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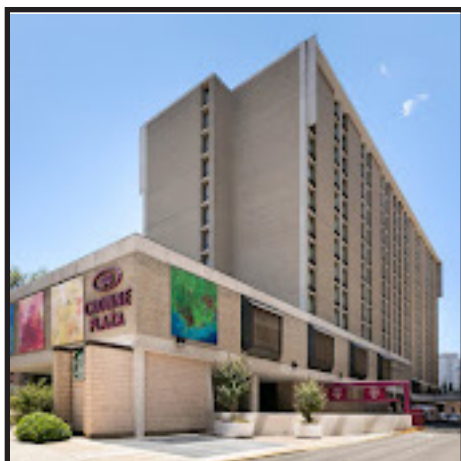


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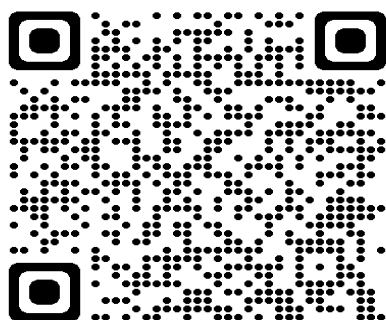
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Arlington 2023

Arlington wreath laying.
The Crown Plaza
Crystal River—Washington DC.
1480 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202



For information on hotel reservations and registration go to the IALOH at www.ialoh.org/Events/Arlington Wreath Laying or scan the bar code.



The cut off for Arlington is October 9, 2023. To get the hotel room at the IALOH rate you will need to call the hotel directly to see if there are any rooms available.

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Commander's Call

GRAY AREAS: As the summer heat subsides and is replaced by the cool fall breezes it can only mean that the Arlington Pilgrimage is a few weeks away. Hopefully you have made plans to attend this annual event, if not, you still have time. Hotel registration at the group rate closes on October 2nd. Remember that you still need to register with the IALOH as well. We are looking for to seeing everyone. Since the July newsletter, I've been racking up the frequent flier miles and hotel points. The Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC was a lot of fun. The Legion nobles along with the Patrol Unit of Oasis Shrine presented the colors for the Public Opening and the Pageant for incoming Imperial Sir Ed Stoltz (Lt. Cmdr. USN, Ret.). We looked fantastic and the feedback was sensational. Thanks to all the nobles that answered the call and participated.



Shortly after the Imperial Session the family and I were headed to Spokane, WA, for the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) annual meetings. Another great time. Thanks to our hosts Larry Tipton, Don Lane, and their team. We had the opportunity to visit beautiful Coeur d'Alene, ID, sample some of the local cuisine and hospitality. Our own 5th Lt. Commander, Gerry Massey, and his partner, Dale Vrsalovic, took a close second in the Corn Hole Tournament but alas, missed it by a kernel. Congratulations to PNSA LOH officers: Commander Gene Lane, 1st Lt. Commander Shane Inman and Adjutant/Finance Officer Orville Stoner. We wish you all the best in the upcoming year.

Four days later, I was headed to "Land of Lincoln" Springfield, IL, for the Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) LOH annual session, and what a well-planned event it was. From the Pub crawl, the tour of Lincoln Memorial at the Oak Ridge Cemetery, culminating with the installation banquet, a great time was had by all. Thank you to Past Commander Joe Bartley, his lady Cindy Mosley, and their team for the hospitality. Congratulations to: Commander Dr. David Parks, 1st Lt Commander Curt Hribernik, 2nd Lt Commander Brian Harris, Adjutant, Ron Bolyard and Finance Officer Popeye Smith. GLSA LOH is in good hands.

Let me catch my breath... Then it was off to Pigeon Forge, TN, for the Southeastern Shrine Association (SESA) LOH festivities with another full slate of activities however, we snuck off the beaten path and took a side trip to Gatlinburg for a little taste of moonshine, that was so much fun. Thanks to Lisa Hobbs for arranging the trip. I'd like to thank SESA Past Commander & IALOH 2nd Lt Commander Wayne Steele, his Lady Vickie, Adjutant Jim Marshall, and their team for their hospitality. Congratulations to: Commander, Illustrious Sir Jaime Munoz, 1st Lt. Commander Steve Singleton, 2nd Lt Commander Tracy LeMasters, 3rd Lt Commander Kent McClanahan and their slate of officers. I know you'll take good care of your Nobility

I managed to get a few weeks at home before we were off again to Omaha, NE, for the Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) Session and the CSSA LOH installation. CSSA Commander Jeremy Martin, Lady Courtney and their team put together a terrific program, but the highlight was the banquet and installation inside the Strategic Air Command Museum. Time was set aside to tour the facility but sitting and eating beneath the SR-71 Blackbird was totally awesome. Congratulations to: Commander Buddy Givens, 1st Lt. Commander Gil Negrete, 2nd



Russell Gray, PC



Lt. Commander, 3rd Lt Commander Rick McDaniel and their officers. As a Past Commander of CSSA, I can say with confidence that CSSA LOH has been placed in capable hands.

I'd like to thank the IALOH officers and their ladies for accompanying me to these meetings: 1st Lt Commander Hobbs and Lady Lisa, 3rd Lt Commander Lyster, 4th Lt Commander Tayrien and Lady Jenn, 5th Lt Commander Massey and Lady Connie, 6th Lt. Commander Cook and Lady Susanne, 8th Lt. Commander Daffern and Lady Shari and Adjutant David Smith and Lady Kathy.



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Lastly, thanks to all the IALOH Officers and their ladies that attended the IALOH Commanders Meeting this month here in Las Vegas. Most attended in person, a few virtually. Those that attended in person toured the 2024 Convention facility at Aliante Hotel & Casino and can give a person account of the amenities. Trust me when I say we are a cohesive group, and the future of this organization is in good hands.

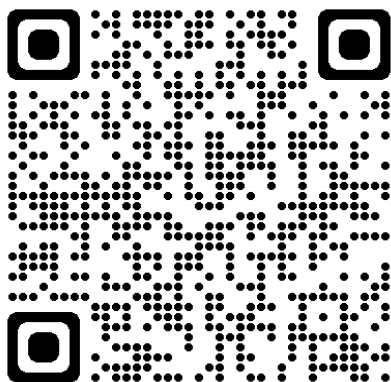
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Russ Gray,
Commander



The CSSA session at the Strategic Air Command Museum. The plane in the picture is a SR-71

93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION ALIANTE HOTEL AND CASINO LAS VEGAS, NV 24 APRIL - 28 APRIL, 2024



This is a very elegant hotel. The hotel is designed so the reservation check in for your room is separate from the casino so you don't have to walk through the casino to get to your room. It has several restaurants, a food court and a IMAX theater. For more information about the convention and hotel go to the website at www.ialoh.org/Events/Annual Convention or click on the QR code.

The registration form for the convention is on the website. To get to the form go to www.ialoh.org/Events/Annual Convention and "Registration Form" picture. There are two forms available. One you can print and one you can fill out online and the print the form for mailing.

To made a hotel reservation for the annual convention go to the IALOH website at www.ialoh.org/Events/Annual Convention. Then select the hotel information picture then select the "Hotel Reservation" button.

1st Lieutenant Commander



David Hobbs, PC



This has been an interesting and exciting quarter. I have just returned from the Commanders called meeting in Las Vegas. Many things were discussed and the outlook for the future of the International Association Legions of Honor is promising and exciting. It was announced that so far this year, 7 Units have been reinstated and there are more to come before the end of the year. After the meeting it was time for a bit of fun. To start we were able to tour and view the site of the upcoming IALOH Convention. Headquarters will be at the Aliante Hotel and Casino. This was a beautiful site for the event. One of my highlights was having a "Chicken Pot Pie" to die for at the Farm Restaurant in the hotel. There is a top notch pool for those inclined to sun bath. Particularly interesting was the fact that the hotel and casino were separated, I am normally used to walking through the casino to get to the registration deck. I must admit that I donated to the hotel casino to be sure it was still there when we get back. I was able to see a lot of new places that I had never seen before. A drive by the home of the Raiders NFL Team or better known as the "Death Star". As an avid hockey fan the Commander along with Lady Ginny and the "Dude" Vince took me by the practice

facility of the Vegas Golden Knights practice facility. It was like walking into the T-Mobile Arena, complete with championship banners and the castle at the end of the rink. Start making your plans and registering for the convention from April 24 through April 28th. It will be an exciting convention. I want to personally thank Commander Russ, Lady Ginny, the "Dude", COS Mike Kearns and Lady Peggy for the great hospitality. I would also like to thank them for the flyover of the ISS on the first night...!! From the Southeast, we would like to welcome back the units from Araba, in Ft. Myers, FL and the unit from Sahib, in Sarasota, FL with their reinstatement to the IALOH. I had the honor of installing the new officers at Sahib the night before the Vegas trip.

There was also the successful SESA Convention and Legion of Honor Change of Command in Pidgeon Forge, TN. We showed the Commander how we do it in the South. To quote Charlie Daniels..."Sit right down in that chair right there, let us show you how it's done."

Followed was the SASA Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. I want to congratulate all of the new officers from all of the divisions and look forward to seeing all of you soon. All of our eyes are now turned to the 43rd Annual Arlington Pilgrimage and Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery. This event will be at our NEW headquarters, the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The staff is excited for our arrival and hoping to make this the future home of the IALOH.

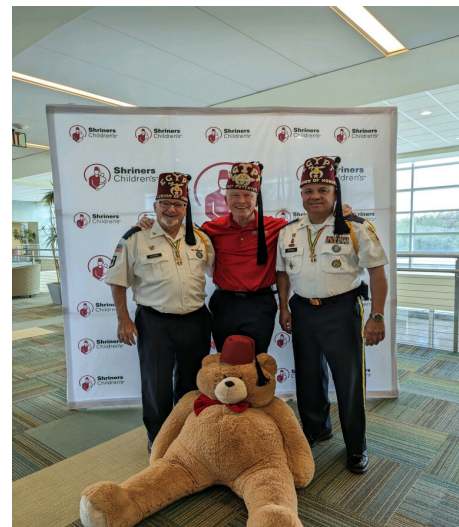
The close of the year is rapidly approaching and I hope everyone is making plans for the IALOH Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The dates are April 24th through April 28th, 2024.

All registration, hotel information and other information can be found on the IALOH website, www.ialoh.org under events. Let's give Commander Russ and Lady Ginny a great sendoff.

Division 4

As a reminder, any unit that has an event they would like to publicize, send it to our Int'l Adjutant Dave Smith at adjutant@ialoh.org and he will get it in the newsletter.

Until next time,
YITF,
Dave & Lisa Hobbs



L to R: 1st Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs, Dwight Brown PP, and Moises Rosado at the Tampa hospital



Quartermaster

David Kirschman

David is our new Quartermaster. David's contact information is on page 15.

2nd Lieutenant Commander

Another quarter has flown by and Autumn is here. I want to start by offering my prayers to all those who were affected by the storms over the past few months. Hope life is getting back to normal as best it can. I have been on the road little less the past few months for personal reasons, but I will get back out again in the near future.

I want to congratulate Jaime Munoz for becoming the Commander of the South Eastern Shrine Association this past summer. Vicki and I wish you and Madeline a great year. We had a wonderful time visiting with our friends and meeting new ones. I am looking forward to attending the South Atlantic Shine Association Convention next week in Myrtle Beach and going to Arlington for the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier The first weekend in November. If you have never attended that event, but always wanted to do so I encourage you to do so. If you go the International Association Legion o Honor home page you will find the registration form and the link for the hotel. You don't have

to be a member of the LOH to attend.

The Commander of the IALOH has a couple of fundraisers to support his annual convention which are worth while to look into. He is raffling off two Henery Rifles. They are 22 special additions items engraved. One is the Veterans addition and the other is a Masonic version. They are \$25.00 per ticket or five tickets for a \$100.00. In Addition, he is raffling off a nice quilt for \$10.00 per ticket. If you are interested send me an email at vwsteele72@aol.com and I will coordinate everything with you. You can see a picture of the rifles on the Henry Rifle web page. I think you will like what you see.

We are about to head into the cold month so enjoy the change of seasons and stay warm.

Wayne Steele
2nd LtCmdr. IALOH

Division 6

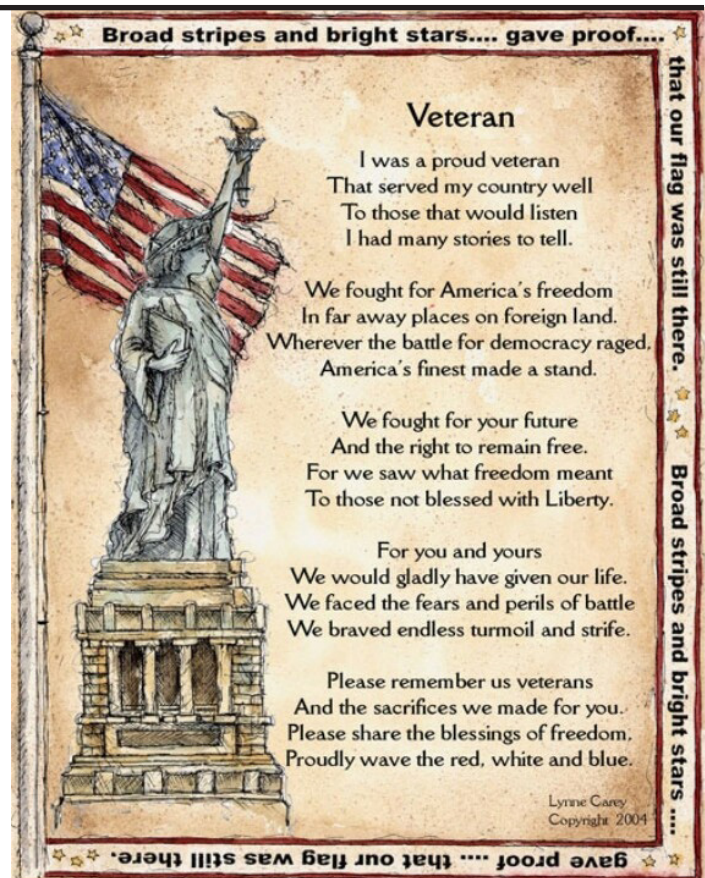


Wayne Steele, PC



November 11th is Veterans day

Let remeber our fellow comrades that paid the ultimate saciar-fice for our freedom and say a prayer for our service men and woman that are serving today that they stay our of harms way.



3rd Lieutenant Commander

Greetings. As I write this article we are nearing the end of summer and entering a new autumn. And with that new season we look forward to Veterans Day, Oktoberfests and of course, the Arlington Wreath Laying Weekend. The following is a synopsis of recent Shrine Legion of Honor (LOH) happenings and a preview of things *"on the horizon."*

During the weekend of August 10 through 13th we were honored to attend the South-East Shrine Association (SESA) Legion of Honor (LOH) Fall Meeting in beautiful Pigeon Forge, TN. Many IALOH Officers, SESA Staff and LOH attendees were on hand for the annual elections and Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Commander Jaime Munoz, PC, PP of Al Rai'e Saleh Shrine and all of his officers for the coming year!

On a somber note, on a sunny day (August 16th) we gathered for the burial of Ill. Ralph Bartlett, of Kena Shriners at Arlington National Cemetery. Ill. Bartlett served as Chief of Staff of Past International Commander (PIC) Anthony Murray for many years. Ralph was Past Potentate of Kena Shriners and Past Commander of the LOH. He was recipient of the Legion of Honor Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for his service to the LOH. There were many dignitaries and guests on hand including numerous PICs and Past Potentates. Ill. Ralph Bartlett's presence will be missed.

We had a great time at the MASA Fall Meeting which was held September 8-9th in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The LOH held it's annual In-Line Inspection on Friday morning, outdoors on the Virginia Beach Convention Center "Grinder." Competition was fierce; this year there were four large contingents competing, some with as many as eight participants. Judging was done by the keen eye of Commander Tom Kalinowski. In a tight competition, Kena Shriners took first place; Rajah second place; and Nur third place. Afterwards, the LOH members, their guests and families gathered for a barbecue luncheon and cornhole recreation at the Khedive Shriners picnic grounds. Thanks to MASA LOH 2nd Lieutenant Commander Wilmont "Bill" Griffin for organizing the luncheon.

On September 15th the IALOH Officers gathered for the annual Officer Planning Meeting which was held in Las Vegas and virtually via Teams. The Officers discussed pertinent business and upcoming events including the Arlington Pilgrimage and the 2024 IALOH Convention in Las Vegas, NV. I could tell you more, but as you know, what happens in Las Vegas, stays in Las Vegas!

On September 16th I attended the Kena Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Legion of Honor. Over one hundred attendees gathered for this annual fundraiser to support the Shriners Children Hospital-Philadelphia and the Kena LOH.

Division 7



Geoffrey Lyster, PP, PC, PMC



On the horizon....

We are looking forward to the SASA Fall Meeting with LOH annual elections and Installation of Officers. Although, I have been notified that the LOH banquet has been cancelled, we are looking forward to good weekend in Myrtle Beach with parade and LOH Installation of Officers.

There are several events being held on Veterans Day (Nov. 11) around the Mid-Atlantic area including the Boumi Shriners Veterans and First Responders Annual Brunch; the Kena Veterans Day Brunch with guest speaker CAPT Kirk Lippold; and the Rajah Veterans Day Breakfast.

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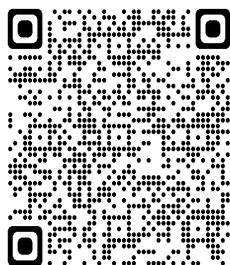
IALOH Officers at SESA LOH mtg on Aug 11; Pigeon Forge, TN



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The crown jewel of the fall season is the IALOH Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony (November 1-5). I am honored to be Chairman of Arlington this year; we have strived to reduce costs and increase attendance. We will be in a new hotel, the Crown Plaza, Crystal City (only \$129 night); we'll have Karaoke Party on Thursday night and a great luncheon on Saturday afternoon (only \$35). Don't forget to buy this year's limited edition Arlington Coin (only \$10). This may be the best Arlington ever! Please register by October 1st. We hope to see soon, at Arlington or a Shrine Center near you!

YITF,
Geoffrey D. Lyster, PC, PP, PMC



LOH members at Ill. Ralph Bartlett's Burial; Aug 15; Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, VA



MASALOH In-Line Inspection; pictured 1st Place Kena LOH; Sep. 8, Virginia Beach, VA

IALOH Annual Convention
 2023-2024
 Las Vegas, NV

Fundraising opportunities
 Drawings to be held April 27, 2024

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 ✓ Freemason Tribute Edition Rifle with Display Case
Unique To America's Most Enduring Fraternal Order

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 Russell Gray, IALOH Cmdr
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 Las Vegas, NV 89149

Accepting Cash or Checks
Rifle Raffle Tickets: For every 100 sold by an individual, they receive one free entry.

✓ Military Service Edition Rifle with Display case
In Recognition Of All Who Answer The Call Of Duty

✓ Four Convention Nights at the Alliant Hotel
 ✓ Homemade Patriotic Quilt with coordinating pillow

Raffle Item	No. of Tickets	Amount Due
Freemason Tribute Rifle Raffle Tickets @ \$25 Each (5 for \$100) (1,000 tickets available)		
Military Service Tribute Rifle Raffle Tickets @ \$25 Each (5 for \$100) (1,000 tickets available)		
Convention Room Raffle Tickets @ \$20 Each (3 for \$50) (500 tickets available)		
Patriotic Quilt Raffle Tickets @ \$10 Each (3 for \$25) (500 tickets available)		
TOTAL DUE		

Send tickets to:
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____

Proceeds support the IALOH Operating Fund and are not tax deductible.

Convention Fundraising

The International Commander is having a fundraising raffle to raise money for the IALOH. He is raffling off a Freemason Tribute rifle and a military service edition rifle. A patriotic quilt and a payment of the cost of your room. More information on the raffle go to the IALOH website at www.ialoh.org/Event/Annual Convention/Fund Raiser picture or click on the QR code. To purchase tickets you can contact any International officer or annotate the number wanted on the registration form when you register for the convention..

First Female Arlington Tomb Guard

On September 18th, 2023 Army PFC Jessica Kwiatkowski became the first woman tomb guard. To read the story got to the DOD website <https://www.defense.gov/News>

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
LEGIONS OF HONOR
SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL**

2023 YEARBOOK 2024

**RUSSELL GRAY, PC, PCCSSA
INTERNATIONAL COMMANDER**

ZELZAH SHRINE LAS VEGAS, NV

2023-2024 Yearbook
 If you would like one please let me or the Quartermaster know..
 Our contact information is on page 15.

4th Lieutenant Commander

Greeting Nobles and families,

Lady Jennifer and I attended our first PNSA Convention in Spokane Washington this past July. It was a great event in a beautiful city and state. The hospitality was incredible. I would recommend the PNSA summer convention for all. CSSA was our next big LoH event in Omaha Nebraska in August. The planning and execution for this event was superb. We had the formal installation banquet at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum. It's an entirely new experience eating a great meal while sitting under an SR-71 display. Commander Grey was the installing officer and yours truly was the installing Marshall. Congratulations to all the newly installed CSSA officers.

On September 14th -16th I attended the annual IALOH Officer Planning conference in Las Vegas Nevada. We planned for the upcoming year events to include the 2024 IALOH Convention at the Aliante Hotel and Casino. This is a beautiful facility and I know you are going to enjoy this Convention.

Finally, Jennifer and I will head to Arlington, Virginia for the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. If you have never viewed a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb you should consider attending. The cutoff time to register for the event and to get hotel reservation is 2 October. The forms are located on the IALOH web-page under events.

Doug Tayrien,
Lt. Commander

Division 2



Doug Tayrien, PC



Top - Left to Right: 4th Lt. Commander Doug Tayrien, Imp Assist Rabban Kevin Costello, International Commander Russell Gray at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum in front of a F-4 Phantom.

Bottom Left: Left to Right: Ginny Gya, Jennifer Tayrien, 4th Lt. Commander Doug Tayrien, IALOH Commander Russell Gray, Vince Gray at PNSA Convention

5th Lieutenant Commander

Lady Connie and I have hit the ground running! This summer was about as busy as I think we could possibly be. We attended Imperial Sessions in Charlotte and led the Honor Guard Detail for Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze's Pageant. The Nobles that participated had not worked together before but did an amazing job and looked as though they had worked together for years! I would like to thank you all for an amazing job, well done!

We next attended PNSA and CSSA summer sessions and were able to meet many of our LOH members and had a great time getting to know some new friends. We also just returned a couple of days ago from attending the Commander's Meeting in Las Vegas and touring the Aliante Hotel and Casino where the IALOH Session will be held in the Spring. You really need to attend that; you will not be disappointed! Lady Connie and I will continue to travel over the next few months for our business and then, on to Arlington for the Wreath Laying.

We hope each of you takes some time for yourselves during the holidays to reflect on what is most important to you and your family. During the Thanksgiving Weekend, one of our daughters will be getting married to her Fiancé, so we will certainly be holding our family close and giving Thanks for all we have.

I would like to take a moment to discuss something that is very important to me,

Integrity. When I was first elected to be Oriental Guide at El Zaribah, I had a Past Potentate approach me and give me some sage advice. It was the best advice I have been given in any of my leadership roles. The concept is simple, but you can apply it to just about any position in the Shrine. He said: "During your time on the Divan, you will need to make some very difficult decisions. I hope you will ask yourself 5 simple questions to guide you in your decision-making process. First, 'Is it Legal?'. Second, 'Is it morally, right?'. Third, 'Is it ethically, right?'. Fourth, 'Is it what is best for Shriners International and our Shrine in particular?'. Finally, 'Is it what is best for the Shrine Hospitals and our kids?'. If you can answer 'Yes' to each of those questions, DO IT! DO SOMETHING that matters! There will always be critics of your decisions, but if you answered, 'yes' to those 5 questions you will be safe."

So, I will ask you: "Do you have the integrity to do what needs to be done for our organization? For our Shrine Children?" The integrity part comes into play for us as Masons and Military Veterans who have a "firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values" (Webster's Dictionary definition of Integrity). More specifically, I am asking because the IALOH is looking to fill 2 vacant positions for Lieutenant Commander at our next Annual Session in Las Vegas. I know many of you swear by the old Navy acronym "Never Again

Division 5



Gerry Massey, PP, PC



Volunteer Yourself", but this is different. We need great men to assist us in carrying on a great legacy as Military Veterans taking the pointy tip of the spear and leading Shriners International. Who will step up? Get your resume and application in ASAP and join our Family of men (and our Ladies) in leading The International Association Legions of Honor!

Yours in the Faith,
Gerry Massey, PP/PC
5th Lt Commander
El Zaribah Shriners

Association Meetings

CSSA

Mid-Winter

March 14th - 17th, 2024

2024 Convention

August 29th - September 1st, 2024

Topeka, KS

Arab Temple

WSA

February 29 - March 2, 2024

More Information will be posted at a later date

SESA

Mid-Winter

February 24 - March 3, 2024

Carnival Vista

Carnival Cruise Lines

Port Canaveral, FL

TALOH

Mid-Winter

February 29 - March 3, 2024

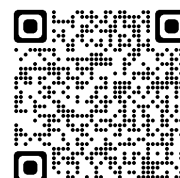
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For more information about the association meeting visit our website at www.ialoh.org/Associations or scan the QR.



6th Lieutenant Commander

On July 22, 2023, ABALOH attend the 100th year celebration and rededication of the ScottishRite, Valley of Joplin, MO. The celebration started with ABALOH leading the way for the procession of dignitaries and units through the streets of Joplin, MO. ABALOH LOH also posted the colors in the auditorium for the 100th year rededication ceremony.



Pictured from Left to Right: Noble Michael Rice, Sargeant at Arms Frank Grantham, Commander Christopher Story, Noble Gene Perrin, Past Commander Vern Hendrix, Lieutenant Commander Jeff Stokes, IALOH 6th LT Commander Dean Cook, Noble Daniel Rush

Military Honors Detail 23 July, 2023
The Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor Unit in Springfield Missouri had the distinct honor and privilege to perform Full Military Honors on behalf of a fellow Noble. A sentinel was placed at the Missing Man table at the beginning of the ceremony and sentinels were rotated throughout the event. Commander Christopher Story started the ceremony by the reading of the meaning of the Missing Man table as "As you entered the hall tonight you may have noticed a small table set for one, situated in a place of honor, just to the right of the stage. This table symbolizes the fact that members of our proud profession of arms are missing from our midst. The tablecloth is white, representing our comrade's purity of heart as they responded to their country's call to arms. A single rose displayed in the vase symbolizes the love of family and friends they left behind. A slice of lemon on a bread plate reminds us of their bitter fate, a shaker of salt

for the ocean of tears shed for them. A glass is placed upside down as they cannot toast with us this evening. The chair, empty, for they are not here with us tonight. And a candle, its flame brief, like their brief lives, extinguished all too soon.

Division 8



Dean Cook, PC



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Left to Right: IALOH 6th LT Commander Dean Cook, PC Vern Hendrix, Sargeant at Arms Frank Grantham, Commander Christopher Story, Noble Richmond Tobias, LT Commander Jeff Stokes, Noble Jackie Wells

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On July 22, 2023, ABA LOH attend the 100th year celebration and rededication of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Joplin, MO. The celebration started with ABA LOH leading the way for the procession of dignitaries and units through the streets of Joplin, MO. ABA LOH LOH also posted the colors in the auditorium for the 100th year rededication ceremony.

Commander Story then ordered the detail to be posted to conduct the flag-folding portion of the ceremony.

Lieutenant Commander Jeff Stokes then marched the detail to the front of the auditorium to begin that portion of the ceremony. United States Marine Corps veteran Jackie Wells led the flag folding detail. Upon the conclusion of unfolding and refolding the flag, the flag was presented to Commander Story for his inspection and presentation. Lieutenant Commander Stokes presented Commander Story three rounds from the volley that were placed into the flag. Commander Story then proceeded to present the flag to the widow of our fallen Noble by saying:

"On behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Marine Corps, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service."

The detail then exited the auditorium which concluded the ceremony.

YITF,
Dean Cook
6th Lt. Commander



On 2-6 Aug attended Great Lakes Shrine Association Legions of Honor Annual meeting in Springfield, IL. Illustrious Sir David Parks installation. Looking forward to the next GLSA in Great Bend, IL.



On 30 August, 2023 attended Central States Shrine Association Legions of Honor Annual meeting. We started the day out with Necrology, then the Business meeting, luncheon, and then the Banquet that night at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. Friday there was a Past Commander, Commander and Chief of Staff IALOH dinner at Cascio's in Omaha, NE.



Charles McIntosh, PC



Arlington Tomb Shirts

To order an Arlington Tomb shirt: Go to the IALOH website [www.ialoh.org/Event/ Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony/ "Order Your Tomb Shirt"](http://www.ialoh.org/Event/Arlington%20Wreath%20Laying%20Ceremony/Order%20Your%20Tomb%20Shirt).

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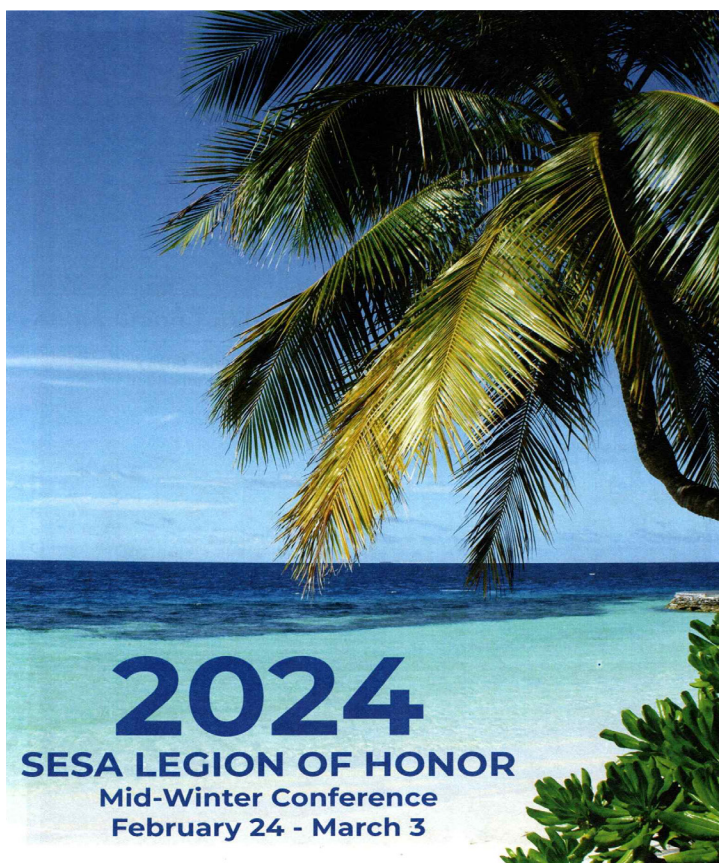
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Welcome Aboard to our Mid-Winter Conference at Sea!

Commander 2024 Jaime Munoz and Lady Madeline wanted to change the routine of celebrating this Conference in cold weather. So we decided to celebrate it at Sea visiting three different islands with lovely weather and all staying at the same place and having fun together. The price is for 8 days including all the food you choose and the stay makes it affordable to all of us.

Hope you decide to join us in 2024 and you are welcome to bring guests and friends aboard.

SESA LOH Chain of Command

SESA Commander 2024
PP Jaime Munoz - Lady Madeline

Chief of Staff
John R. Smith - Lady Anita

Chief Personnel Aide and Adjutant
Jim Marshall - Lady Patricia

Chaplain
Bob Hoffman - Lady Sharon

Finance Officer
Dan Kitchen - Lady Sharon

1st. Lt. Commander
Steve Singleton - Lady Janet

2nd. Lt. Commander
Tracy Lemaster - Lady Tracy

Advisor
P.C. Armando Wiscovitch - Lady Gladys

P.P. Jaime L. Munoz Rovira
2024 SESA LOH Commander



About Curaçao

Serious divers have long flocked to Curaçao. Whether you're looking for a challenging wall dive or a shallow snorkeling spot, you'll find it here. Beaches, of course, are another big draw. With sugar-fine sand and calm waters, they're perfect for kids. And make sure to explore Willemstad, Curaçao's capital city. Its charming pastel buildings and equally colorful history earned it recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage City.

About Grand Turk

Discover the unparalleled diving and rustic charm of Grand Turk, the capital of the Turks & Caicos Islands. The island attracts avid divers eager to experience one of the world's greatest wall diving meccas, with a drop of nearly 7000 feet. This 'Mount Everest' of wall dives is just ¼ mile from the beach on Duke Street. Behold Guanahani Beach, the site of the monumental first landfall of Christopher Columbus during his voyage to the New World in 1492.



About Aruba

You've been cruising around the Caribbean sea and your NEXT STOP IS ARUBA - YAY!

You want to make the most of your precious time on the One Happy Island, but have no idea where to start - to go on one of the CRUISE SHIP recommended activities or to EXPLORE with your gut feeling guiding you... We've decided to make life a little easier for you by providing some WALKING-DISTANCE SPOTS TO VISIT FROM THE CRUISE TERMINAL.



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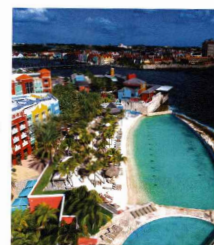
Feb 24 - Mar 3, 2024
(7 nights / 8 days)

Feb 24 - **Port Canaveral** — Departure 4:00 PM
Feb 25 - **Day at Sea** — Staff Meeting at 10:00 AM
Feb 26 - **Day at Sea** — Conference at 9:00 AM
Feb 27 - **Aruba** — Arrive at 1:00 PM / Departure at 11:00 PM
Feb 28 - **Curaçao** — Arrive at 8:00 AM / Departure 4:00 PM
Feb 29 - **Day at Sea**
Mar 1 - **Grand Turk** — Arrive at 8:00 AM / Departure 4:00 PM
Mar 2 - **Day at Sea**
Mar 3 - **Return to Port Canaveral** — Arrive at 8:00 AM

Oceanview Balcony - \$1235 per person

Oceanview - \$995 per person

Interior - \$785 per person



Rates include: Cruise, All Port Taxes, Fees, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Parking is located at Exit 49, the second exit off SR528 before you get to the Port Canaveral terminals. Free shuttle service that depart promptly at the time you select.

DEPARTURE TIME - 4:00 PM

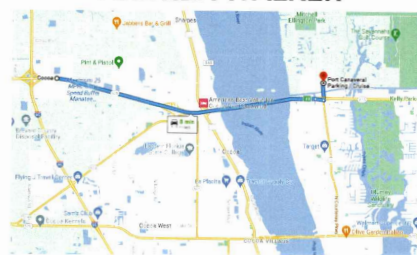
We suggest 3 hours to be at the port to register and board the ship before 4:00 PM

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR PASSPORT
IN ORDER TO BOARD AND DISEMBARK THE SHIP.**

FOR RESERVATION PLEASE CALL

1-229-938-3401

ANDREA WALKER



8th Lieutenant Commander

Greetings from Texas....

Hello Legion Nobles,

We attended Central States Shrine Association Legions of Honor Convention August 31, 2023 through September 2, 2023 in Omaha, NE, which was held at the beautiful Tangier Shrine Center. Commander Jeremy Martin (Tangier Shrine), his Lady Courtney and his staff did an outstanding job. The business meeting, Necrology Service and luncheon were well planned and enjoyable. The highlight was the Commander's Dinner and Change of Command at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. Congratulations to Jeremy for a great year. The new Commander, Buddy Givens (India Shrine) with his Lady Peggi. talked about his plans for next year and I know they will do a great job. Congratulations Buddy and to all the new officers.

International Commander Gray called a Board Meeting in Las Vegas for September 15th. It was well planned and we had a very productive meeting. We were able to tour the Aliante Hotel and Casino where the International Convention will held next year from April 23 – 28, 2024. It is smaller than the casinos on the Strip, but it is beautiful and will serve our needs very well. During

the evening, for a little entertainment, the Commander and Lady Ginny took us all to an attraction called FlyOver Las Vegas. It was an exciting ride over Las Vegas and the Southwest. We then had dinner at "Sickies Garage". Lady Shari and I enjoyed the day very much! Please plan to attend the Convention next year, you won't regret it!!

Our next stops will be the Al Amin Military Ball in Pharr, TX on September 23rd and the Arabia Military Ball in Houston, TX on November 14th. Since the summer is over, and the Shrine Temples are starting their meetings again, I hope to be able to attend some other functions. Just drop me a line, and we'll see if we can attend. It is especially important as the year comes to a close and new officers are elected and if you would like for me to install your new officers.

The Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony is coming soon and I hope all of you are registered and planning to attend. We will be in a new hotel this year, which will be very nice for our group. The International Officers in charge have worked very hard to make this a memorable event. Remember, you may, and are asked, to invite Nobles and guests even if they are not members of the Legion of Honor. If you need more information, checkout your website,

Division 1



Eddie Daffern, PP, PIC



IALOH.org and click on Events. Once there, you can click on Arlington Wreath Laying to retrieve all the information.

Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP, PIC, 8thLtCmdr
(Appointed)

Around the Legion of Honor



On 13 August, 2023, Ismailia LOH presented the Service Flags, at the Erie County Fair, Veterans Day Ceremony.

Left to Right: PC/PP Dan Walther, PC Matt Hussey, Noble Bill Young, 3rd Lt Cmdr John Stanz, PC Roger Huff, Cmdr Rob Gradle, PP/1st Lt Cmdr Doug Foss, PC/Adjutant Woody Woodside, PC Brian Will

From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

The yearbook for 2023-2024 has been printed and mailed. If you did not receive a yearbook and think you should have received one please let me know. I also have a few extra books and if you would like one just let me know or you can order one online at market page on the website.

The Arlington Wreath Laying is fast approaching. We have a new hotel this year and the all the information in on the website. Hope to see you there.

If I can be of any assistance to your Unit please let me know. Also, please keep me informed of any changes to your Unit's contact information. This is very important so I can keep you informed of any IALOH information.

2nd Lt. Commander Wayne Steele the SESA Commander and Lady Vicki did a fabulous job at their convention in Pigeon Forge, TN. Everyone one had a good time. I was able to film the Necrology service and I was able to post it on the IALOH website on the SESA website page. I would like to congratulate

Jamie Muñoz as the new SESA Commander and all the new SESA Officers.

The Commanders meeting at Las Vegas was a lot of fun. Commander Russ and Lady Ginny really did an outstanding job.

I will be sending out the annual reports in late November or the first of December. Please be on the look out for the forms. They will also be on the IALOH website. Go to www.ialoh.org/Forms. If you have any questions about the forms please let me know. If you like you can fill out the forms online and then email them to me and just send the check in the mail.

If your Unit or Association would like to include any information in the newsletter, yearbook or on the website please let me know. My contact information is on page 15. Please submit information in a word or PDF document.

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

YITF,
David Smith, PC



David Smith, PC



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Officers Meeting In Las Vegas



L to R: Doug Tayrien, Dean Cook, David Hobbs, Russell Gray, Mike Kearns, Gerry Massey and David Smith. Eddie Daffern, taking the picture. Officers and their ladies at the Western Fly Over.

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and Legion of Honor Units

to strive for and increase in

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