

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR



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### The 89th Annual International Association Legions of Honor Convention 29 April - 3 May, 2020 Amarillo, Texas

#### **The annual convention scheduled for Amarillo has been cancelled**

It is with a great deal of disappointment that I have to inform you we are canceling the 89th Annual Convention of the International Association Legions of Honor in Amarillo, TX on April 29th through May 3rd because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This decision was not taken lightly and we explored all avenues to determine if we could continue with the convention. I have written a letter to all Legion Nobles explaining the discussion and action that we can take in the future. The letter is on page 2 and 4 of this newsletter. Again I am deeply disappointed we had to cancel the convention but the safety of our Legion Nobles and their family is what comes first.



Eddie Daffern, PP, PC

Since the annual convention has been cancelled it has been decided to combine some of the annual convention activities with this year's Arlington Wreath Laying. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

- Provide the Lt. Commander candidates the opportunity to present themselves to the nobility
- Conduct the election of officers per the IALOH bylaws
- Perform the Change of Commander
- Provide the opportunity for the outgoing Commander to present his final remarks and the incoming Commander to present his

A letter on page 13 of this newsletter explains all the changes that have been made to accommodate combining the convention activities with Arlington. With combining the two activities members can have the convention and the wreath laying experience. Please be safe and abide by the Coronavirus government guidelines because we want to see you at Arlington.

Yours In The Faith

Eddie Daffern, PP, PC  
International Commander

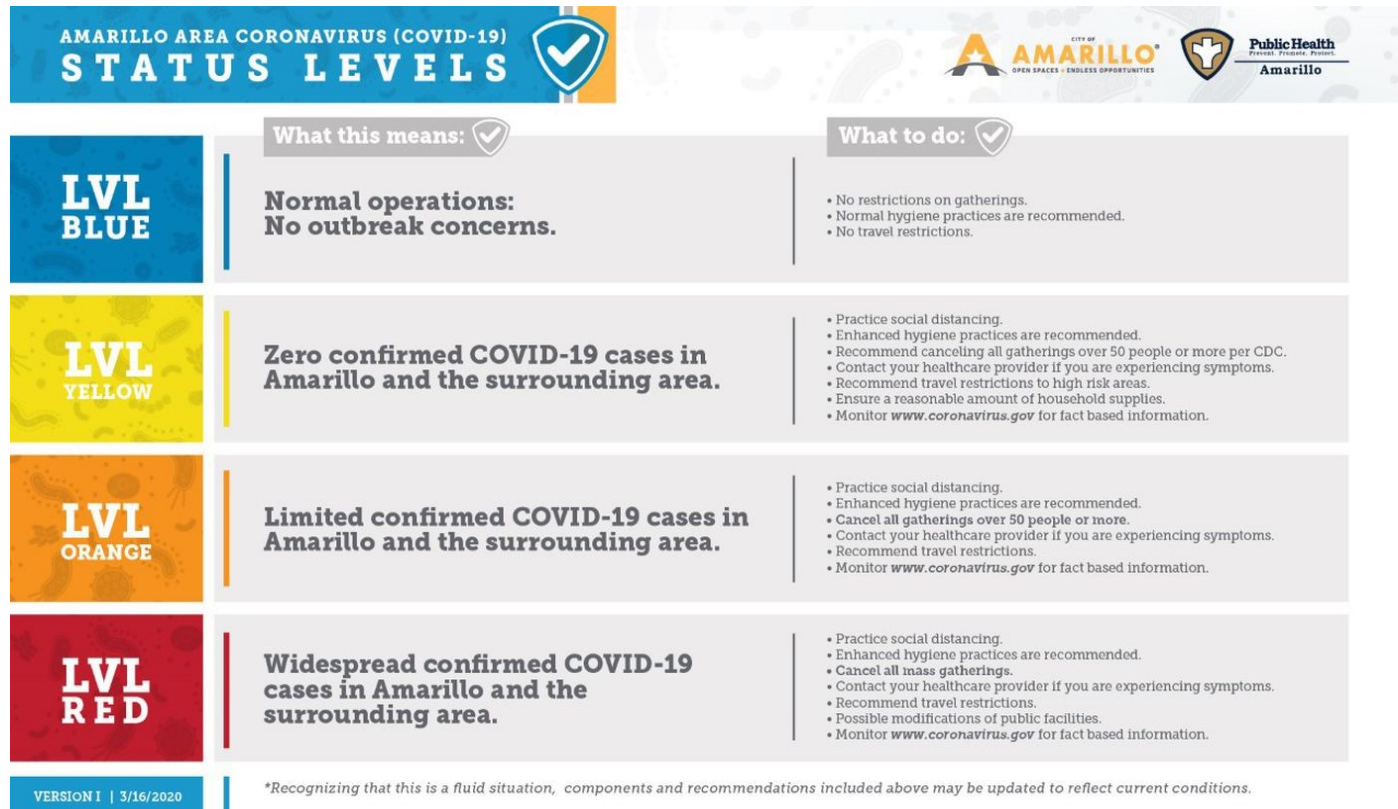
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Legion Nobles,

It is with a great deal of disappointment that I have to send you this letter canceling the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the International Association Legions of Honor in Amarillo, TX on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We all know what is happening around the world concerning the Coronavirus and the steps being taken by local, state and federal governments. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, I talked with Amarillo officials and at that time there had been no cases of the disease reported in Amarillo. There had not even been any cases reported in the entire panhandle of Texas. The Mayor did not have plans to make a declaration concerning gatherings of people. On March 16, the civic center management decided on their own to cancel all engagements at the civic center for public events of more than 50 people. A number of people still thought we could still probable have our convention. But on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Amarillo health department confirmed two cases of the Coronavirus in Amarillo. That has changed everything. The city of Amarillo then released a "Status Level Chart" which is below:



Amarillo is now at Level Orange. It's a little hard to read so I will reprint it.

#### What this means

Limited confirmed COVID-19 cases in Amarillo and the surrounding area.

#### What to do

- Practice social distancing
- Enhanced hygiene practices are recommended
- Cancel all gatherings over 50 people or more
- Contact your healthcare provider if you are experiencing symptoms
- Recommend travel restrictions

Governor Abbott declared a State of Disaster in Texas due to COVID-19 on March 13<sup>th</sup>. President Trump also declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak also on March 13<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure you all know that on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued their Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease. In part, it states "Older adults and persons with severe underlying health conditions are considered to be at increased risk of more serious illness after contracting COVID-19. Priority should be given to ensuring the safety of these groups of people, particularly for any mass gatherings that are expected to have a large number of older adults or persons with underlying conditions."

**Commander's Cancellation Letter Continued on Page 4**

## Now Hear This

Greetings from Texas,

On January 11, Lady Shari and I attended the India LOH Change of Command ceremony in Oklahoma City. I was the Installing Officer and 3rd LtCmdr of IALOH David Ginapp was the Installing Marshal. It was hosted by the outgoing Commander Matt Stevens and Michael Driskill, PC & Past CSSA Cmdr. They and their Ladies did a great job. Congratulations to the new Commander Buddy Givens and his officers. I know they will do a great job!

January 13th, we were in San Antonio for the Alzafar's LOH Change of Command. I was the Installing Officer and my Chief of Staff Jim Hollis was the Installing Marshal. Our Ladies Shari and Barbara joined with us as we had a great meal. The new officers are Commander Tony Calderon, 1st LtCmdr James Farliss, 2nd LtCmdr Lee Hubbard and Adjutant Art Canizales. They are really trying to get their unit more active and we wish them all the luck we can send.

January 16th - 19th, Lady Shari and I joined other International Officers and their Ladies at the East West Shrine Game in St Pete, FL. Attending were 1st LtCmdr Tracy Coughlin and Lady Janet, 3rd LtCmdr David Ginapp and Lady Jan and Adjutant David Smith and Lady Kathy. We were able to march on the field with the Egypt Legion of Honor who fielded eight Legion of Honor members. They did a great job and we had a wonderful time at their pre-game tailgating party.

January 23rd - 26th we were in Kingsport, TN for the Jericho Shrine LOH Commander's Ball and Installation. Jericho always puts on a great Ball. The hospitality room always has plenty of food and drinks. Past IALOH Commander Harold Kitchens was the Installing Officer and I played the Installing Marshal. As always, Harold did a great job. Commander Darryl McPherson retained his position for another year. The other officers are 1st LtCmdr Jim Cross, 2nd LtCmdr Charles Allen, 3rd LtCmdr Barry Cox and

Adjutant Bob Smith. They are in good hand to have another great year.

January 31st, Lady Shari and I were in McAllen, TX for the Grandmasters Conference. Past IALOH Commander, Illustrious Sir Gilbert Medina was the coordinator and did an outstanding job. The Grand Master Paul Underwood and his Lady Rebecca are friends of ours and they plan to be at our convention in Amarillo. We were also pleased to see Past Commanders of TALOH Arvid Bergman and Lady Barbara and Jim Fox. Of course Lady Nelda Medina was with Gilbert. It was a great time meeting Masons and Shriners from the Texas Valley.

February 13th - 16th Lady Shari and I, along with Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara were in Houston for the Texas Association Legions of Honor Mid-Winter Meeting. Also joining us were 4th LtCmdr Russ Gray and his Chief of Staff Mike Kearns. Commander Rick Villarreal and Lady Olga did a wonderful job of organizing this meeting. Of course his Adjutant Marty Rodriguez and Lady Sandi were also heavily involved along with the rest of his staff. Marty was also the emcee for the banquet. Other International attendees were Chaplain John Welch and Lady Linda, Brenda Scholin, PIC Bill Glenn and Lady Shirley, PIC Butch Arnold and Lady Debbie and PIC III. Sir Gilbert Medina and Lady Nelda. We also had several Past TALOH Commanders present to include myself and Lady Shari, Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara, Paul Sawyer and Lady Edith, Charles Lee and Lady Judy, Arvid Bergman and Lady Barbara and Jim Fox. I was the Installing Officer and III. Sir Gilbert was the Installing Marshal. Chaplain John Welch conducted the Necrology Service as only he can do. Rick did an outstanding job as Commander last year and I know the new Commander Charles McIntosh will also do a great job. The new officers are Commander Charles, 1st LtCmdr Patrick Travers, 2nd LtCmdr James Farless, 3rd LtCmdr Marty Rodriguez, Adjutant Fred Bamberg and



Eddie Daffern, PP, PC



Finance Officer Vince Blackburn. Congratulations guys!

My next function was to be in Reading, PA at the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Legions of Honor Banquet. But due to the Coronavirus the banquet was cancelled.

That is it for now. Be safe and hope to see you in Arlington.

GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN FOR ARLINTON!!!

Semper Fi,  
Eddie Daffern, PP  
Commander, IALOH



**Shriners Helping Children**  
**That Is What We Do**

**Commander's Cancellation Letter Continued from Page 2**

That statement certainly reflects the majority of our members. It is incumbent upon all of us to ensure their safety and well being at all of our functions. Therefore, I don't think we have a choice but to cancel the convention.

The IALOH Officers and Executive Board members are in the process of discussing the actions needed to move forward for the coming year. We are in uncharted waters and as decisions are made more information will be forthcoming. It is time to be safe and stay healthy so we all can meet at Arlington for the Annual Wreath Laying.

Yours in the Faith,

*Eddie Daffern*

Eddie Daffern. PP  
Commander, IALOH

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**International Lieutenant Commander Candidates**

We have six Legion Nobles running for Lieutenant Commander for four positions. The candidates bio information is on the IALOH website under "Maine", "Candidates". The new officers will be voted on at the Arlington Wreath Laying. The candidates are:

Wayne Angstrom

Geoffrey Lyster

Charles McIntosh

Jaime Muñoz

Wayne Steele

Douglas Tayrien

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**By-law Change**

A By-law change has been submitted for consideration. Because the annual convention has been cancelled the by-law change will not be voted on at the Arlington Wreath Laying. The By-law change is changing the eligibility requirement for the International Commander. The By-law change has been posted on the website under "Main", "By-laws". If you are unable to see the By-law change on the website let me know and I will send you a copy. (Note - the By-law change on the website is the original sent). The by-law change was originally posted in the January 2020 newsletter.

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**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 website [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org)**. **Select the "Event" menu tab then select "Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony" then select "Order Your Tomb Shirt"**.

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# 1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division 4

As I write this submission, our Nation and the world are in a state of chaos dealing with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope and pray that you and your families are healthy and taking the necessary precautions to stay safe as I know most of our members are highly susceptible to this virus and nobody needs to suffer through it.

As you have seen and heard elsewhere, the Annual Convention that was to be hosted by Commander Daffern in Amarillo, Texas, has been cancelled because of the pandemic and an abundance of caution. But we won't let that keep us from honoring the service and dedication that Eddie and Shari have given to the IALOH. If the Nation gets through this and things return to normal, we plan to incorporate as much of the convention activities into our annual Arlington Wreath Laying event 28 October thru 1 November. For a single, low registration fee, you get TWO, COUNT THEM 2, events for less than the price of a convention! All the events will be there, but on a simplified format. We'll have a business meeting, candidate hospitality, election of officers, necrology, and a formal installation banquet. And the best part, you'll get to hear about my convention next year, probably the worst kept secret ever! Our 5th Lt Commander Dave Hobbs and myself have been working hard these last few days and with the help of Adjutant David Smith, as one special fan tweeted, "This is going to be HUGE, REALLY, REALLY HUGE, the BEST, ONE OF THE GREAT-EST". We still plan to include all our normal Arlington activities and have provided time to do sightseeing as well. Please refer to the event information provided elsewhere in the newsletter and register!

What a busy time it's been! This year started with a trip to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, FL to assist the Egypt LOH with posting of colors prior to the 95th East-West Shrine Bowl. I was joined by IALOH Commander Eddie Daffern, 3rd Lt Commander Dave Ginapp, Adjutant David Smith, and PIC Ted Henderson.

The Egypt LOH hosted a tailgate party before the pre-game festivities with plenty of food and camel's milk. This was my 7th or 8th time participating in this event and, if you ever plan to be at the game, please let Egypt LOH know and they will make room for you on the field.

As most of you know, the Holiday Inn Rosslyn has been the IALOH headquarters for the Arlington Wreath Laying event for over 30 years. But last year, we were informed that the hotel was going to be demolished and a new Holiday Inn hotel would be built in its place. We're told this project could take 3, or maybe 4, years. Since then, your IALOH leadership has been searching for a new location for our headquarters. Over a dozen hotels were evaluated and a short list of 4 were developed. In January, PIC Pete Phillips, 2nd Lt Commander Steve Walker, 4th Lt Commander Dave Hobbs, and myself traveled to Washington, D.C. to physically inspect the hotels to make sure they would meet our needs and provide the best experience possible for our Nobles and their ladies. As this time, I'm happy to report that the Double Tree in Crystal City has been selected for our new location. It's a modern hotel with great rooms and views and conveniently located near the Pentagon, Air Force Memorial, and most importantly, Arlington National Cemetery. There will be a slight increase in room rates, but trust me, you'll get your money's worth. I hope everyone that can attend this event will make the journey and also, let me know what you think of the hotel.

After a short break after looking at hotels, I traveled to Buffalo, NY along with 2nd Lt Commander Steve Walker to install the new Ismailia officers. Congratulations to Commander Ed Worden, PP and his team for 2020 and thanks to 2019 Past Commander Bob Graham and his team for a job well done. The LOH Nobles at Ismailia were fantastic hosts all weekend providing great camaraderie and tour services.



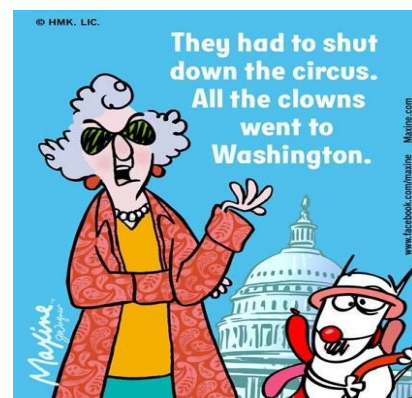
Tracy Coughlin, PC 

Special thanks to noble Dan Walther, PP for the hospitality and Mike Swayne, PP, for tour services and our personal UBER driver. We made a special trip to the world famous Anchor Bar, original home of the buffalo wings, and I'll tell you, they were great! Make a trip to Buffalo when you get a chance and I'm sure the boys there will treat you right.

I then traveled back to Tampa to install IALOH 4th Lt Commander Dave Hobbs for a second time as the Egypt LOH Commander. I was accompanied by 3rd Lt Commander Dave Ginapp, Adjutant Dave Smith, and PIC Ted Henderson. Good luck to Dave #4 and your team for this upcoming year.

Aim High and remember – It's an Honor to be in the Legion of Honor.

Tracy Coughlin, PC  
1st Lt. Commander



## 2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division 5

Welcome to the Springtime everyone. I hope everyone's last few months of this year has gone your way.

Leighanne and I started out this year with a trip to Springfield MO for the Abou Ben Adhem installation of their new LOH officers from Jan 10-13. I handled the Installing Officer position and was assisted by an ABA LOH member. It was a great weekend with Snow and Cold weather for us Southern Ca thin blooded ones.

I then ventured onto Arlington VA on Jan 23 where I met up with Tracy Coughlin, Pete Phillips and Dave Hobbs as a IALOH scout team that will identify a hotel for recommendation to the board going forward as we have lost the usual facility that has been in use for years. More on this latter. We were in the Virginia area for five days when I flew into Buffalo NY where I stayed from Jan 28-Feb 2nd at Dan and Janet Walther's house until Leighanne joined me there. We had a great visit there

in the Buffalo area as it was cold but stayed dry and we had good visits to many areas in that region. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt CMDR Tracy Coughlin flew into Buffalo on Friday as we were together with him as the Installing Officer and me as the Marshall for their installation. Our visit concluded on Saturday evening Feb 1<sup>st</sup> with their LOH POG installation. After that busy month we have been close to home with work and various Masonic events to attend.

From March 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, Leighanne and I were in the Lake Chapala MX region for a visit which included many excursions and dinners in that area. We had a wonderful stay at Frank and Laraine Callom's house. He is the Anezeh Shrine LOH Comdr.

We're looking forward to our next trip in April to NY city for a visit at Carnegie Hall where one of Leighanne's piano students will be



Steve C. Walker, PC



performing. Since the convention has been cancelled we hope to see you at Arlington.

YITF,  
Steve Walter, PC  
2nd Lt. Commander

## 2020 - 2021 Yearbook

Because the annual convention has been cancelled and the election of new officers will not be until Arlington the yearbook will be delayed. I am working on the yearbook for next year and still accepting ads. Please submit your ad as soon as possible. My goal is to have the yearbook completed except the Officers section. Once I have entered the new officer information it will go to print. The ads are a great way to represent your Unit and support the IALOH.

### Yearbook advertising rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$110.00
Three Quarter (3/4) Page	\$85.00
Half (1/2) Page	\$60.00
Quarter (1/4) Page	\$30.00
Business Card Size	\$30.00

Ad submission forms are available online at [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org), just click on "Forms" or request them from the International Adjutant. Remember, your support is deeply appreciated.

## Patriotism Chairman Needed

III. Sir Robert Cook, PP our Patriotism Chairman is stepping down and he did an outstanding job as Chairman. So the IALOH is looking for a Ligonier to step up and take his place. Units that perform Patriotic acts such as carrying the flags in a parade, posting the colors for events report these activities to the Patriotism Chair. He reports these activities at the convention and it is a great way to get your Unit recognized. It is not a hard job and it is only done once a year at the convention.



## 3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Hello IALOH Nobles

2020 has started out as a busy year with more fun to come. Hope you and your family are doing well.

In January, I had the honor of installing Jim Gillard as the new commander of the Ocala Shrine Club Legion of Honor. It was a privilege and great seeing everyone again.

Then attended the India LOH installation. Meet new friends and was great to see the Tangier LOH members that attended. Congratulations to the Commander and Lt. Commanders and a successful year.

My lady Jan and grandson then attended the East West shrine game in Tampa, this always fun and my grandson always tells me who the winner will be before kickoff. Thank you to Egypt Legion of Honor for setting up the tailgating food and refreshments before the game, it is a great get together with the members before the game.

Egypt's LOH change of command is always a fun event, congratulations to Dave Hobbs at this year's Egypt Legion of Honor. This is his second time as Commander, looking forward to what he has planned as Commander and at Arlington this year. Dave and his lady Lisa put on a nice banquet for the change of command.

Dave Hobbs and I then drove to Atlanta to attend Yaarab's Commanders Ball. Congratulation to John Robert Smith as commander for Yaarab LOH, it always a pleasure to see John Robert and Anita along with all the nobles and their ladies of Yaarab LOH. There were other shrine Legion of Honor members that attended, and it was a pleasure to talk to them during the banquet.

A special thank you to Tracy Coughlin, Pete Phillips, Steve Walker and Dave Hobbs in their efforts to lock in a hotel at Arlington for next 3 years. As everyone knows, this is not a small task.

## Division 6



David Ginapp, PC 

If you have Change of Command dates set for this year, please let us know. Dave Smith can post these on the web site so that all the members can see and schedule travel. We like to attend as many Change of Commands as possible.

Take Care and see you Soon

Dave Ginapp  
IALOH 3rd Lt. Commander

## Ottawa Wreath Laying Ceremony June 6, 2020 (D-Day)



The Ottawa (Ontario, Canada) Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin with a parade (New start time 1400hrs) from the Ottawa City Hall and proceed to the National War Memorial where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located. The parade route is four blocks. (For those who can not march, you can meet us at the National War Memorial at 1430hrs.) The parade will be led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pipe Band. After the wreath is laid, all parade members will lay a poppy at the Tomb. As this date is also International Shriners Day, Tunis Shriners will be holding its Ceremonial and Visitation that day. The Ceremonial will take place in the morning and a formal dinner will be held in the evening. Registration forms will be available early 2020 on the Tunis Shriners website [www.Tunis179.org](http://www.Tunis179.org). We look forward to seeing you in June. Information about the wreath laying is also on the IALOH website. Got to [www.IALOH.org](http://www.IALOH.org), then click on "Events" then "Ottawa Wreath Laying Ceremony".



## 4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division 2

Let me start by sending my gratitude for my friend's restored good health. My Chief of Staff, Mike Kearns, wasn't feeling well shortly after TALOH. Being a nurse (usually the toughest patients), he finally went to Urgent Care and was immediately sent to the Emergency Department of one of Las Vegas's best cardiac care hospitals. It was determined Mike had a 99% blockage of his right coronary artery and they placed 2 stents. Mike was released a few days later and thankfully he has completely recovered.

Speaking of TALOH, Congratulations to Charles McIntosh on being elected Commander. I know TALOH is in good hands with Commander McIntosh. I'd also like to thank Past Commander Rick Villarreal, his Adjutant Marty Rodriguez and their ladies for putting on a wonderful convention. I'd be remis if I didn't give Kudos to Arabia Shrine for their assistance helping Rick and Marty to make it such a great event. The Gray family had planned to travel to Reading, PA, for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) convention and visit with family. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and recommendations placed on gatherings by the CDC, federal,

state, and local officials, MASA Commander Remo had to make the difficult decision to cancel the event. Those of you that have been part of planning conventions of this magnitude can appreciate the amount of time and effort it takes to coordinate a successful convention, only to see it cancelled a few days before due to an unprecedented global health crisis. I feel certain the entire MASA community is as disappointed as we are and I hope the event can be rescheduled as quickly as possible. My gratitude to Commander Remo and his staff.

By now most of you have learned our Commander has made the difficult decision to cancel the 89th Annual Convention in Amarillo, TX. I feel certain, all of you are as saddened and disappointed as I am. I know this would have been a fantastic convention. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, a tremendous amount of time and effort goes into planning and executing these conventions, Thanks to Commander Daffern, Lady Shari, Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and his Lady Barbara for their hard work planning this event. On a personal note, with all of the hysteria surrounding this medical crisis, remember our Masonic teach-



Russell Gray, PC 

ings. Be kind to one another, check on your neighbors especially the elderly, and provide any assistance you are capable of. Think positive thoughts and prayers for the medical community's safety and hope they can contain this virus so that we can resume our usual lives soon. Take care good of yourselves. Hopefully we will see you all in Arlington this fall.

Yours in the faith,  
Russ Gray  
Lt. Commander

## A BLAST FROM THE PASS



The Real IALOH Commanders



There is a Clown In Every Butch



## 5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

The end of the year as 5th Lieutenant Commander is swiftly coming to an end. It has been a wonderful and exciting year for both myself and Lady Lisa.

Here was a flurry of activity at the end. I want to thank all of the Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor members, and the international Association Legions of Honor for their outstanding representation at the East/West Shrine Bowl Game presenting colors before the game. Not to mention the cookout that was held prior to the event. From what I was told, everyone's eyes should be brown. (If you know what I mean).

Late in January, I traveled to Washington, DC along with 1st Lieutenant Commander Tracy Coughlin, 2nd Lieutenant Commander Steve Walker and Finance Officer Pete Phillips to pin the down the headquarters for our November Wreath Laying Ceremony. Be sure to get your beach clothes, lei's, and what not, as Lady Lisa and I are preparing a Gilligan's Island Beach Party for the Friday Night party.

February marked the Change of Command Ceremony for the Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor in Tampa, FL. It was attended by nearly 75 family, friends, and brothers. Lady Lisa, Lady Monique Benton and other members of the Legionettes did a fantastic job with decorations and a delicious meal. Thank you for all who attended.

On February 8th, myself and 3rd Lieutenant Commander Dave Ginapp attended the Yaarab Shrine Legion of Honor Commanders Ball in Atlanta. It was a great time and a special thanks go out to Commander John Robert Smith and Lady Anita, and all that attended for the warm hospitality.

It is unfortunate for all of us that due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus that the Commander had to cancel his convention in Amarillo. I am positive that it would have been a great time. But, in keeping with the Legion of Honor tradition to rise to the challenge. The Arlington Pilgrimage Committee has planned to incorporate some of the events planned for Amarillo into the

## Division 7



David Hobbs, PC



Arlington weekend. We hope to see a lot of you at the Arlington Pilgrimage/89th IALOH Convention from October 28th thru November 1st.

Remember to heed the advice of the officials to be safe and practice good hygiene.

Thanks to all the members of Division 7 for a great year and we look forward to our next adventure.

YITF,  
Dave and Lady Lisa Hobbs

## 6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

As I start my last newsletter, (again), let me tell you how my Holidays went. As you know Lady Pat and I help out Santa at various events. Well, this year, one week before Christmas, I went to the family doctors office because I wasn't feeling the best. He checked me, came back in and said I have influenza B, I was quarantined. We had three more Christmas parties to attend, he said, "nope, you're grounded." So Lady Pat and I spent the Christmas week, enjoying each others company.

After a while I began to feel better, so we drove to Kentucky Lake so we could partake in the New Years festivities at Rizpah Shrine Center. Lady Pat could tell I wasn't completely feeling better, but we went and had a good time. One week later I had the honor of installing their Legion of Honor Unit. I wish all the officers a very prosperous year. Thank you once again for asking me to be there.

After the installation of Rizpah, my health again went downhill, and we had to divert to home. Our plan was to go to the East West game, in St Pete Florida. Our sincerest apologies to the Egypt LOH for not being able to be there. We have attended for the last 9 years, but this year my health just got the better of me. Once I was feeling better, which did take some time, my son and I had a little family time and entered a bass fishing tournament in Alabama. It was wonderful spending quality time with my son again.

Our last official duty is going to be to attend the Moila Shrine Commanders Ball in St Joseph MO. Can't wait to see our friends there again. Lady Pat and I are so looking forward to being there.

## Division 3



Ray Combs, PP, PIC



So once again, this has been an exciting year for us, and we are looking forward to all the future has to offer. Thank you to all of our wonderful friends all over the USA and Canada who have made this journey so very memorable. We salute you!

Keep em' Flying  
Ray Combs PP, PIC

## 7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division 1

### Greetings Legion Nobles

Welcome Spring! It's the wonderful time of the year, when snow finally melts, trees begin to blossom, and the streets look lively and green again. Spring comes with the idea of rebirth; regrowth and most people see it as a time of change. It's time to go Rving and hiking.

The Houston Shriners Hospital for Children Outreach Clinics scheduled for March 12 – 13, 2020 in the Rio Grande Valley located in South Texas was postponed to June 11 - 12, 2020. Approximately 200 patients were scheduled from Mexico for the Outreach Clinic. AL AMIN Shrine Legion of Honor Nobles had volunteered to transport our International Shriner's Patients to the Outreach Clinic.

We thank you (LOH Nobles) for what you do for Shriners International and Shriner's Patients thank you!!, it's all about "Having Fun & Helping Kids".

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 956-607-3640 or email: medina1110@gmail.com

Please keep our fallen Comrades in your prayers as General Douglas MacArthur quote, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.

Respectively Submitted,

Gilbert Medina  
7th Lt. Cmdr. IALOH



Gilbert Medina, PP, PIC 

### YOU BE THE JUDGE



We are in need of a new Judge Advocate. If you are interested in filling the position please contact the Commander or one of the International Officers. Contact information on page 15.

### Delegate Nomination Form

The convention business meeting and the election of new officers will be conducted at the Arlington Wreath Laying. If you are planning to attend the wreath laying and vote at the business meeting(s) you must have a Delegate Nomination form on file with the International Adjutant. If your Unit Adjutant did not submit your name you will not be able to vote. Please follow up with your Unit Adjutant to ensure a form was submitted.

### Imperial Session 2020

The IALOH officers are closely monitoring the plans for Imperial Session 2020 scheduled to be held in Kansas City. IALOH will support Imperial any way we can, but at this time, out of an abundance of caution, no firm IALOH plans have been made. If there are any changes, please look to the [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org) website.

### Help Wanted

The IALOH has a lot of old history that needs to be reviewed and scanned to a digital file. The Commander would like to form a committee to help with this process. If anyone would like to help please contact the Commander (contact information on page 15) or Past International Commander Jim Pulley, at C: 423-484-9650, Email: collinsvillefan@charter.net



"According to my GPS, that fish you caught has dragged us 50 miles off course. Cut it loose!"

The Memorial Day holiday starts the summer activities. Backyard BBQs, boating, and vacations. Please be safe a follow all safety guidelines.





## From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

Spring is here and it is time to get out and enjoy the warm weather.

I am working on the 2020 - 2021 Yearbook but the yearbook will be delayed due to the cancelation of the annual convention. I would like to have it to the printers as soon I receive the new officer information. If you are planning to place an ad please send it to me as soon as possible. The information about the yearbook is on page 6 of this newsletter and on the IALOH website. The yearbook ad forms are on the IALOH website under forms. If you have trouble getting the form off the website please let me know.

The hotel contract for a new hotel has been signed. I am going to be the Arlington registration person this

year and have put the new registration form on page 14 of this newsletter and on the IALOH website.

Changes have been made to the Arlington wreath laying activities because we are including convention activities with the wreath laying. Please review the information.

Our country is going through trying times. Please be safe and follow the safety guidelines for protecting yourself and love ones from this virus. If you must go out be safe. We want to see you at Arlington.

That is all for now.  
Until next time aim high.

YITF,  
David Smith, PC  
International Adjutant



David Smith, PC 

**Article deadline for the  
April newsletter  
June 15, 2020**

## Association Up Coming Events

### SASA

Mid-Winter  
16th thru 19th April, 2020

**Cancelled**

### GLSA

12th thru 16th August, 2020  
Indianapolis Marriott East  
7202 E 21st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

### SESA

12th thru August, 2020  
Music Road Hotel  
303 Henderson Chapel Road  
Pigeon Forge, TN

**For more information go to the IALOH  
website and go to "Associations" and click on the appropriate Association.**

If you have events you want posted on the website or in the newsletter send them to [adjutant@ialoh.org](mailto:adjutant@ialoh.org) or call 386-752-0475



International Offices at Egypt Change of Command  
Left to Right Front Row - PIC Ted Henderson, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Tracy Coughlin, 3rd Lt. Cmdr. David Ginapp, Int'l. Adjutant David Smith  
Back Row Left to Right - Dale Bieber, Cliff Lang, Moises Rosado, 5th Lt. Cmdr. Dave Hobbs, Jack Kempster, Tom Clark



International Officers and Egypt Color Guard at the 2020 East/West Shrine Bowl





## International Association Legions of Honor 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Arlington Wreath Laying

### **New Hotel Information**

Double Tree by Hilton  
Washington DC - Crystal City  
300 Army Navy Dr.  
Arlington, VA 22202



### **Dates**

28 Oct (Thursday) – 1 Nov (Sunday)

The hotel contract has been signed and the new hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton in Crystal City, Arlington, VA. The hotel is within minutes of many landmarks including the Washington Monument, United States Capitol and White House. You can easily access the nation's capital with their complimentary shuttle service to Pentagon City Metro, Reagan National Airport (DCA), and Fashion Centre Mall, or walk two blocks to the Metro, adjacent to the mall. See the hotel flyer for more information.

As you know the IALOH annual convention was cancelled due to the Coronavirus and it was decided to combine some of the convention activities with the Arlington Wreath laying activities. Because of this action and the contract with the new hotel, several changes have been made. Please review the following changes:

- There is no longer a Housing Chairman. You must contact the hotel directly to make a hotel reservation. See the "Hotel Reservation Instruction" below.
- The new room rate is **\$129 per night**
- The hotel charges **\$15 a day for parking**
- Arlington registration is **\$100 per person** Since we combined the convention activities with the Arlington Wreath Lay we only have one registration fee. The registration fee includes the hospitality room, Remembrance Luncheon and formal banquet added on Saturday night.

The new registration forms are available in two different applications. One is printable were you print the form and then fill it out. The other is fillable, were you can fill the form out on line and then print or save it to your computer. The same is true for the Arlington Bus list form. The fillable forms are on the IALOH website.

Reservations can be made by either going to website link "book.passkey" below or calling the hotel at 1-800-222-8733 and ask for group code: "IAL"

**<https://book.passkey.com/gt/217928268?gtid=85af690dc14c7cb61cea7a70c431bb52>**

A new registration form is located on page 14 of this newsletter. The new hotel information and registration form will be posted on the IALOH website under "Events", "Arlington Wreath Laying".

If you have any questions you can contact the International Adjutant:

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**Arlington Wreath Laying**  
**Oct 28 – Nov 1, 2020.**  
**DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel**  
**300 Army Navy Dr.**  
**Crystal City, Arlington, VA 22202**



Legion Nobles,

As most of you know by now the International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) annual convention scheduled for Amarillo, Texas has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. This is the first time in the history (as far as we know) of the IALOH that this has happened. The IALOH is now in uncharted waters and the Officers and the Executive Board have been working hard on how to proceed for the upcoming year. A decision has been made to combine some of the annual convention activities with this year's Arlington Wreath Laying. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

- Provide the Lt. Commander candidates the opportunity to present themselves to the nobility
- Conduct the election of officers per the IALOH bylaws.
- Perform the Change of Commander
- Provide the opportunity for the outgoing Commander to present his final remarks and the incoming Commander to present his.

In order to accomplish these functions several changes and events have been added to the normal Arlington agenda. The following are the changes:

- Board meeting on Thursday
- A candidate hospitality will be conducted on Thursday in the hospitality room prior to the Business Meeting
- A Business Meeting/Elections on Thursday
- Theme Party – Beach Party on Thursday
- Incoming Commander's Presentation on Friday
- A combined Necrology and Memorial service on Saturday
- A formal banquet and installation of officers and Change of Command on Saturday night

**Note:** Since there will be a Business Meeting where the nobility will be voting on officers and the one bylaw change a Delegate Nominations form must be filed with the International Adjutant prior to Arlington. If you plan on attending Arlington and going to be a voting delegate please contact your Unit Adjutant to ensure a form was submitted with your name.

There also, have been several changes to the wreath laying process due to the new hotel contract. The following are the changes:

- There is no longer a housing chairmen. To make reservations for the hotel you will have to contact the hotel directly. Reservation instructions are in the "Instruction Flyer" on the website.
- There will be no soup lunch on Friday

Since the Officers and Executive Board decided to combine the convention with Arlington there will only be one registration cost for this year. The cost for this year is as follows:

- The registration cost for this year is \$100.00 per person.
- The registration cost includes the hospitality room, remembrance luncheon, banquet and bus cost.

The Officers and the Executive Board made the decision to combine the convention with Arlington so members could participate in convention activities and allow members the opportunity to still experience the wreath laying ceremony. We know this might not be suitable for everyone but we are facing different times and we all have to adjust to the current circumstances. We look forward to seeing you at Arlington.

Yours In The Faith

*Eddie Daffern*

Eddie Daffern, PP, PC  
 International Commander



**Arlington Registration**  
**Arlington Wreath Laying**  
 Oct 28 – Nov 1, 2020.  
 DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel  
 300 Army Navy Dr.  
 Crystal City, Arlington, VA 22202



Attendees must submit a registration form to the Arlington Registration Chairman along with a registration fee of **\$100.00 per person**. (The registration fee includes the hospitality room, remembrance luncheon and banquet). **The cutoff date for reservations is October 6, 2020.**

You must make hotel reservations yourself. To make a room reservation use the web link below or call the hotel reservation number 1-800-222-8733 and ask for group code "IAL".

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/217928268?gtid=85af690dc14c7cb61cea7a70c431bb52>

**The cutoff date for making hotel reservations is October 6, 2020.**

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND MONIES TO:**

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Cost:**

Do you need Transportation to the Wreath Laying?

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Bus: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to IALOH. All funds must be in US currency**

***Note: If your Unit is using a bus to bring attendees to the wreath laying, the individual organizing the trip will complete the form as the main contact and attach a list of attendees to this form with the cost for all attendees.***



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while members of the Armed Forces;*

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