



# Now Hear This...



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### From the Commander's Desk...

Well, here it is, time for another article for the newsletter. Where does the time go?

This past quarter was a pretty busy one for me. Lots of travel, lots of friends, and lots of fun. I began with a trip to Springfield, Missouri for the Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor Change of Command ceremony. Great time with everyone, but a little on the chilly side with single digit temperatures when I got there. I also was able to travel to Kingsport, Tennessee to participate in the Jericho Legion of Honor Change of Command ceremony. Again, I had a great time; but, this time, the cold weather was joined by a little snow on Saturday morning. I was beginning to sense a pattern forming. A couple of weeks later it was off to Buffalo, New York for the Ismailia Legion of Honor Change of Command ceremony. This again was a great trip, but the pattern held true. Cold temperatures (it was Buffalo after all), snow covered grounds, snowing on Saturday morning, and just got out of town on Sunday ahead of a blizzard. I loved seeing everyone on these trips; but, the Florida sunshine sure looked and felt great when I got home.

I was also able to drive down to St. Petersburg, Florida for the annual East-West Shrine Bowl football game. Like last year, I was honored to be able to be on the field to participate in the presentation of the colors before kickoff. This was done by several Florida Legion of Honor members, and I must tell you that they sure looked good. I hope we can keep up this tradition of the LOH's participation in this wonderful event.

In February, I travelled up to Albany, Georgia for the Southeastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor Mid-winter meeting. This is a pretty low key weekend; but, the chance to



**Ted Henderson**

renew old friendships and meet new friends is well worth the trip. And that's not even counting the fantastic food. Again, a great trip.

I travelled to Arlington, Texas this time, for the Texas Association Legions Of Honor for their Mid-winter meeting. Those Texans really know how to put on a party and I really enjoyed myself. We even had a chance for a little Hawaiian evening fun.

My final trip took me to Wyoming, Pennsylvania for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Legions Of Honor meeting. A great weekend filled with much warmth and friendship. The warmth was much needed because the temperatures dipped again based on what I was used to. I guess I've just got to learn about what time of year to visit our northern units and associations.

Well, the annual convention is just around the corner. I sincerely hope everyone is planning on being with us on 22-26 April at the DoubleTree Hotel – Westshore in Tampa, FL. Preparations are moving full speed ahead as we try to finalize all the details and specifics for the week. I know you will have a wonderful time if you can join us.

Finally, I do want to take care of a little administrative business. We are now well into what might be called our dues paying period; and, unfortunately a fairly large number of our member units have not sent in their 2015 dues and annual reports forms (at least according to my last report). I am asking all unit commanders and adjutants to please check their unit's records and make sure that this important item was not overlooked or neglected. I would hate to see any unit suspended/expelled from the IALOH because of

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### *The Crystal Ball* *Looking at the Future...*

**IALOH 84<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
Tampa, FL  
22-26 April 2015

**WSA LOH Spring Meeting**  
Las Vegas, NV  
23 April 2015

**FSA LOH Convention**  
Sarasota, FL  
08-09 May 2015

**SASA Spring Meeting**  
Lexington, KY  
14-17 May 2015

**Canadian Wreath Laying**  
Ottawa, ON  
07-08 June 2015

**GLSA Annual Meeting**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
06-08 August 2015

Check the IALOH web site for details and registration forms in addition to information on other upcoming events

*If you would like your Association meeting listed here, please pass the information to the Adjutant.*

## From the Adjutant/Editor

**M**y! How time rushes on! As I prepare for the upcoming Convention and try to get things in order to turn over the job of International Adjutant I've also spent time looking back over the past twelve years.

In many ways it seems like just yesterday, but it was 2002 when PIC Pete Phillips suggested that since the current International Adjutant General, Tracy Delfo, was stepping down – I should consider running for the position. I announced my candidacy at the GLSA Legions of Honor Convention in Indianapolis that summer. Then, at the 2003 Convention in Las Vegas, the voting delegates gave their approval. I had no idea what the future might hold!

As the years rushed by there ups and downs but there were so many more ups than there were downs. Helen and I have met so many wonderful, caring people — but we have had others taken from us as well.

The high point was being named Legion Noble of the Year by I.S. Paul Baker in 2006. The low point had to be when the shipper improperly addressed the year-



**Ron Lee**

books and over 250 of them arrived "Return to Sender" in my mail box. The shipper did cover all the associated expenses but it was definitely a trying time.

Of the differences I've tried to make over the years, I'm most proud of the gradual transition of the yearbook. Working with our publisher, we have been able to turn out a book that is easy to use and good to look at, all while being cheaper.

The biggest disappointment is that the Taps column in the newsletter received so little support from our units. Our departed members should be remembered more than just at the necrology ceremony.

Along the way there were a few people who stepped in to help: PIC A. Q. Finley handled the yearbook for the first two years and then PC John Metzler of Arabia Legion of Honor and PC Tracy Coughlin each lent a hand. PC Howie Wynia has handled the compilation of the Necrology list for the past several years. My thanks to all of them.

I've enjoyed being your Adjutant for all these years and I could go on and on but thankfully I'm running out of space.

Since Kevin Fox is the only qualified candidate for the position of International Adjutant, I will be turning things over to him and passing along the e-mail address of [adjutant@ialoh.org](mailto:adjutant@ialoh.org) and taking up the new personal address of [dr14b@outlook.com](mailto:dr14b@outlook.com).

I do not plan to go gentle into that good night. In fact, I'm not "going" at all. I'm just stepping aside to let someone else put their mark on things.

I will also be traveling a bit more with the one person who has hung in there and been my link to reality — my Lady Helen. Thanks, Luv.

'Til later, I remain Yours in the Faith,

Ron.

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this reason. Please note, if a unit's dues are not current as of the date of the convention, their delegates will not be permitted to vote on any items, including officer elections, that come to the floor at the convention. This is also the time of year that member units are supposed to file their annual Necrology reports for the preceding calendar year. Remember, all units are supposed to file a Necrology report even if they did not have any members pass on during the preceding year. (In other words, they are supposed to file their report and indicate on it that there were no deaths.) At this year's Necrology Service at the convention we are going to do something a little different. For those units who report de-

ceased members, we will be reading the names of those members. For those units who report that they did not have any deceased members, we will be reporting a "Negative report" for that unit. For those units who do not file a Necrology report, we will be reading the unit name followed by "No response." In this way, all units will be represented and an accurate statement of their responses will be made during the ceremony. If you don't want your unit to be mentioned as one who did not even respond, please get your Necrology reports filed ASAP.

And before I go, I just want to mention once again the IALOH Facebook page. I am still looking for materials and items from the LOH family to post on the page. If you have anything from your unit or

association that you would like to submit to me, especially if you have pictures, please do so. You can either email or Facebook message it to me and I'll see what I can do.

Well, that's about it for now. I always enjoy seeing and hearing from all of you. You can reach me at my home address: 2916 Cross Creek Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301; my email address: [tedhenderson@juno.com](mailto:tedhenderson@juno.com); or, my cell phone: 850-321-3472. I hope to hear from you soon, and hope to see all of you in Tampa at the convention or somewhere else down the road. Until then, I am,

Yours in the faith,  
Ted Henderson

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

**G**reetings Legion of Honor Nobles and Ladies,

Time is flying by. Spring is here and I am sure glad winter is about over. I know Commander Ted is gearing up for a great convention. It sounds like he has a wonderful convention planned where we will be pirates and visit the Caribbean. We are looking forward to visiting Ted's Tiki Bar.

Lady Deb and I visited attended Jericho's military ball and installation in January. What a great bunch of Legion nobles and ladies. Thanks to outgoing Commander Chuck Blair and Lady Char



**Jim Pulley**

for their warm welcome and hospitality. Thanks to the men and women of the Jericho Legion of Honor for a great two days of hospitality and camaraderie. Congratulations to Commander, David L. Morrison; 1st Lieutenant, James Scott; 2nd Lieutenant, Brian Sousa; 3rd Lieutenant, Ill. Sir Fred Rentfrow; Adjunct Tom Heron; Chaplain; Ill. Sir Howard Ensor; and D.I., Jerry Larky.

Membership is key to all of our units. Nobles we have to get to work on recruiting nobles. I would ask our association officers to go out and visit and try to set up new Legion of Honor units in the temples in your divisions and the

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associations that currently don't have a unit. It is a must that we begin thinking about the future of our organization and recruiting new members to carry on.

Until next time, take care. We hope to see many of you in Florida for the convention.

"Precious moments and precious friends—they are the treasures to hoard and cherish. We find ourselves wealthy in both and are thankful that you are part of that treasure."

It's an honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor.

Yours in the faith,

Jim Pulley

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

**G**reetings, Legion Nobles and Ladies!

Hope everyone had wonderful winter and ready to welcome the spring and summer months. In south Texas, we can't wait for the warm weather.

In Corpus Christi, Texas, we are fortunate to have the USS LEXINGTON, "The Blue Ghost".



**Gilbert Medina**

who have served the nation in the Navy and Marine Corps. This 'lesson of patriotism' is a little-taught ethic in today's America and it is essential we continue teaching it to future generations.

On March 5-8, 2015, COS Jim and Maureen Fox and I were proud to attend the Texas Association Legions of Honor (TALOH) Mid-Winter

Conference 2015 in Arlington, Texas. IALOH officers in attendance were 3<sup>rd</sup> Intl. LCDR Morris Sykes, 5<sup>th</sup> Intl. LCDR Eddie Daffern, P.P., and 6<sup>th</sup> Intl. LCDR Albert Gonzalez; all with their ladies. Our special guest was the International Commander Ted M. Henderson. Also in attendance were thirteen Past TALOH Commanders and their ladies. Member Units in attendance were AL AMIN, ARABIA, BEN HUR, HELLA, KAREM, and MOSLAH.

The LEXINGTON instill pride and patriotism in the public, particularly the youth, through displays, ceremonies and educational programs that emphasize the heroism and sacrifice of those

On Friday evening we had a wonderful dinner dance, Hawaii style. On Saturday morning we attended a memorable Necrology Service followed by a business meeting and election of Officers. Con-

gratulations to the new 2015-2016 TALOH Officers and Texas Commander Bill Chicky. After lunch, several units performed drill competition and In-line inspection.

Saturday evening, we attended the Installation Banquet where Past TALOH Cmdr. Richard Russell was the Master of Ceremonies and Illustrious Sir Eddie Daffern was the Installing Commander. The food was superb and camaraderie was outstanding.

Congratulations to TALOH Commander Chicky, Officers and staff.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me – (Cell) 956-607-3640 or email: medina502@aol.com

Gilbert Medina

## Division Two

**Deadline  
for the  
July 2015  
Newsletter  
Is  
01 July 2015**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Three

This quarterly Newsletter starts off with New Year's 2015. This year, as is its long custom, the Arab Shrine (Topeka, KS) welcomed all Shriners and their guests to the New Year with a breakfast. We no longer have a Tea Dance at noon but it's a wonderful tradition to be together on New Year's Day.



**Morris Sykes**

My first trip of the New Year was to Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego, in support of Al Gonzalez and his DIVISION SIX. I attended the Divan installation on Friday evening then on Saturday morning was with Installing Commander Al Gonzalez as he installed the LOH Officers. An hour after Steve Walker was installed as LOH Commander, he and Lady Leighanne were married. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Walker!

The Shrine All Star game was on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Florida but I was unable to attend this year. The next morning after the All Star game was the Arab Shrine Potentate Reception for Illustrious Sir Brad Koehn. Then that weekend Lady Suzette and I traveled to Kingsport TN to Jericho Shrine's LOH Change of Command.

Jericho Shrine Change of Command is always a three day party with an overflowing hospitality table, all day long. Jericho Divan is always a big part of the change of command and it especially celebrated this year with Charles Blair having been already installed as Oriental Guide. IALOH Commander Ted Henderson installed the following Officers of Jericho LOH: Commander David Morrison, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brian Sosa and 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Fred Rentfrow. Past International Commander Woody Mitchell served as Marshal while Al Gonzalez and I assisted with the US Flag. Earlier in the afternoon in the Hospitality Room, Charles and Lady Charlene Blair presented awards to many members and ladies for their help in the weekend program.

Several years ago Jericho Shrine made me an Honoree member and the following year the LOH Unit made me an Honoree member. Jericho is the home Shrine of Ray Coffee who is the Rosalyn Holiday Inn housing Chairman at Arlington for the Annual Wreath Laying on the Tomb of Unknown.

The first weekend in February found me at the change of command of Ismailia LOH in Buffalo, NY. Lady Suzette and I were met at airport and taken to lunch by our very good friends Guy and Lady Sharon Ferrelli. The last time I visited Buffalo in February they couldn't find any snow to show me. This time there was snow everywhere. We were guests at the Salvatore's Grand Hotel "Russell," and if ever a hotel deserved a six star rating this one would. What a great welcome party there was at the Shrine before dinner and installation on Saturday. I loved how they served little BBQ smokies and stuffed mushrooms to us individually before we went in for dinner. IALOH Commander Ted Henderson was the Installing Commander for the Ismaili Legion of Honor; with John Skyler installed as Commander, Mike Swayne, PP, as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Gerald Koehler as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., BJ. Woodside as Adjutant, and Roger Huff as Finance Officer. I assisted as Marshal.

Arab Shrine Circus was the third weekend of February in Topeka KS. The Legion of Honor sold toys in a booth all day Saturday, as usual, while the other Shrine units take over the booth on other days.

My last trip of the quarter was to Arlington Texas for the Annual Convention of the TALOH.

The LOH Units in Texas are very loyal and always put on great hospitality and a fine convention. Commander Hoke Brooker kept the tradition going this year. Eddie Daffern was the Installing Commander and there is none better. Officers installed were Commander William "Bill" Chicky and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michael Dossier. There were four Color Guard Units competing at the convention and it was pleasures to watch each of them perform.

I have attended the TALOH change of command continuously for so many times I am not sure when the first time was. Eddie Daffern' was Commander in 2006 and he had the US Navy Band playing for his welcome party. I am looking forward to when he is IALOH Commander in 2020.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes

## TAPS

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Dunagan, Forrest B.</b> | February 2015 |
| Yaarab                     | PC            |
| <b>Olson, Richard S.</b>   | 22 March 2015 |
| Khedive                    | PC            |

## IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS



## 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

January started out rather slow after closing down 2014. We stayed at home for a change and visited our own Temple for fun and excitement. Meet the Divan night was so much fun as we roasted the Oriental Guide and the High Priest and Prophet. We had an individual drop out due to illness, so this year we roasted two individuals, and I had the honor to take part roasting the High Priest. We laughed all night.

Middle of the month, Jan 11, took us to Rizpah Temple for the Change of Command for the Legion of Honor. It was a great honor to be the Installing Officer for the Installation. A big congratulation goes out to the Commander Jeff Gillespie and his line officers and I wish them a fun and successful year. A special thanks goes to 7<sup>th</sup> Lt Commander Mike Murray for being there for support and also bringing some of his staff along as well.

Lady Pat and I had a wonderful time attending the East/West Game held in St Petersburg Fla this year. It was our first visit to this event and we are hooked on attending future games. We had a blast!! Commander Ted Henderson, Morris Sykes, Mike Murray and myself assisted Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor in posting the colors for 90<sup>th</sup> East-West Shrine game. And what a game it was, continuous excitement all the way till the end.

We arrived back home in time to install our own Legion of Honor Unit at Antioch Shrine Temple. Congratulations to Commander Harry Stanley and his line officers for the ensuing year. We are looking forward in working with them this year in all of their functions.

We had our Circus the month of February and it was a huge success. It was bigger than last year, with huge attendance for all



**Ray Combs**

shows. It is always fun for Lady Pat and I, as we get to dress up in our Clown outfits and work the children—children of all ages. We do so love to work the circus and get to meet all those children.

Mid Winter had me working at the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Dayton and we had a great turn out for membership.

We had a relaxing time at the Belterra Casino Resort with a bunch of friends of ours. We went to see a musical group called "Under the Street Lamp", which was a 50/60's musical group and they put on one heck of a show. Believe it or not I knew all the songs!!! Everyone was impressed with the group and we all enjoyed each other's company.

March was a memorial month for the International Shrine. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, the new Lexington Shrine Hospital for Children Medical Center had the ground breaking ceremony. A lot of dignitaries were there, starting with the

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Imperial Potentate Dale W. Strauss and the Mayor of Lexington, Jim Gray. Great turn out for this important event.

March 11 I took part in the raising of a nephew on mine at the Annual Inspection of West Milton Lodge in the Master Mason Degree. Great turn out and was proud to be a participate in this important event.

We took part in the Hillibilly Degree, at Antioch, as Rabban of The Clan and Madame Rabban. Had a fun, fun night with this one, always is!!

March 18<sup>th</sup> is Inspection night for my lodge, Farmersville Lodge #482. I get to take part in the second section as Senior Grand Warden and I am looking forward to doing so. Been awhile but I've still got it.

Ray Combs



**Ground Breaking Ceremony for new Lexington Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Center**

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84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport – Westshore

22 -26 April 2015

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**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_ LOH Offices held Past/Present: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Offices held Past/Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Status:

Int'l Officer: \_\_\_ Emeritus: \_\_\_ Delegate: \_\_\_ Alt. Delegate: \_\_\_ Other: (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Air: \_\_\_ Car: \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES**

Early Registration (Prior to 15 Mar 2015) \$145.00 (US) per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (After 15 March 2015) \$160.00 (US) per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**International Association Legions Of Honor  
84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Tampa, Florida  
April 22 – 26, 2015**

**Tentative Convention Schedule**

Wednesday April 22, 2015	Golf Tournament Committee Meetings Registration & Credentials Hospitality Board of Directors Meeting	0800 1300-1500 1400-1700 1400-2300 1500-1800
Thursday April 23, 2015	Registration & Credentials Formal Opening Business Meeting Market Place Lunch on your own Shrine Hospital Tour Hospitality Registration & Credentials Welcome Party	0745-0845 0900-1015 1030-1230 1030-1700  1330-1700 1300-1700 1400-1700 1800-2300
Friday April 24, 2015	Registration & Credentials Necrology Service Ladies' Luncheon Men's Luncheon Market Place Drill Competition Hospitality Dinner on your own Candidates' Hospitality	0745-0900 0900-1030 1130-1330 1130-1330 1330-1700 1400-1600 1300-1700  1900-
Saturday April 25, 2015	Registration & Credentials Business Meeting/Election Market Place Lunch on your own Commander Elect Session Hospitality Commander's Reception Banquet/Installation	0730-0845 0900-1100 0900-1400  1300-1400 1400-1700 1800-1900 1900-2230
Sunday April 26, 2015	Departure – Thank You For Attending Have a Safe Trip Home	

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

**G**reetings once again! A lot of Potentate's Balls, Unit Installations and some parades and circuses have been going on, so I know everyone has been busy.

Shari and I were invited to Isis Shrine LOH in Salina, KS to install their officers on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We attended their Temple Business Meeting the night before and had amazing fellowship with all the Shriners. I was very pleased to get to visit with Commander Jim Winn before he became the Junior Past Commander. During his year in command, he recruited 18 new members into the Legion of Honor...a fantastic job!

After the dinner, it was an honor to install the new officers for 2015. The Commander is Evert LaCoe, 1<sup>st</sup> LtCommander is High Priest and Prophet Tim Fowler and 2<sup>nd</sup> LtCommander is Herb Summers. We were also privileged to have the CSSA LOH Commander Jerry Rodman and his Lady Rita present and he did a great job as the Installing Marshall. Commander LaCoe and his Lady Alice will do a fine job and we wish them a lot of success.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, I was in Austin, TX to install the officers of Ben Hur Shrine



**Eddie Daffern**

LOH. The Commander is Allan Scholin, 1<sup>st</sup> LtCommander is Bruce Lewis and the 2<sup>nd</sup> LtCommander is John Blair. Commander Scholin and his Lady Brenda are very active in the Shrine and have many good things planned for the unit.

The Ben Hur Shrine Potentate's Ball honoring Ill. Sir Ed Bromstad and Lady Cheryl and the entire Divan was held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Although the Legion of Honor had no role to play, many were in attendance. I participated with the Highland Band and had great fun. The whole evening was very nice.

TALOH Mid Winter was March 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> in Arlington Texas. Commander Brooker had great plans for everyone to have fun, and we did. His aides worked tirelessly in the hospitality room as did all the other Nobles helping him. We were honored to have the IALOH Commander Ted Henderson, 1st LtCommander Jim Pully, 2<sup>nd</sup> LtCommander Gilbert Medina, and 3<sup>rd</sup> LtCommander Morris Sykes and Lady Suzette to share the fun with us. Also in attendance was PIC Butch Arnold and Lady Debra and PIC Jack Tuomey and Lady Sarabeth. The Chiefs of Staff present were Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara, Jim Fox and Lady Maureen, Steve Suchsland and Lady

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Marge. Past Chiefs of Staff present were Kenny Miller and Lady Mary and Don Gibson and Lady Jean. CSSA LOH Commander Jerry Rodman and Lady Rita and CSSA LOH Finance Officer Smokey Siecgrist and Lady Virginia were also present. It is always an honor to be asked to be the Installing Officer. My buddy Bill Chicky asked me to install him and his officers which I did. 2<sup>nd</sup> LtCommander Gilbert Medina was the Installing Marshall and Commander Ted Henderson read the Change of Command Flag Ceremony as the leadership was passed from Junior Past Commander Brooker to Commander Bill Chicky. Commander Chicky and Lady Jeanniett already have some exciting plans for next year's Mid Winter in Fredericksburg, TX. I encourage all to think about attending. Information is available at [www.TALOH.org](http://www.TALOH.org).

The IALOH Convention is April 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> in Tampa, Fl. Commander Ted Henderson has an outstanding program planned and I know you will have a good time. All the information is on [www.IALOH.org](http://www.IALOH.org) where you will find the schedule of events and the registration. Really hope to see you there!

Semper Fi,

Eddie Daffern, PP

## 7<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

**A**greeting from Evansville, Indiana, and it's great to be a Shriner!

This has been an unusual quarter. On January 11, 2015, I attended the Installation of Officer at Rizpah Shriners in Madisonville, Kentucky. I was amazed when I was introduced to the current Potentate; illustrious Sir Benny Dendoll who is 90 years old.

He is the oldest Shriner to ever be a Shrine Potentate. I was further sur-



**Mike Murray**

prised to learn that he is a LOH member and a World War II veteran. Rizpah previous Potentate was the youngest Shriner to lead a Temple. It was an interesting visit in Madisonville.

Then it was off to Saint Petersburg, Florida and the East-West Shrine game. East 19 to West 3 was the final score. Throughout the game, the score seemed closer. This

was a delightful trip. I got a tour of Shriners International Headquarters.

## Division Seven

What a lovely location in Tampa Bay. All in all, a great trip and the opportunity to meet many new Shriners.

Not too long after Florida, I was involved in a calamity of errors culminating in one of the worst snow blizzards to hit southern Indiana in years. Most of my trips for this quarter had to be cancelled to include attending the TALOH convention. Perhaps I'll have better luck this next quarter.

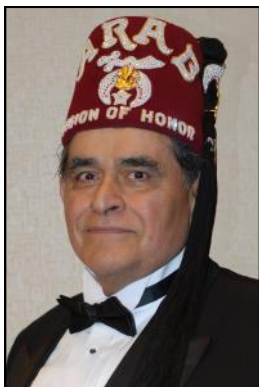
Army Strong!

Mike "Doc" Murray



## 6<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

To my surprise, when in California in January, I found that the 8th Lt. Cdr., Wayne Heimsoth had dropped off the IALOH Officer Line. My friend, 2nd Lt. Cdr. Steve Walker of the WSA LOH decided to run and is one of the three candidates running for the two open positions on the Line. I wish you well Steve.



**Al Gonzalez**

I then traveled to Salina KS with David Kinzie, of Arab Shrine who is 1st Lt. Cdr. CSSA, for an LOH Meeting and the Installation of the Isis Potentate, as an Honorary LOH member. The Isis High Priest & Prophet, Tim Fowler, also the 1st Lt. Cdr. Of Isis LOH was our host for the evening. Also in attendance was PC Jerry Rodman, Cdr. CSSA and his lady Rita. All in all, we had a great time.

Stayed home with my girl on Valentine's Day after a nice dinner out.

Attended a quick and probably the only this year...Q meeting with Arab Shrine.

Met up with Ann Ray and her friend Dennis for lunch in Lawrence KS. Ann is the lady of Jim Ray, Personal Aide..who passed away after a long struggle with

cancer. Ann remains active in our Arab LOH Unit. She is a wonderful friend as well as a role model to other ladies when it comes to staying attached and active when your Noble passes away...thank you Ann.

Then there was the Arab Circus. I manned the Toy Booth as usual along with many of our Unit members.

Off to Arlington TX to TALOH hosted by PC Hoke Broker. Cdr. Broker did not disappoint. Hospitality was excellent as was the Banquet and entertainment. Next year's gala will be hosted by PC Bill Chicky in Fredericksburg TX. Cdr. Chicky is from Ben Hur and is also Assistant Chief of Staff for 5th Lt. Cdr. Eddie Daffern.

My good friend Arvid Bergman accepted the 2nd Lt. Cdr. Position on the TALOH Line. Arvid is a member of Arab Shrine but he is also one of many Winter Texans from Topeka. Steve Walker was present and attended all TALOH festivities. Thr Drill Team Competition was conducted by IALOH Cdr. Ted Henderson.

## Division Six

One of Cdr. Henderson's assistants was Steve Walker.

From Texas, we traveled to Kingsport TN to have dinner with Herb Kennedy, Jericho Shrine Recorder and his Lady Debbie..and also RC Robinson and Lady Maryann, of the Jericho Shrine Social Committee. I stayed overnight an extra day to attend their Stated Meeting. Had a good time.

Then to Calabash NC where we are now preparing for our trip to MASA in Wyomissing PA hosted by PC Kevin Fox and his Lady Kelly. Cdr. Fox is running for the position of IALOH Adjutant. Steve Walker is also attending this Convention with his Lady and new bride, Leighanne.

IALOH in Tampa FL is next on April 22nd...really looking forward to International Convention.

Then in May, we will be attending Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge TN and SASA in Lexington KY hosted by PC Barry McCaslin and Lady Sandy.

In July, the El Hasa Change of Command.

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Al Gonzalez

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The Nobles presented below have submitted all necessary documents and meet the requirements set forth in Article IV, Section 1., Para. (A), Requirements for Election. They all request your consideration and support in the elections to be held at the 84th Annual Convention in April 2015. Information on each candidate may be found on our web site, [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org).

### For International Lieutenant Commander



**Tracy Coughlin**



**John Robert Smith**



**Steven C. Walker**

### For Int'l Adjutant



**Kevin Fox**

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### **Items of Note —**

Since the January 2015 newsletter was published there have been some changes with regard to the upcoming elections at our IALOH Convention. I.S. Wayne Heimsoth, 8th LCDR, has decided to resign from the International line due to family considerations. This means that the office of 7th as well as 8th International Lieutenant Commander is open this year. To that end, Noble Steven C. Walker of Al Bahr Legion of Honor, has joined Nobles Tracy Coughlin and John Robert Smith as candidates for these two positions.

Also, Noble Larry Sneide, candidate for International Adjutant has had to withdraw due to health concerns leaving Noble Kevin Fox as the only candidate for that position. *(See photos on page 9.)*

The 2015 Imperial Session is being held in Houston, Texas, 05-09 July 2015. A request has been submitted for the IALOH Annual meeting to be scheduled for 0900 on Sunday, 05 July 2015, but it has not been confirmed. When details are available they will be posted on the IALOH web site.