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In Memory Of John "Jack" Tuomey

Jack Tuomey, 81, passed away on September 16, 2019, just 16 days after his wife of 60 years departed her earthly life. Jack was born on November 1, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, to Dorothy and John Tuomey, Sr. The oldest of eight siblings, he learned to care for others at an early age. Jack loved playing quarterback on the football team and catcher on the base-

ball team at Tilden Technical High School, where he graduated in 1955. A talented artist, Jack worked as a draftsman until he joined the United States Air Force in 1956. While in the Air Force stationed in Kansas, Jack met his future wife of 60 years, Sarabeth, on the second tee box at the Abilene Country Club. Jack served four years of active duty with the USAF and continued to serve in the USAF Reserve. He retired with 28 years of service. A 1966 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Landscape Architecture, Jack used his degree at the U.S. Forest Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority and eventually the City of Fort Worth, where he retired in 1997 as Development Coordinator. Jack and Sarabeth were married on January 31, 1959. Together, they spent the next 60 years raising three boys; coaching football, baseball and basketball; and traveling with friends. Jack was raised a Master Mason in 1961 and, in May 1971, he joined the Moslah Shrine in Fort Worth. Jack was a charter member of the Moslah Shrine Legion of Honor, serving as Commander in 1996 and later as International Commander in 2012. Jack's thoughtful and stable leadership will be incredibly missed. Jack was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and John, Sr. and sister, Joyce. SURVIVORS: Jack and Sarabeth's beloved children, Jay; Scott and wife, Stacey; Troy and wife, Sandra. Jack's siblings are Allan Tuomey and wife, Peggy; Elaine Witherspoon; David Tuomey and wife, Rosalie; Faythe Taylor and husband, Tim; Denis Tuomey and wife, Karen; and Debbie Campbell and husband, Tim. Cherished grandchildren are Austin, Tara, Lexi, Landon, Danielle, Will, Jackson and Mason.

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Now Hear This

Greetings from Texas,

The Imperial Session was held June 28th – July 5th. Through the work and dedication of Al Menah Commander Wayne Steele, we had our business meeting at Al Menah Shrine. Prior to the meeting, we all had pizza and soft drinks. Everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and we would like to again, thank Commander Steele. We also presented Al Rock, from Acca Shrine, his Distinguished Service Award as he was not able to be at the IALOH Convention. The IALOH Booth was well manned and we had six Nobles stop by and signed up for help because they were interested in establishing an LOH unit at their Temple. All in all, a successful Imperial!

July 18th – 21st, my Lady Shari and I attended Al Hasa's Military Ball. As always, they did a great job! The One-Stone Degree was performed and we had some great steaks. The hospitality room always had food and the camaraderie was exceptional. At the Ball, Al Hasa LOH members performed a program called 'The Four Chaplains' which was very good. A plaque was presented to World War II veteran Gordon Adkins. Past Int'l Cmdr, Illustrious Sir Woody Mitchell did a great job of being the emcee. Also attend were Past Int'l Cmdr Morris Sykes & Lady Suzette, Past Int'l Cmdr, Illustrious Sir Ray Combs & Lay Pat and Charles McIntosh, 1st LtCmdr of TALOH. I would like to thank Commander Don Wolfe for a wonderful time.

On August 9th, we attended a special called meeting, by Commander Paul Sawyer, of Moslah LOH. They only have a few members left and wanted to get ideas on how to grow their membership. The following Texas temples were represented: Charles McIntosh, 1st LtCmdr of TALOH from Kareem; Charles Lee, Past Cmdr of TALOH from Hella; Richard Villarreal, Commander of TALOH from Arabia, Potentate Moe Rahmeh from Moslah, and of course I represented Khiva and Ben Hur in

addition to IALOH. There were also several other members there from these same temples. Many ideas were discussed. They will be posted, in another column, by themselves. Thank you Paul for calling this meeting.

August 15th – 16th Lady Shari and I attended the Southeast Shrine Association Legions of Honor meeting and banquet in Pigeon Forge, TN. It was a one-day affair with the Necrology Service, competition, election of new officers and the banquet. Joining me were 1stLtCmdr Racy Coughlin & Lady Janet and 3rdLtCmdr David Ginapp. We served as judges at the competition and had three LOH units competing; Azan, Yaarab and Al Menah. Also attending was Past Int'l Cmdr Bill Glenn & Lady Shirley. I was the Installing Officer and Tracy was the Installing Marshal. We got it done and the new officers are; Jim Marshall, Commander, Danny Monk, 1stLtCmdr, Armondo Wiscovitch, 2ndLtCmdr and Wayne Steele, 3rdLtCmdr. Hope you Nobles have a great year! Thank you outgoing Commander Bob Silva for planning and executing a great day!

From Pigeon Forge, we drove to Sioux City, IO for the Central States Shrine Association Legions of Honor on August 22nd. They had their Necrology Service by Chaplain Extraordinaire John Welch, elections and the Change of Command Banquet. Attending with my Lady Shari and me were 4thLtCmdr Russ Gray & Lady Ginnie, Int'l Adjutant David Smith & Lady Kathy, Past Int'l Cmdr, Illustrious Sir Ray Combs & Lady Pat, Past Int'l Cmdr Morris Sykes & Lady Suzette and Past Int'l Cmdr Butch Arnold & Lady Debbie. Butch was the Installing Officer and I was the Installing Marshall. Butch got them installed and the new officers are; Nicholas 'Coach' Roth, Commander & Lady Tony, 1stLtCmdr John Robbins, 2ndLtCmdr B.J. Benton, 3rdLtCmdr Jeremy Martin, Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Finance Officer Richard Watson and Chaplain John Welch. Outgoing Commander Mike Driskill and his Lady Jennifer are to



Eddie Daffern, PP, PC



be congratulated for a job well done in putting all of these parts together!

Lady Shari and I will be leaving September 16th to go to Sahara Shrine in Pine Bluff, Ak to see if we can help them reinstate their LOH. We will then travel to Myrtle Beach for the South Atlantic Shrine Association Legion of Honor. The article has to be turned in before we go, so I will let you know next time how everything went.

Don't forget the Wreath Laying Ceremony from October 30 – November 3rd. Halloween is Thursday, October 31 and we will be having a costume party in the hospitality room at 8 pm. Participate and have fun!

Also, be making your plans to be in Amarillo, TX April 28th – May 3rd for the IALOH Convention!

Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP
Commander, IALOH

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Well summer is officially over and fall has begun. This means all the units in my division are no longer dark and ready to get to work preparing for their upcoming election of officers, change of commands, and the holiday season. This is my favorite time of the year and a great time to visit units. If your unit has something going on or coming up, please let me know as I'd like to support it if at all possible.

I know it's been a while since my last news article, but I've been extremely busy catching up with work, knee replacement surgery, and recovery from Hurricane Michael last October. We've almost got the repairs to our house completed, with just a few odds and ends left. We are lucky, but keep those that have lost everything or still recovering in your prayers.

In August, Lady Janet and I attended the South East Shrine Association annual LOH convention in Pigeon Forge, TN and were greeted with warm hospitality. Congratulations to Commander Jim Marshall and his team. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to assist and make your year better.

The IALOH annual pilgrimage to Arlington is just around the corner, so if you've not made your reservations, there's still time. This year's event occurs 31 October thru 03 November and I promise you will only regret it if you don't attend. For all the information you need, go to the EVENTS tab on the IALOH web site at: www.ialoh.org and look for the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony. While you're looking, make sure you check out the other great events coming up.

It's still a little way off, but Commander Daffern's convention in Amarillo, TX will be here before you know it. There are a couple Nobles running for the line, but we're still looking for a few good men to join the line and help lead this great team into the future. Applications must be submitted 60 days prior to the Annual Convention and information can be found in the IALOH By-Laws on the IALOH web site. You can call any current line officer or Past International Commander for advice as well.

Division 4



Tracy Coughlin, PC 

I continue to look for opportunities to visit with all Legion nobles as I travel, and again, let me know if you have an event coming up.

Until next time,
AIM HIGH and remember, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN THE LEGION OF HONOR!

Tracy Coughlin
1st Lt. Commander

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Hello all and we hope you have had a pleasant summer as we venture into the fall season.

It has been a relative quiet and different time this year. Leighanne and I haven't made big trips or had the usual trips as in the past. That doesn't mean the days shall stay the same, for we are planning a trip to Reno, NV next month and in the later part of Oct we are planning a long trip starting Oct 24 by heading to Pittsburgh, PA for the Syria LOH Commanders Ball. While there in Pittsburgh area, will be traveling north to Erie, PA for the Zem Zem Commanders Ball.

We plan to have two days R&R in the Pittsburgh area and then proceed to Arlington VA for the weekend of Oct 30 – Nov 3 there. This trip to Arlington is one that we look forward to every year. We

always try to find the time for some site seeing while there and this shouldn't be much different. I will include that info later. For now, that shall be it as we look forward to seeing our usual friends and always look forward to greeting and making new ones along the way. Be safe and see you soon.

Yours in the Faith
Steve Walker
2nd Lt. Commander

Division 5



Steve C. Walker, PC 

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Hello LOH Nobles,

This month marked the anniversary of 911. We cannot forget the attack on the United States and all of the victims, EMS, police, fire department and military personnel that were involved in the attack and since. It seems as the years go by, the younger generation do not realize the impact of this day. It is part of the history of this great nation that we should never forget. It is hard to believe that we are in the 3rd quarter of the

year and 2020 is approaching fast.

I had the pleasure of attending the Southeast Shrine Association Legion of Honor last month and it was a great time as always. Congratulations to Commander James Marshall and all the Lt. Commanders. It was my first time to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and there was not enough time to see everything. Don't forget that Arlington is coming up at the end of October. There will be a Halloween

costume party, which should be fun. Then Saturday we place the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, which is always an event that you do not want to miss.

Also, if you or anyone that is interest in running for the IALOH line there are a couple of open positions.

Hope to see you in Arlington

David Ginapp
IALOH 3rd Lt. Commander

Division 6



David Ginapp, PC



*The Holidays are just around the corner so the
International Association Legions of Honor
Officers and Their Ladies*



*Wish You A
Happy Thanksgiving
And A
Merry Christmas*



4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

I hope everyone had a great summer and got to spend quality time with family and friends. This Quarter started off with the annual meeting of the Line Officers at the new Embassy Suites Hotel in Amarillo, TX. The hotel is beautiful and the staff was very accommodating. This will be the host hotel for the IALOH annual convention next April.

Next it was off to Nashville, TN, for the Imperial Session. IALHO had a booth in the Market Place, the perfect place to get out the word about our association, see old friends and make new ones. Our Adjutant, Dave Smith, had packets made up to distribute to Shrine Centers interested in starting or restoring Legion units and several expressed interest. Hopefully, they are working toward that endeavor and we'll issue some Charters at the annual convention. We appreciated you stopping by the booth to spend time with us.

August was a busy month. It was my pleasure and honor to have attended the Great Lakes Shrine Association Legion of Honor Convention in beautiful Brookfield, WI. Commander Bob Lijewski, his Lady Kathy and Staff put on a wonderful convention. Their hospitality was welcoming and I thank you all for that. Congratulations to all, especially Commander John Sohn, whose vision for GLSA is exciting and motivating. The following week Lady Ginny, Vince and I were off to Sioux City, IA, for the Central States Shrine Association Legion of Honor Convention. Commander Mike Driskill and Lady Jennifer were gra-

cious hosts and did a wonderful job ensuring their convention was an absolute success. Congratulations to newly installed CSSA Commander Nick "Coach" Roth and all his line officers. Commander Roth is committed to the continued success of CSSA LOH and his line officers are marching in the success dedication. CSSA had a bitter sweet moment as Charles "Smokie" Siegrist stepped down as their Finance Officer. Smokie was CSSA Commander twice and their Finance officer for as long as I can remember. Thank you for all you have done for CSSA and the Legion of Honor. You were my mentor and advisor over the years and for that I'm eternally grateful. Hopefully, you and Lady Virginia will continue to visit with us whenever possible.

In recent years we have seen a decline in the number of teams participating in Drill Competition and In-Line Inspections and we'd like to turn that around. 5th Lt Commander Dave Hobbs has come up with an idea that we will discuss at the Arlington meeting during the annual Pilgrimage. Hopefully, we can institute some ideas and options that will result in increasing numbers of teams in the competitions.

In a few short weeks we'll be in Arlington, VA, for the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknowns. I know I'm repeating myself, but if you've never attended, this is a journey I urge you to make. The fun and fellowship we share is outstanding but the primary reason we are there is the pilgrimage to

Division 2



Russell Gray, PC 

honor the Tomb of The Unknowns and lay the LOH wreath. Following the wreath laying we walk over to the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice to pay our respects to U.S. citizens that served in the Canadian Armed Forces in WW I. Registration forms can be found on the website IALOH.org

Yours in the Faith
Russell Gray, PC
4th Lt. Commander



"I admit, I didn't handle that well, but I don't want this to discourage you from being honest with me in the future."

Unit or Association Information

If your Unit or Association has information they would like in the newsletter please let me know. I would be glad to include it.

How Times Have Changed



5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

I just returned from the Imperial Session in Nashville. Lady Lisa and I had a wonderful time. The IALOH meeting was held at the Al Menah Shrine Center, it was a very impressive (and big) facility. The meeting was well attended, and we were able to meet a lot of new friends and see some old ones as well. If you ever get the chance to visit Nashville, it is a great city, the sights, the food, and no loss for music.

With the Imperial Session now behind us, we set our sights on the various association meetings and the Arlington Pilgrimage. As of right now I do know there will be representatives from Division Seven at Arlington. Brothers from Almas, Al Koran, Antioch, Boumi, Egypt and Tadmor have stated they will be there. Please be sure to mark on your calendars the Arlington Pilgrimage Oct 31 – Nov 03. The night of October 31st there will be a Halloween Costume Party. Let's make sure Division 7 takes the top prize...!! The registration form and information is on the IALOH website.

The Annual IALOH Convention will be in Amarillo Apr 29 – May 3. I have visited Amarillo and the plans are going to be first rate. From a gorgeous hotel to an outstanding event site, the Khiva Shrine Center, this is one event you will not want to miss. The information and registration are also on the IALOH website.


I had knee surgery on August 22nd and I am pleased to report that the healing process and the physical therapy is coming along nicely and I should be ready for the Arlington Pilgrimage.

I would like to congratulate Wayne Angstrom, PC of the Al Koran Legion of Honor on his election as 2nd Lieutenant Commander for the Great Lakes Shrine Association. Great News Wayne...!!

Anyone interested in running for the International line and you meet the requirements as dictated by the By-Laws should turn their paperwork in to the Commander and Adjutant before the Arlington Pilgrimage.

Division 7



David Hobbs, PC 

Also, anyone interested in becoming Housing Chairman for next year's Arlington, should reach out to the Commander to express your interest. The best to all of you, your ladies and your families

Dave and Lady Lisa Hobbs

International Officers and Their Ladies At the Legion of Honor Central States Shrine Association Banquet



6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

July we started off traveling to the Imperial Session held in Nashville Tennessee. Again I am a Marshal for the Imperial and stayed pretty busy with extra duties during this trip. The IALOH meeting was held on Sunday and Commander Daffern had a great turn out of LOH members. This is a mandatory meeting for the IALOH by the Imperial Potentate and business was conducted and a lot of introductions were made. Great job by one and all.

El Hasa's Commanders Ball was a great time as always. International Commander Eddie and Shari was there with us this year and we had a great time. Commander Eddie and I helped-do the Grog Bowl this year, Commander Eddie was very meticulous with the mixture and it turned out somewhat drinkable! Congratulations to Commander Woody Mitchell for putting on an outstanding evening. It will be talked about for some time I'm sure. El Hasa LOH put on the Four Chaplains program and I've seen it before and it is a tear jerker for sure. Love this program, it has so much meaning and the brotherhood that says so much. It is a must see if you've never seen it before.

August was a busy month for us. We traveled to Brookfield WI for the GLSA LOH convention. The weather was beautiful this time of the year and the golf course was beautiful, can't say too much about the game except it was interesting at best. But I did shoot in the mid 80's, great game for me; it was a wonderful time being out with the GLSA LOH and

having fun as always. The ladies went on a tour of Milwaukee and visited the Pabst Mansion, toured and had lunch at the Tripoli Center. Lady Pat said tile work in the Tripoli Shrine Center was absolutely amazing as well. After the tour of the Center they headed out to the Miller Brewing Company which has been in existence for over 155 years. Some I believe had more than a free beer, just kidding!!!! The ladies had a marvelous time!

Thank you Commander Bob Lijewski for a great convention and a fun filled weekend.

When we left there, we traveled further west to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to visit a lifelong girlfriend of Lady Pat's, whom she grew up with. In the short time we spent with them, we saw the "One and Only" Corn Palace. Its theme was a "Salute to the Military". Amazing what they can do with that corn! Then we drove to the Missouri River, where in rest stop is a beautiful statue called Destiny of Earth and Sky. When we meet again, ask to see the pictures. After that, it was off to Central States Shrine Association in Sioux City Iowa. Commander Mike Driskill and Lady Jennifer had a well prepared program of meetings and hospitality. During a period of rest, Lady Pat and I walked to a Lewis and Clark museum. It was very informative and interesting. At the Installation Banquet,

Division 3



Ray Combs, PP, PIC



Commander Nick "Coach" Roth, and his officers, was sworn into office by PIC L.R. "Butch" Arnold, with International Commander Daffern as installing Marshal.

September, we stayed close to home. Antioch had their 2nd annual Sportsman Raffle that we were glad to support. (Didn't win anything! Darn!)

Lexington Shrine Hospital is really setting new highs with our patient intakes-- what a great job our staff is doing. Congratulations guys and gals we are so proud of you all!

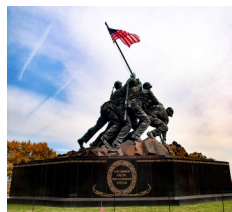
Till next Quarter

YITF,
Ray Combs, PIC
6th Lt. Commander



YOU BE THE JUDGE

Our past Judge Advocate pass away and we are in need of a new one. If you are interesting in filing the position please contact the Commander are one of the International Officers.



IALOH Yearbook

The 2019 - 2020 Yearbook has been mailed to all the Units. If your Unit did not get one please let me know. I have a few extra and if anyone is interested in purchasing one they are \$20.00 each. Just send the funds to the International Adjutant (Contact Information on page 15).

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

The Legions of Honor Veterans;

Honor, courage, respect, perseverance are words that true veterans live by. In my opinion, it is someone who has served our country or is currently in the military. Veterans are just normal people and deserve our respect. They are just everyday people who don't ask for much. Veterans are proud of themselves, their family and proud to have served in the military. They are men and women of courage and discipline. When we see a Veteran, think of him or her as someone exceptional. Honor veterans for their service and thank them for their dedication.

The Legion Veteran Nobles, the Legion of Honor Units, and the International Association hold to one purpose, namely, to be Nobles of the Shrine; organized as service units for service to their Illustrious Potentates and Shrine Temples; and to assist, in any way they can, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. "It's an Honor to belong to the Shrine Legion of Honor".

On June 25, 2019, Nelda and I traveled on our RV to Nashville, Tennessee to attend the Imperial Shrine Session. We arrived at Grand Ole

RV Resort Park Nashville on June 29. We met at the RV Park with Noble COS Jim Fox and Noble COS Arvid Bergman. On Sunday, we attended the International Association Legions of Honor meeting held at Al Menah Shrine Temple. IALOH Commander Eddie Daffern conducted the meeting.

Approximately 50 Nobles and their ladies attended the meeting. During the Imperial Session, several IALOH Nobles were assigned to staff the IALOH booth in the market area. Noble Jim Fox, Noble Arvid Bergman and I were assigned to the IALOH booth duties during the Imperial Session. During our booth operation many Shrine Nobles and LOH Nobles requested information about the Legions of Honor.

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, we'll be attending the Texas Association Legions of Honor gathering in Round Rock, Texas. The TALOH Officers and Nobles with their ladies will enjoy a BBQ Picnic, favorite snacks and some delicious food, fun activities and camaraderie.

Division 1



Gilbert Medina, PP, PIC



On Saturday, October 26, 2019, Nelda and I will be attending the Arabia Shrine Legion of Honor 52nd Annual Military Ball in Houston, Texas.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 956-607-3640 or email medina502@aol.com

Fraternally
Gilbert Medina 7th Lt Cmdr.



Go West Young Man To The Annual Convention



The 89th Annual International Association Legions of Honor Convention

29 April - 3 May, 2020

AMARILLO TEXAS

The convention will be held at the Embassy Suites at 550 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo, TX 79101. The phone number to reserve your room directly with the hotel is (806) 803-5500. You need to press "0" for the operator to get the in-house reservations. Ask for the block of rooms for International Association Legions of Honor. The rate is \$129.00 per night and all the rooms are suites. The hotel's cut-off date for reservations at the IALOH rate is April 7, 2020. This rate extends three days before and three days after our convention. Each guest will enjoy complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast daily and a complimentary 2 hour reception each evening of your stay. For more information visit the IALOH web site or contact of the IALOH officers.

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings Ill Sirs and Nobles, summer has gone by and fall is here with cooler temperatures and most important, football is back! I have been busy calling the LOH Units in the Northeast and renewing old friendships. The status of membership in the Units is the same as I remember, it is still a challenge to recruit new members into the Units. I did pass on to Division 8 LOH Units information from our IALOH Commander with ideas from a brainstorming meeting to involve the members and attract new ones. I hope this has given the Units some ideas to incorporate.

During the Imperial Session at Nashville, TN last July, the IALOH had a stand at the Market Place. I received two request from Mecca and Media Shrine Centers inquiring "how to start a LOH Unit" within the Shrine Center. I have contacted each Shrine Center and passed on information from the IALOH By-Laws on the IALOH Web page. Hopefully these Shrine Center will be starting LOH Units before the years end.

As the Awards Chairman I have receive from all eight Lt. Commanders their nominee for the IALOH Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from their Division. This is the highest award that the IALOH can bestow on a Legionnaire. A candidate must be a Legionnaire in good standing with his unit and the IALOH. He must have provided exceptional-level service to the Legion of Honor at the unit level, their association, the IALOH or any combination. The selected Nobles will be presented their DSAs at the Annual Convention in Amarillo TX., April 29 – May 3, 2020.

As Patriotism Chairman, I have only received from Ismailia LOH, Buffalo, NY, Amran LOH, Raleigh, NC, Al Menah LOH, Nashville, TN and Zembo LOH, Harrisburg, PA, information on the activities with their LOH Units, Shrine Center events, Veterans and communities. This will be shared with our membership at

Division 8



Robert Cook, PP, PIC



the Annual Convention to provide suggestions for other LOH Unit agendas. Remember, it's an Honor to belong to the Legion of Honor. Thank you for your service.

Robert "Bob" Cook, PP, PIC
8th Lt. Commander, IALOH
Zembo Shrine Center
Harrisburg, PA



Patriotism

Ill. Sir Robert Cook, PP is also our Patriotism Chairman. If your Unit performs a Patriotic act such as carrying the flags in a parade, posting the colors for an event please let him know. He reports these activities at the convention and is a great way to get your Unit recognized. You can contact him at 717-732-1288 or email: cookies63@comcast.net



Veteran Representatives Needed



International Association Legions of Honor Veteran Representative Larry Hearn is looking for nobles to be IALOH Representatives at the Veterans Hospitals. This is a great opportunity to give back and service our veterans. He tries to reach members and units who volunteer, or want to volunteer, at any VA Hospital or Clinic so they can be registered whereby IALOH would receive the credit. If you fall in either category, please contact Larry at the below information.

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CP: 317-797-0870
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From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great summer and looking forward to the fall and the holidays

The yearbooks were mailed in August so if you have not received one and you think you should have please let me know.

In July my Lady Kathy and I attended the Imperial Session in Nashville. Nashville was a lot of fun. We attended the Ray Stevens show which was hilarious. We had a great turn out at the IALOH booth and had several individuals wanting information about starting new Units.

In August we attend the LOH Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) banquet in Sioux City, Iowa. Commander Mike Driskell and Lady Jennifer did an outstanding job.

Arlington is month but there is still time to get your registrations and luncheon orders in. The Arlington information is on page 15 of this newsletter.

The 2020 annual report forms will be sent to the Units in December 2019. If you indicated you could receive documents by email you will receive the required annual report by email. If during the year your Units address for correspondence has changed please let me know.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here for you know it and My Lady Kathy and I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

YITF,
David Smith, PC
International Adjutant



David Smith, PC



**Article deadline for
October newsletter
December 15, 2019**



International Lieutenant Commanders

The International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) is looking for Nobles to be Lieutenant Commanders for the IALOH line. There will be 4 spots open - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Lt. Commanders. The required qualifications are located in the International Bylaws in Article IV, Section 1, (A). The Bylaws are located on the IALOH web site under the "Main" menu. If you would like to be an International Officer please submit all required paper work 60 days prior the first day of the annual convention (first day of 2020 convention April 29, 2020) to the International Commander and the International Adjutant (contact information on page 11 of newsletter). If you have any questions or would like more information please contact a current International Officer.

Arlington Housing Chairman

The International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) is looking for a Noble to be the Arlington Housing Chairman. The Chairman is responsible for arranging room(s) at the hotel for the annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. If you have questions about the duties or would like to become the Housing Chairman please contact the International Commander or the current Housing Chairman Bill Chicky (contact information on 11 page of newsletter).

Imperial Session



Mission BBQ

This BBQ restaurant in Nashville honors the military and police officers. The wall was covered with pictures of veterans and police officers. We told them we were all veterans with the Shrine and they served us with strawberry short cakes and presented us with this sign.



Top Left to Right: Group photo, Daisy Wilson Daughter of D. Keith Wilson, Jr. Oriental Guide of Nemesis Temple meets the Legion of Honor. The ladies returning from the ladies luncheon, Front Leighanne Walker, back L to R: Kathy Smith, Lisa Hobbs, Ginny Gray.



Arlington Wreath Laying October 31st - November 3rd, 2019

Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Key Bridge 1900 North Fort Myer Drive Arlington, VA 22209

The hotel registration form is available on line at the **IALOH web site www.ialoh.org**. **Select the "Event" menu tab then select "Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony"**. The Wreath laying is a very moving experience and if you have not been to one you are missing a great event. Besides laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier we also lay poppies at the Canadian monument honoring the Canadian Veterans. After the wreath laying everyone goes back to the hotel for the Remembrance Luncheon. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The luncheon form is on-line (and on page 14 of the newsletter) just follow the steps to the registration form above.

Halloween Costume Contest

This year the Arlington Wreath Laying falls on the week of Halloween. So there will be a Halloween costume contest and a prize for the couple or person with the best costume. So get your costume ready to have some fun. October 31 at 8:00 pm



Arlington Tomb Shirts



If you are interested in ordering an Arlington Tomb shirt the order form is on-line. Just follow these steps: Go to the **IALOH web site www.ialoh.org**. **Select the "Event" menu tab then select "Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony" then select "Order Your Tomb Shirt"**.

If you have any questions please contact:

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DO YOU WANT NEW MEMBERS?

These notes taken by a new Noble and LOH member, Joshua Hernandez, at a called meeting by Commander Paul Sawyer at Moslah Shrine in Fort Worth, TX. Other attendees were from Hella Shrine, Karem Shrine, Arabia Shrine, Khiva Shrine and Ben Hur Shrine. These could be helpful to any LOH unit to increase their membership. I am going to leave Moslah's name in the notes because they deserve to be recognized for trying to increase their membership.

Eddie Daffern, Commander

NOTES:

1. Wall of Honor in the MOSLAH LOH room, showcasing bootcamp photos of MOSLAH Shriners (both LOH members and non-members)
 2. For stated/called meetings - LOH members can wear relaxed collared embroidered shirts. Provides for a more relaxed atmosphere and easy change-over from day job.
 3. Find areas to get involved in. Inject ourselves into ceremonies, events, etc.
 4. Support Potentate in everything = this equals exposure
 5. Send letters to all MOSLAH veterans for Veteran's Day and/or Memorial Day
 6. Put on a military ball
 7. Have special ceremonies when able
 8. Ask veterans in MOSLAH to wear the branch pins on their FEZ
 9. Ask veterans in MOSLAH to wear ribbon stack on their coats during stated meetings
 10. Utilize "friends of veterans" within MOSLAH for assistance, recognize their efforts
 11. Shriner spotlights, highlight heroism and service of current MOSLAH veterans
 12. Leasing flags for yearly posting of colors. (5x a year)
 13. Conduct Flag retirement ceremonies
 14. Flag etiquette classes?
 15. Provide a table for each veteran at some function for them to display their military items
- Outside of that...here is my opinion on "the way forward". I'm not the Commander, so I'm not saying this is what we WILL do...I'm just throwing out my opinion so you can make whatever decisions need to be made.

WAY FORWARD:

We need "leads" to recruit from. Veteran's Day is our closest military holiday. We don't need to rush to create a large event, etc., but we do need to recognize our members' service, and we want to recognize it with honor and pride. The name of the game is getting as many people interested as possible, from there, we'll get a feel of who might be full-time participants and who might be part-time help-where-I-can participants.

1. Gather leads: Divan, LOH and friends personally reach out to members to conduct a verbal "health and welfare check" and determine veteran status and affiliated military branches and double check mailing address/phone

numbers/etc. The pitch: we'd like to ensure they are doing well and we want to recognize them and send them a special gift in appreciation of their service.

2. Plant the seed: Divan and LOH mail out a gift and a typed up, but personalized letter, to each member - thanking them for their service and giving them a call to action. We can purchase and send them the branch pin for their Fez (if that's possible). The call to action is asking them to attend our next stated meeting (or the November meeting) wearing that pin on their Fez AND bringing a copy of a photo of their service (whether a bootcamp photo, etc) for the LOH room.

The gift can also simply be a small flag with a touching letter, etc.

3. Water the crops: Follow up phone calls being made by Divan and LOH about a week after mailing out the gifts. Make sure they received the gifts and verbally ask them to comply with the call to action.

4. Guide the growth of the crops: During the first stated meeting of the temple, allocate 10-15 minutes to officially recognize the veterans amongst our Nobles. Nice touching speech. Perhaps a group photo. Emphasize the importance of LOH. Hand out invitations to LOH's first meeting and emphasize that they DO NOT have to contribute large amounts of time if they join.

5. Harvest the crops: Late November, follow up phone calls/Face-to-face visits/etc., with as many MOSLAH veterans as possible - especially those that expressed interest in LOH. Internally, we will start categorizing them. Some will be willing and able to participate in upcoming events (sometimes all events, sometimes only one here and there), some will want to participate but don't have much time (in which case we ask them to pay dues and help when they can)

From there, it's management of volunteers. We'll have a handful of dedicated members, the rest, we'll ask them to participate in specific events far in advance.

6. Enjoy the meal: MOSLAH LOH needs to put on an awards banquet. Something semi-formal that allows us to recognize community partners, LOH members and family, Non-veteran friends and supporters, etc. Plaques. Medals. Even something as simple as a personally signed group photo can go a long way.

Anyhow, those are my thoughts. I look forward to the first meeting, regardless. Thank you again for having me over! :-)

Sincerely,

Noble Joshua Hernandez



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