

ASSEMBLY AT THE FORT

GREAT LAKES SHRINE ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR

43rd Annual Convention August 9 – 12, 2018 Don Hall's Guesthouse 1313 W. Washington Center Road Fort Wayne, IN 46825 Phone: (260) 489-2524

Greetings, Legion Nobles, Ladies and Guests!

The Nobles and Ladies of Mizpah Shrine LOH are honored to host the 43rd Annual Convention of the Great Lakes Shrine Association Legions of Honor in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 9 - 12, 2018. Not since the third and final fort was built here in 1815 has there been more excitement! Why, Mad Anthony Wayne himself would be raving to join us if he could (he built the first fort here in 1794 after he defeated the Native American army consisting of various tribes, thus effectively ending the Native American resistance on the Northwest frontier).

Our Assembly headquarters will again be locally-owned Don Hall's Guesthouse, conveniently located near Interstate 69. To book your reservation, please call the hotel directly at 260-489-2524. Be sure to mention that you are with the GLSA-LOH convention to get the discounted rate of \$89 per night for a standard room with two double beds, or \$99 for a king size bed (includes breakfast vouchers for the Guesthouse restaurant).

LOH golfers: Set your alarms for early Reveille on Thursday, August 9, so you are ready for To Arms at 0900 for a shotgun start at Riverbend Golf Course, 7207 Saint Joe Road (just a 15 minute drive from the hotel). The course flows with nature – over hill, over dale, in and around the meanders of the St. Joseph River. Please refer to the registration form in your packet to make reservations. In the afternoon and evening, everyone may enjoy the shopping, restaurants and attractions of Indiana's second largest city, all within easy driving distance. The Hospitality Room opens at 1600 hours on Thursday.

Our Opening Ceremony and Necrology service begins at 1000 hours on Friday, August 10, at our headquarters hotel. Friday will also feature special activities for the ladies, including the Ladies Luncheon. At the 2017 LOH, ladies will help decide the 2018 agenda. There are so many choices for Fort Wayne fun, we need the ladies to help narrow down the options! Whatever the ladies decide, they will be back at the hotel in plenty of time for a delicious buffet dinner, complete with music and dancing.

Saturday morning will include our annual business meeting and presentation by the Commander Elect for the coming year. Don Hall's famous prime rib is on the menu for Saturday night's banquet and installation of officers.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Commander of the Great Lakes Shrine Association Legions of Honor in 2017-2018. May we enjoy a year of fellowship as we honor all whose military service has exemplified courage, sacrifice, and love of country.

Ronald L. Buskirk GLSA-LOH Commander 2017-2018