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Come Fly With Us

To the 88th Annual Convention Holiday Inn—Dayton/Fairborn, Ohio 17—21 April 2019

Our convention will be held at the Holiday Inn—Dayton/Fairborn, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, Ohio. We are right across the street from Wright State University and close to some wonderful attractions and restaurants.

The cut-off date for reservations at the IALOH rate is February 17, 2019.

Please call the hotel directly at (937) 486-7800 and ask for our group rate of \$109.00 plus tax. You can reserve your rooms three days before and after at the convention rate.

The convention registration form is on the www.IALOH.org web site. From the "Home" page select >Events>Annual Convention>Registration Form (located on the left side of the page) or contact the Commander or Adjutant. Contact information is on page 11.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE



This is just one of the main attractions you can see while at the convention. The museum is located just a few miles from the convention hotel and is open from 0900 to 1700 hours daily. The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. For more information about the museum go to www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

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Commander Claus and Lady Claus and Clarabelle the Elf Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Lady Pat and I started off in October by traveling to Shipshewana Ind. for our annual 2008 Past Potentates trip. We have stayed together with our counterparts since becoming Past Potentates and going to different venues' each year. It is always great to get with this group and continue the friendship we have established.

The following week we took our Potentates trip on the New England cruise which we finally found time to do so after all these years. It was really great to spend some time with our temple again. It was a wonderful cruise, left out of Boston, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, St. John's Bay, Bar Harbor Maine, Rockland Maine, Portland Maine, and then back to Boston. We toured JFK museum, all that history that I was alive in. We were really lucky and had the chance to tour two Masonic Lodges on our cruise. The first Masonic Temple was in St John's Bay, (with its two huge, working pipe organs), and the second Masonic Lodge was in Portland Maine. I'd like to thank the two gentlemen who took time out of their busy day to show us around.

On Oct 26, we drove up to Pittsburgh for Syria Shrine LOH Commanders ball. We had a great time with Commander Ed Tanski and Lady Barb and all the great friends we have made there. We traveled on the 27th Oct to Zem Zem LOH for the Commanders Ball for Commander John Donner and Lady Wendy. I had the honor to give the Initiation to a new member this night and I must say he was very nervous. He survived without any scars!

November 10th was the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony and I like to thank all those that stood tall for Lt Cmdr. Tracy in making this a success. Tracy was in charge of the Arlington Process but his home got hit by the Hurricane in Florida and his home suffered major damage. Everyone stood tall and made it a great success. The Wreath Laying is something we look forward to when we become Commander, and



I was proud to be part of this ceremony in honoring those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Imperial Sir Jim Cain, myself, Lady Pat and my COS John R. Smith had the honor to perform this Ceremony. We proceeded to the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice and paid respects to fallen Americans who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, leaving a poppy, a traditional symbol of remembrance.

Nov 16th we traveled to Nur LOH Commanders Ball in Wilmington Delaware for Commander Fred Roland and Lady Judy. It was great to spend the weekend with Nur LOH and their Ladies. I was again honored by the Nur LOH by becoming an honorary member of their unit. Thank You Commander Fred for all you have done for the IALOH and recognizing me this night.

On December 10, after spending the day at Lexington Shrine Hospital, for the Board of Governors, Lady Pat and I traveled to Columbus Ohio, for Aladdin Shrine LOH Installation of Officers. We have had this pleasure for many years, and we enjoy spending time with these Officers and their Ladies.

I spent some quality time with my son on our annual fishing and Deer hunting trip this month. Fishing was great, and Bambi is safe for another year.

Lady Pat and I have begun volunteering at our local Veterans hospital. Pat is an Ambassador and I drive a golf cart helping patients get into the hospital quickly, and boy has that been a cold job!

Now it is December, and mama in her kerchief and I in my cap, have settled down to Christmas Parties, helping out the Jolly Old Elf, with all the good boys and girls, and just enjoying our family, at this time of the year. From Our Family to Yours, we wish you the Very Merriest of Christmas's, and remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Keep em Flying
Ray



*The
International Association Legions of Honor
Officers and Their Ladies*



*Wish You A
Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year*



2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division 2

Greetings from Division 2!

It has been a slow fall, unless you have been victim to the storms, floods, and fires across the country. Lady Debbie and I have kept you in our thoughts and prayers. May 2019 be a kinder year. It is hard to imagine moving forward after such disasters. Our hearts go out to all affected.

I have not heard from any units within Division 2, and I have not traveled except to Arlington. At Arlington we had over 100 new attendees! The Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns

was impressive as usual, followed by a great meal. As always, the fellowship was great throughout the weekend. It was good to see old friends and make a few new ones.

It is an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Yours in the faith,
R. "Butch" Arnold, PIC
Interim 2nd Lt. Commander



L. R. "Butch" Arnold, PIC



Division 2 Temples with LOH Units: Abdallah, Al Bedoo, Al Azhar, Al Kaly, Algeria, Bagdad, El Jebel, El Riad, Isis, Korein, Midian, Mirza, Sesostris, Tangier, Tehama

Division 2 Temples without LOH Units: Al Shamal, El Zagal, Kalif, Kem, Khartum, Naja, Wa Wa, Yelduz

IALOH Convention Golf Tournament Wednesday 17th April, 2019 Beavercreek Golf Club

Don't forget the convention golf tournament. Beavercreek Golf Club is one of Ohio's premier public golf facilities. It is a 4 1/2 star course listed in Golf Digest's of places to play. The course is just minuets away for the hotel. This is a top tier course that feels like a private country club.

The cost is \$40.00 per person to be paid at the course—includes cart and range balls.

For the entry form go to www.ialoh.org then go to "Events", "Annual Convention", "Golf Registration" or contact the Commander or the Adjutant using the contact information on page 11 of the newsletter.



Thank You Ladies!



I want to give a big **Thank You** to our ladies. Without our ladies support we would not be able to do our job as officers as good as we do. I want to especially thank all the ladies that helped with the hospitably room at Arlington. Tracy and Janet Coughlin could not make it to Arlington because their home was damaged by the hurricane. So Ladies, without your support the hospitably room would not have been successful.



See The Quartermaster

If you need pins, medalions, jewelry, ties, and any other IALOH or LOH items go to our web site www.ialoh.org for a list of items or contact our Quartermaster Mike Kimbrell. Mike's contact information is on page 11.

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Good afternoon and a Merry Holiday season to all.

Where we left you all in our writings in the fall, was where Leighanne and I were able to visit my Chief of Staff and his Lady Cathy in Palm Springs, CA for a much needed, fun weekend. On Monday Leighanne and I traveled to Anaheim CA, for a visit to El Bekal Shrine for their dinner and Stated Meeting. It was an evening to be remembered. The next day we traveled south for home and were pleased to be able to visit with our local Legion of Honor friends.

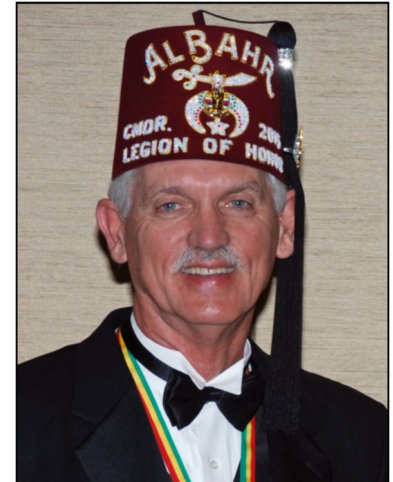
This has been a somewhat quiet fall here as is usually the case around this time of year. There have been numerous holiday gatherings and local get togethers. One was our annual Special meeting at our temple for the elections of Divan officers for the ensuing year. This year had its drama as it usually does for the ensuing year, but I

was pleased to see the membership vote as a temple and not as personal issue for a past Potentate. We were again were fortunate to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, VA. Each year around the first part of November we are fortunate to make the trip across country to the Washington DC area, and stay in Arlington and thoroughly enjoy our time there, and increasingly each year we have enjoyed our visit to the cemetery.

Leighanne and I feel very honored to be able to have to the journeys we do with the IALOH and receiving other Nobles hospitality and friendship. May each of you have a great holiday season and a Blessed New Year.

Yours In The Faith
Steve Walker, PC
5th Lt. Commander

Division 5



Steve C. Walker, PC



6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings Nobles,
As we approach the last quarter of 2018/2019 IALOH Year, we are celebrating the Christmas Season and a New Year. Hopefully all of you have been good. I heard Butch Arnold was just getting a piece of coal and sticks for Christmas.

It has been a slow time for traveling for Division 6 with all of the rain and hurricanes. Our Ga/FI joint ceremonial in Panama City Beach and SASA Association were both canceled due to the storms.

In November, we were able to attend the wreath laying at Arlington, Va.

This year, our 4th Lt Commander Tracy and Janet was unable to attend due to Hurricane damages to their home in PCB. Really sad.

Noble Steve Walker filled in with the help of other nobles and ladies to have another great time in Arlington, Va.

Thanks to all of the nobles and ladies that helped and all of those attended.

We did have one noble and his friend who rode their motorcycles over 600 miles to attend. Thank you Noble Johnny Brown and Steve Sanders for your attendance.

Anita and my next trip will be to Jericho Shrine Change of Command in January in Kingsport, Tn. This is always a great time with all the nobles and ladies. Ralph Bass has said he did not order snow for this year.

After this event, we will attend an event to our Midwinter with the SESA LOH at the Black Bear Inn in Gatlinburg, Tn.

Our last trip will be in Dayton, Oh, for the IALOH Convention and Change of Command.

I will not be running for office this coming year due to health reasons with Anita and me.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Chief of Staff and as an IALOH Lt. Commander.

Division 6



John Robert Smith, PC



God Bless All and a Blessed New Year.

YITF,
John Robert Smith – 6th Lt Com.
IALOH

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division 7

Hello LOH Nobles

This has been a very busy last half of the year for many of us, both personally & professionally.

My Lady Jan & I attended Arlington wreath laying and it is always a very somber occasion to remember our fellow servicemen and women. It is also a good time to catch up with old and new friends. There were several first time attendees, which was great to have so many "First Timers" participate.

We missed Tracy and Janet being there as they were impacted by Hurricane Michael. They were not there in person, but very much in spirit in helping Steve Walker and I continue in what they had already put into action. Steve and Leighanne Walker did a fantastic job in hosting the hospitality room. Also a big thank you to everyone who stepped up to make Arlington a great event as usual.

Next will be the East West Shrine game in Tampa. Get your tickets and will see you there. If things stay as planned, we will be in Omaha in February to visit our friends in the LOH.

This year one of my duties is to set up the drill competition for our convention in Dayton. As of this article, I have not heard of any unit participating in the competitions. The awards are ready for the taking, we just need units that want to participate. Please let me know if you need information for your unit to participate.

Hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a great start to 2019.

See You Soon

David Ginapp
IALOH 7th Lt Commander



David Ginapp, PC



Say a Little Christmas Prayer



As we come together to celebrate this Holiday Season please take a moment to remember all the men and women that are serving in our armed forces that cannot be home with their family.

I was one of the fortunate ones because I only had to miss two Christmases with my family. Both years I was in Thailand serving in the Air Force at Ubon AB maintaining the C130 Spectra Gunships. Each year we heard there was a cease fire for the holidays but you could not prove it by me. I think we flew more missions on Christmas day than any other day. The best thing about being away from family were the Bob Hope Christmas shows. The first time he came to Ubon their plane carrying the ladies for the show broke down and I was one of the lucky ones to go see what was wrong. Well it was ok for them to fly but we milked the job for an hour just so we could keep smelling the perfume on the plane.

So when you sit down with family and friends to give thanks for the bountiful feast please say a little prayer for the men and women that are keeping us safe that they will return safely to be with their families next year.



8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division 8

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving; we do have so much to be thankful for, in particular, our families, and our freedom. Having made my second pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery in November, I'm reminded of our service men and women that made the supreme sacrifice so that we can continue to live the life we live and never take for granted. On this year's trip to Arlington my son and my Chief Of Staff, Mike Kearns accompanied me. Mike had never been to Arlington before and, like all of us that experience the wreath laying ceremony for the first time, he was overcome with emotion. After the wreath lying at the Tomb we preceded to the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice, it commemorates the Americans who served in the Canadian Armed Forces in the First and Second World War and the Korean War. We ceremoniously placed poppies in remembrance of their sacrifices as well as the Canadian Veterans they fought beside.

There were approximately 300 folks in attendance this year and out of that number there were approximately 112 first time attendees. If you have never been to this solemn ceremony with us, I urge you to put it on your bucket list. I guarantee it will be a memorable experience. You will make new friends and have an enjoyable time.

The Annual Convention is rapidly approaching. This year it will be held in Dayton Ohio, home of The Air Force Museum. All the information pertaining to the convention can be found on the IALOH website IALOH.org. Come on out a day or two early and tour the museum with my lady and me. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a healthy peaceful 2019.

With warm regards.
Fraternally,
Russ Gray
8th Lt. Commander



Russell Gray, PC



Annual Convention Drill Team Competition

The in-line and color guard competitions will be held Friday, 19 April at 1430 hours. The judging will be in accordance with the International Association Legions of Honor Drill Team and Color Guard Rules of Competitions. For more information on the rules and entry form see the IALOH web site at www.ialoh.org or contact Commander Ray Combs, PP, Lt. Commander David Ginapp or the International Adjutant. Their contact information is on page 11.



8th Lieutenant Commander Candidate

David Hobbs has met all the requirements and is running for 8th Lt. Commander.

David and his Lady Lisa have two sons (Brian and Nicholas) and live in Plant City, FL. After high school, David joined the Navy in 1969 and worked as an Armed Forces Radio and Television Network On-Air Personality. He was Honorably discharged in 1972.

David became a Mason in 2014 and is a member of the Olin S. Wright Lodge, Plant City, FL. He joined the Egypt Shrine and became a Legion of Honor (LOH) member in 2014. He is Egypt's Commander and Captain of the Guard. He is a Shriners Hospital for Children Tour Guide, a Shriners International Headquarters Tour Guide, and a Kentucky Colonel.

David enjoys Syracuse Men's Basketball, playing the guitar and baby sitting his granddaughter Alyson.

From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The 2019 Yearly dues forms have been mailed. If you did not get a packet and you think you should have received one please let me know. You can also download all the forms by going to the IALOH web site. They are in PDF form and you should be able to fill them in on line and then print them for mailing. It is also important that if during the year your unit changes officers or the correspondence mailing address changes, please let me know. You can email me at adjutant@ialoh.org or call 386-752-0475.

This past November everyone that attended the Wreath Laying at Arlington had a wonderful time. It was great to see old friends and make a

few new ones. Arlington is close to Washington DC and all the attractions in the Washington DC area. If you can make it to the Wreath laying you can also tour Washington DC. This time my Lady Kathy and I visited Mount Vernon the home of George Washington.

I have a few 2018-2019 yearbooks available for \$20.00. If you would like one just let me know and I would be glad to mail you one.

If your Unit or Association has something special you would like in the newsletter let me know and if possible I will get it in.

Yours In The Faith,
David Smith, PC
International Adjutant



David Smith, PC



**Article deadline for
April newsletter
March 20, 2019**



2019 - 2020 Year Book

I am accepting advertisements for the 2019 - 2020 Yearbook. The Ad is a great way to help the IALOH earn funds. The form is also on the web site and on page 10.



A Blast From The Past



The Good Old Red, White and Blue



2018 Arlington Wreath Laying

This past November was the annual Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. 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 American Veterans serving in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II. The Wreath was laid by Imperial Sir Jim Cain and Commander Ray Combs, PP and escorted by Lady Pat Combs and Chief of Staff John "Popeye" Smith. Besides laying the Wreath it is also a good time to meet old friends and meet new ones and have a little fun.



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*To foster a Spirit of Patriotism
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*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
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