



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



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"
- 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

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