parks and lands managed by the National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to an announcement on the park service website. It also gives discounted amenity fees in some locations.

While not every park or visitor area requires an entrance fee, many do. For example, Yosemite National Park in California charges a \$35 entrance fee per vehicle, while Craters of the Moon National Monument charges \$20. Other locations charge

for entering museum or curation areas in the visitor center. For instance, the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center in the Chugach National Forest, Alaska, charges \$5 per adult to access a film and exhibits.

Those fees are waived for holders of the new lifetime pass, as well as those with the free active-duty America the Beautiful military pass or other passes sold or awarded by the agencies. The new pass covers the holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle at sites that charge per car, or the pass owners and up to three adults age 16 and over at sites that charge per person.

The new lifetime pass program does not exclude veterans with so-called "bad paper" discharges. To get the pass, veterans must submit one of the following:

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2023 Midwinter Conference 23-26 February 2023

(Specific room locations for LOH social events will be provided at check-in for conference)

THURSDAY 2/23/2023

Hospitality Room - 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Hospitality Room Closed 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Dinner on your own
Room Reopens 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 2/24/2023

Breakfast will be served in hotel daily
Executive Meeting (Held in Hosp Rm) 8:00 to 9:00
Business Meeting (Held in Hosp Rm) 9:00 to 10:00
Hospitality Room opens 11:00 to 4:00
Hospitality Room Closes at 4:00 sharp.
Hospitality Room reopens after dinner

SATURDAY 2/25/2023

Breakfast will be served in hotel
Free Day, on your own
Dinner TBA

SUNDAY 2/26/2020

Breakfast will be served in hotel



National Park Pass (Cont'd)

- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card
- Veteran designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card



To receive a pass visit a National Parks or parks and land agency store or staffed fee kiosk, or order via the [U.S. Geological Survey store](https://www.usgs.gov/land-ownership/land-ownership-store). Passes ordered online carry a \$10 processing and shipping fee. Passes received in-person are free.

Gold Star family members can receive the pass by presenting a self-verification form certifying they are the next of kin to a military member killed during service overseas. The form includes a signature block and confirmation that the user is an "eligible next of kin (NOK) of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in qualifying situation."

Al Menah Legion of Honor

The Al Menah LOH has had an extremely busy year, including moving into their new home. It was a bit of a challenge in that we started with a large space and had to build a wall to create the unit space. Thanks to the work of Noble Jim Marshall, the wall was built in time for us to move in for our first meeting, with closets added later. Parking at the new Temple can get a little crowded on meeting nights, but we hope to have some of the other LOH units come to visit so we can show you around.

The unit was exceptionally busy this summer. We had Memorial day services (2), fourth of July parades, and a "Welcome Home Veterans" event in Clarksville, Tn. No sooner did we finish these than the Christmas season parades started.

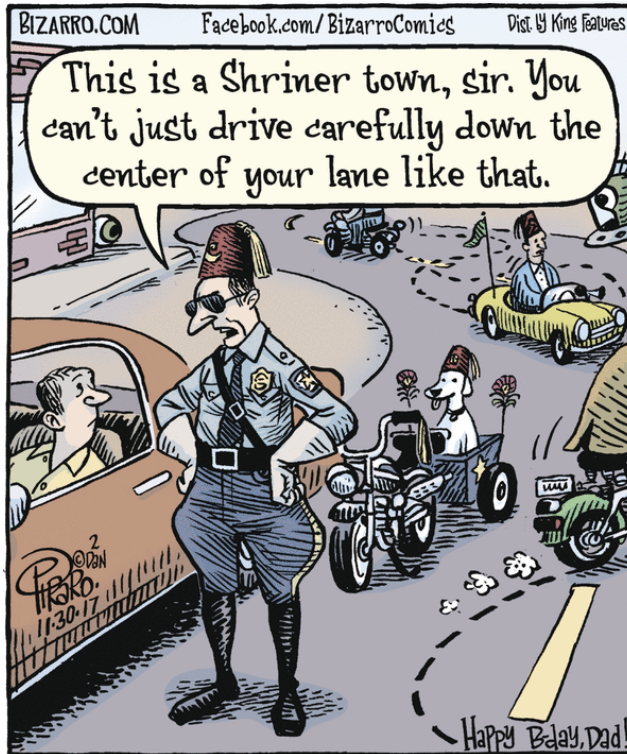
Nobles Wayne Steele and Jim Marshall have also been busy getting everything ready for the mid-winter in Savannah, Ga. We all sincerely hope to see many of the other Nobles of SESALOH there so we can share in fellowship... and swap a few tales.



Shrine Humor

Legion of Honor Objectives

- To perpetuate the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country.
- To foster a spirit of patriotism and love of country and its flag.
- To cultivate a spirit of comradeship among all Shrine organizations.
- To promote fellowship and unite more closely in the continuing service to God, Country, Shrinedom and Masonry.



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