



Now Hear This...



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From the Commander's Desk...

Happy New Year and we are off running again. Heading to Rizpah Shrine Center Madisonville Ky to install the LOH this year. Always look forward to visiting them each year. What a great bunch of nobles !!! Ran into Imp. Sir Jim Cain and Lady Patsy there and Imp Sir Jim Installed the Rizpah Divan. Very nice ceremony. Congratulation's to all this day.

We traveled to the East-West Game again this year and the IALOH assisted Egypt LOH in the presentation of colors. Thank you Egypt for again allowing us to assist in posting the colors. I truly enjoy this event and will continue for years to come.

Later part of the month, we went to Kingsport Tennessee to the Jericho LOH Commanders Ball honoring Commander Kenny Collier and Lady Brenda. Congratulations to the newly elected Commander Bob Smith and his line officers and I wish them all the success in the coming year.

February is Antioch Shrine Temples Circus month and we stayed home to assist our temple in the program this year. As always the Circus is the place to be for all sorts of fun and fellowship. And that we did for three days. Later that month I was hit with an attack of the sciatic nerve problem that took me off my feet for two months. Lots of pain and doctors and hospital visits, with stress tests included. Finally got some relief but April was the beginning of getting well. Still limping around but healing.

March was a continuous month of pain but I did manage to travel to Al Koran to help them in a brainstorming session to help them out. It was a great meeting and a lot of great ideas came out of it. I believe they will take all this as a positive and move forward with improvements.

April we traveled to MASA for their Change of Command. Congratulation's to Commander David Lee and his Line officers for the ensuing year.



Ray Combs, PP

We had a great time at Antioch's Potentates Ball this April and it was great to be back home for his function.

Lady Pat and I have been working hard in putting together our upcoming year and will be prepared to present it April at Kansas City.



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

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

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

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings from Texas!

India Shrine Legion of Honor invited Shari and me to Oklahoma City to attend a dinner and Installation of Officers on January 19th. Our first time there and hope it isn't our last because we had a great time. It was great to meet many new (to us) LOH members. Michael Driscoll and his Lady Jennifer did a wonderful job of setting this up and being the emcee. The Potentate, Illustrious Sir Ray Keesee and his Lady were there to support the unit. Congratulations to all the new officers and Commander Wicker. I know they will have a great year.

Shari and I attended the Jericho Shrine Legion of Honor Commander's Ball in Kingsport, TN on January 26-27. The Hospitality Room was well stocked with food, drink, old friends and new friends. The Ball was elegant and we all had a great time. The Commander, his Lady and staff are to be commended for an outstanding job. Shari and I really appreciated the invitation.

On February 8-10, we attended the Texas Shrine Association Mid-Winter meeting in Corpus Christi. Although it is primarily for Divans and Past Potentates, several Imperial Officers were present and gave us some very interesting information concerning Shrine in general and changes they were contemplating concerning our hospitals. Get with your Divan members or Representatives to get the full story on this.

From February 27th through May 2nd,

we attended the Texas Association Legions of Honor in Fredericksburg, TX. We played golf, had a fun welcome party and a great Installation Banquet. Commander Arvid Bergman and Lady Barbara and staff did an outstanding job. Congratulations to the new Commander Don Young, Hella LOH, 1st LtCmdr Rick Villreal, Arabia LOH, 2nd LtCmdr Charles McIntosh, Karem LOH and 3rdLtCmdr Al Raposa, Alzafar LOH.

April 5th through 7th found us in Harrisburg/Hershey, PA area for the Mid-Atlantic States Legions of Honor Association meeting. Commander Brad Slinkard and Lady Cathy Shadle planned and executed an outstanding meeting with a fun welcome party and a great Installation Banquet. We also had a great time there and met many new friends. New Commander David Lee is to be congratulated and I know he and his officers will have a great year.

April 24th through 28th, we were in Overland Park, KS attending the International Association Legions of Honor. Commander Morris Sykes, along with tremendous help from his Aide, Steve Suchland, had planned and executed a wonderful convention. From the Welcome Party, to the Necrology Service in the World War I Memorial, to the final Installation Banquet, everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to the new Commander Ray Combs and his Lady Pat. We are looking for another great year

under your leadership.

Also, welcome to the International Line, the new 8th LtCmdr, Russell Gray and his Lady Virginia. We are glad to have you aboard!

Until next time...
Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP
1st Lt Commander, IALOH



Eddie Daffern,

"Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

Audrey Hepburn

2nd Lieutenant Commander

It is with great sadness that our 2nd LCDR Al Gonzalez has had to resign from the International Line due to health reasons. Him and his lady Laurie went to many functions and traveled many miles while he was going through the line. Things were looking better when he came home from the hospital, but a fall put him back in the hospital. He is currently receiving comprehensive care from the Wexford House which is skilled nursing facility. Please keep Al and Laurie in your prayers.



Al Gonzalez

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings from Evansville, Indiana!

The weather is making an assertive effort to become nicer to us. The birds and animals are perhaps more appreciative of it than we humans.

Division 3 has made some changes. Our new Chief of Staff is Ken Morey from Springfield, Illinois. Ken is a Past Potentate of Ansar Shrine Center as well as a past Commander of Great Lake Shrine Association – Legions of Honor. We welcome Ken and his lovely wife Bev to the team.

Also, we welcome James Lare as Assistant Chief of Staff. Jim is from Ainad Shrines in East St. Louis. He is a past Noble of the Year for IALOH. Jim is a retired Navy Master Chief and brings much knowledge and experience with him. We welcome Jim and his lovely wife Jane to the team.

Our other Assistant Chief of Staff Ned Wellmeier celebrated his 86th birthday a few days ago. Ned is still going strong. He, along with superlative wife Rose, are still looking forward to being active in Legion activities.

As I write this, Bridget and I are preparing to go on vacation to South Africa. So I'll be out of the net for a while, but should be ready for travel and assistance again soon.

Please keep Lt. Cmdr. Al Gonzales and his wife Laurie in your prayers. Al continues to ail and would appreciate your thoughts.

Army Strong!
Mike "Doc" Murray
Lt. Cmdr., IALOH

Division Three



Dr. Mike Murray

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

The beginning of 2018 has been interesting and again advantageous for yours truly in particular. I have been fortunate to be on this International line for other three years now and I can not think of one happening that I have not been pleased about. Now with that said, at the beginning of this dialog I said it has been interesting and it has. But to be more accurate, I was elected Secretary of my Blue Lodge at the end of last year and for all my comprehension, I cannot understand why the Secretary position must have so many pitfalls. Let me just say that it is a work in progress.

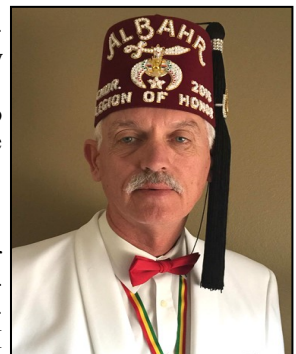
Living on the west coast allows me many benefits that may or may not be available to other officers. I am blessed with living through good weather year-round and have more than any humans

desire for traffic daily. But if you can be in a positive mode and plan accordingly all things seem to come together. Which brings me to my happy place. Being a west coast Lt Commander is a gift and a dilemma at the same time. We have the great seasonal weather but have many miles in distance for visiting LOH Units within my division.

I am not complaining now, or will I start, because all things happen for a reason and this division was set up the way it is for a reason. So, I deal with what I have and that is that I may not be able to visit a lot of the units I have in my division, but I call or message when the time is appropriate and at the end of the day everyone understands, and the job gets done. So, I tell myself to keep doing what you're doing and don't fret

about it. Another very important visit I like to make are the Association meetings throughout the year which include virtually all LOH units in my division. I am a Happy Lt. Cmdr.

Division Five



Steven C. Walker

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings Nobles,

Our year started out with the election of Divan at Yaarab temple. After the election they had the installation and the reception party. That same week we had the election of Legion of Honor officer and instillation.

Later in January we attended the Change of Command and hospitality room at Jerico Shrine. The new Commander of Jerico's LOH is Robert (Bobby) Smith. He is also COS for Lt. Commander Al Gonzalez. Congratulations Bobby. The ladies of Jerico provided a hospitality room and food galore. Thanks for a Job well done.

In March, we attended the mid-winter meeting of the

Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor at Gatlinburg, Tn. Noble Harry Dunn provided a great hospitality room and carried out a informative business meeting and provided information on the SESALOH annual convention August 16th-18th. The Hotel will be the Main Stay Hotel and Suites on Pine Mtn Rd. Pigeon Forge, Tn.

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Division Six



John Robert

Sixth Lt. Commander Continued From Page 3

In April we attended the IALOH convention in Overland Park, Ks.. Commander Morris Sykes had a well rounded meeting and fully furnished hospitality room with the help from Morris's 4 daughter. We had drill, color guard and In-line inspection competition.

The new officers elected for 2018-2019 are Commander Ray Combs, 8th LCDR Noble Russell Grey and Adjutant David Smith. LCDR officers moved up one position.

YITF



John Robert

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Nobles

Time is flying by again this year. Seems like we just attended the east west game in Tampa and now we are into May and past the IALOH convention. It was an honor to assist the Egypt LOH in posting the colors at the east west shrine game. The game was great to see and to look at future NFL players. My grandson had a blast also.. Then I was able to attend MASA and their change of command. I met alot of new freinds and had

fun at Mardi Gras. The change of command was very well done and was an enjoyable night.

Congratulations to Ray Combs in being the new IALOH commander, I think it will be an exciting year. Also congratulations to Past Commander Morris Sykes. Thank You for your leadership this year and getting everyone together for a fun convention. Next on the schedule will be Imperial in Daytona...Hope to see you there.

Division Seven



David Ginapp

From the International Adjutant/Editor

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected as your International Adjutant. Kevin Fox has done an outstanding job and I will try to maintain the excellence he has displayed. I look forward to working with the Commander, Lt. Commanders and their staff and the LOH Nobles.

A little history about me; I joined the Air Force in 1968 and retired in 1988 as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). After I retired from the Air Force I worked for the Federal Government for 24 years before I retired in 2012. My last position in the Federal Government was with the U. S. Coast Guard as an accountant.

In 2009, I became a Member of Orient

Lodge 51. In 2010, I joined Arab Temple, Topeka, KS and became the LOH Commander in 2013. I have been the Chief Personal aide for Past International Commander Morris Sykes since 2009. I am the current Arlington Luncheon Chairman and Convention Registration Chairman.

I became a Shriner because Shriners help children in need. Without the Shrine organization, children would not be able to receive the help that is needed to make their lives better. Each time I see one of the kids we have helped, I am amazed at how their disability is turned into a positive ability and attitude.

I joined the Legion of Honor because I wanted to honor my follow veterans

and to uphold our military heritage. It is a great honor to be part of a unit that carries our flag high and supports our past and present veterans.



David Smith

Again, it is a great honor to be your International Adjutant and I will uphold this position of honor to the best of my

Past International Adjutant's Message

Nobles,

As I write my last International newsletter as International Adjutant, there are some people I would like to thank. First off, I would like to thank the elected officers, PICS, and the nobility for your support. I couldn't have had such a successful three years without you. I would also like to thank noble David Smith for his support. He has stepped up to the plate and took over registration for all of the IALOH functions. This helped me with the delegate and emeritus information when it was time to tally up the numbers. I would also like to thank Ruthie Dunham and Marilyn McNames for helping with the yearbook ads during pictures at the convention. I would also like to thank Larry Butera for taking pictures for the yearbook this year.

In the beginning when I accepted this office in April of 2015 I was well, then November came and it was down hill from there with my health. I would have liked to stick around as Adjutant a while longer but my health would not allow it. I am stable now from my last hospital visit about a month ago. I just keep my fingers crossed and try to keep a positive attitude.

Your new International Adjutant David Smith is going to do a great job.

He comes in to this position with great enthusiasm and a willingness to help. I am going to miss the life long friends that I have met over the years and hope the best for the International line. I know they will do what's right for the nobility. I have a sense that changes are coming but it is only for the good of the order.

I would like to leave some wisdom with my last IALOH newsletter that I have been told over the years, and I try to live by this philosophy. As we get older rules are made to be broken. Be bold enough to live life on your terms, and never, ever apologize for it. Go against the grain, refuse to conform, take the road less traveled instead of the well-beaten path. Laugh in the face of adversity, and leap before you look. March to the beat of your own drum, and stubbornly refuse to fit in. Remember, our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

Be safe and see you down the road.



Kevin Fox
Past International
Adjutant

Deadline for the
July
Newsletter
Is
29 June 2018

We're on the Web
at www.ialoh.org

On The Web Site You Can Find:
Division Assignments
Up Coming Events
Forms

Junior Past Commander's Message

The IALOH 87th Annual Convention just came to an end last night. It was the largest one in many years and many said they will never miss the Int'l Convention again. The Welcome Party theme followed the Yellow Brick Road which led you right into the party room. Necrology was held at the World War I Museum, with a candle being presented for each Unit having sent their Annual Report to the Adjutant. Congratulations to Ray Combs, PP and First Lady Pat, on being elected to lead the Int'l for the coming year. Congratulations also go out to Russell A. Gray being elected 8th Lt. Commander. The count is still going on as to who was elected to the position of Int'l Adjutant. It was a close race between David Smith and Bill Chicky. If you don't believe this was the biggest, best convention in recent memory, then you were not present.

The Arab Potentate Ball in Topeka was Saturday night just before the week of the IALOH Convention. Potentate Paul and Lady Becky looked lovely. The interdiction parade in was long due to Arab Potentate Paul and Becky Honaker, the Divan line, visiting CSSA Potentates, International Commander Morris Sykes and Lady Suzette, Int'l Imperial Treasurer Brad and Lady Cheryl Koehn, Int'l Imperial Assistant Rabban Jeffery and Lady Cheryl Sowder. I have attended Arab Potentate Ball every year since 1988 when Bill Koehn was Potentate. I did miss one in the last eight years when it was at the same time as the IALOH Convention.

Suzette and I attended the MASA LOH Convention in Harrisburg/Hershey Pennsylvania with Brad and Cathy Slinkard the first weekend of April. They had a combined tour of making Hershey chocolate candy and viewing Old Classic Cars in Hershey. The final

day was the Change of Command with David Lee being installed as Commander of MASA LOH Unit.

My beautiful granddaughter Caitlin was married to Matthew Perry on the 10th of March. He is a man with a good back ground especially because his grandfather raises elk. Then it was time to catch up on my doctor's appointment and testing so as to be in shape to attend the Int'l Convention.

The last of February was the TALOH Convention, Fredericksburg, Texas with Arvid Bergman, PC being installed as TALOH Commander. Their party theme this year was Hobo and was it ever a good time! I got to visit with a very old friends, John and Lucy Metzler. (It was a sad time when John passed away two weeks later.) In Fredericksburg, we had a nice visit with International 3rd Lt. Commander Al and Laurie Gonzalez, where I learned they had sold their home in Topeka, Kansas and purchased one in Church Hill, TN. I have now learned that Al has spent the past month in a hospital there.

It was also February when Suzette and I attended Tangier Change of Command Omaha, NE and installed their new Commander Jeremy M. Martin. I have regularly attended the ceremony since 1992 when Jack Taylor, of Arab LOH was CSSA LOH Commander. They presented me with a nice oak plaque and a seven-cylinder Bi-wing airplane, but that's a story for another day.

Jericho Legion of Honor in King-sport, TN is another Unit that sends me an invitation every year and Suzette and I always attend. I was honored by Billy Smith asking me to install him as Commander.

The Int'l Imperial East West Shrine



**Junior Past Commander
Morris Sykes**

Game was in St. Petersburg, FL, again, and was the second time that Suzette and I have attended. We went early enough to attend the night before party.

I got to see Brett Favre be awarded Int'l Quarter Back of 2018. He is my favorite quarterback from the NFL Packers in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was also wearing his cowboy cut Wrangler Jeans. It doesn't get any better than that!

Many thanks to all of you, for all the years you have supported me and especially those who could attend the International 87th Annual Convention. I would love to hear from any and all LOH Units and LOH Nobles in the future.

Yours in the Faith,
Morris W. Sykes
Commander 2017 – 2018
mwsykes33@gmail.com





Congratulations to Noble Stephen Suchsland for receiving the Noble of the Year award at the International Legions of Honor Convention in Overland Park, KS on April 28th 2018

Stephen Suchsland, PC
Arab Legion of Honor

2018 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

This award is given to Nobles who have served his country with honor and distinction and now is being recognized for outstanding service to his unit and the International Legions of Honor.



Division 7
Noble Arvid Bergman, Al Amin LOH



Division 5
Noble Bill Allen, Abou Ben Adhem LOH

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2018 Distinguished Service Award Recipients (continued)



Division 8

Noble Ray Lynch, Azan LOH



Division 2

Noble Brad Slinkard, Zembo LOH

The following Nobles who were not present that also received the Distinguished Service Award were.

Division 3 Noble Ken Snider, Tunis LOH

Division 4 Noble Ronald Hurst, Tripoli LOH

Division 6 Noble Orville Stoner, Sr. Nile LOH

Division 1 Noble Harry Dunn, Al Menah LOH

Competition



Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor took home the traveling trophy home with the most legion nobles at the convention, and also took home 1st place in the three competitions they had at the convention



Azan Legion of honor took home 2nd place for the in-line inspection

More IALOH Convention Highlights



Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor doing Color Guard at the Necrology at WWI Museum



Official cast of the Yellow Brick Road costume party



I think that monkey needs a tic tac



Rubbing Butch's head for good luck.

International Commander's Travel Plans 2018 - 2019

2018

May 3 – 6 SASA, Richmond, VA

June 2 – Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Ottawa, Canada

June 15 – 17 Mid-Winter Meeting, IALOH Officers, Dayton, OH

July 5 – 8 El Hasa Military Ball

July 15 – 19 Imperial Session, Daytona Beach, FL

August 9 – 12 GLSA, Fort Wayne, IN

August 23 – 26 SESA, Warner Robins, GA

September 2 - 8 Great Lake Potentate's Trip

October 14 – 21 Antioch Temple Cruise, New England

November 8 – 11 IALOH Wreath Laying, Arlington, VA

PNSA WSA – More Information Coming

2019

February 2019 - TALOH

April 2019 – Annual Convention, Dayton, OH

Imperial Session is in Daytona Beach again this year from July 15th - 19th. The IALOH meeting will take place Sunday July 15th at 10AM in room 104B at the Ocean Convention Center. For those of you who went last year it is in the same room. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



REGISTRATION & ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

Nov 8 – Nov 11, 2018

Thursday - Sunday

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1900 North Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, VA 22209

Hotel Check in Time: 3:00PM



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Do you require bus transportation to the ceremony? YES: _____ NO: _____

Are you a first time attendee? YES: _____ NO: _____

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Legion of Honor Units
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