



# *CSSA Legions of Honor*

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October 2022 Newsletter

# Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor

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Greetings from Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor and the 2022 Commander Dean Cook and my Lady Susanne. I am 9 months into my tour of duty as Commander of ABA LOH. My contact info is (Cell) 417-664-9350 and email is [abalegionofhonor@gmail.com](mailto:abalegionofhonor@gmail.com). Our Lieutenant Commander is Christopher Story, Adjutant Jeff Stokes, Captain of the Guard is Richard Raney, Sergeant at Arms/Quarter Master/Hospital Chairman Derreck Sander and Finance Officer PC, CSSA Second Lieutenant Commander Gilbert Negrete. ABA LOH Installations are normally the second weekend in January, following our Temple Installation. Meetings are every first Friday of the month at the ABA Shrine Temple unless otherwise stated on our FB page and we are dark during July and August.

We try to march in every parade we can, if not we have a golf cart that we can use to show our presence and for our older members to ride that can't march. We participate in Waynesville/St Roberts, Mo Veterans Day parade, Waynesville/St Roberts, Mo Christmas parade, Lebanon, MO Christmas parade, Marshfield, MO 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and Willard, MO Veterans Day parade. We also performed as Color Guard leading parades and Color Guard for our fallen comrades. During our Temples Ceremonials, first weekend in June and December, we post the colors, escort our Divan and any dignitaries on Saturday events.

Throughout the year we have several fund raisers to help sponsor children of our ABA Temple. We have leather Fez case raffles, gun raffles, and 50/50 raffles to raise the monies. We also have Vidalia onions sales in May, which is our biggest event. This year we have sponsored 15 children for the ABA Temple and look forward to doing more. We participate in ABA Mini Golf each year, which also brings in funds to help support Commander activities such as ABA Tailgate party, Installations and Festival of Trees. Our ladies take the lead on decorating our LOH tree each year. They have done an awesome job each and every time.

Best Regards,

Dean Cook

Commander ABA LOH 2022



# El Jebel Legion of Honor

- EVENTS FOR 2022
- By Commander Ed Richards El Jebel LOH
- The following are the events for the LOH of El Jebel in Denver CO.
- 1 October, Veterans Home visit
- 5 November Veterans Day Parade in Denver
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, monthly LoH meeting locations vary.
- Coming off being dark during the summer the El Jebel LoH has started their LOH meetings back up and continues their parade season as well as going to other events.
- Commander Edward Richards posts the flag at all the Shrine meetings and pulls the LoH trailer during the parade season. If you are in the area and would like to stop in and support the El Jebel LoH be sure to contact Commander Richards to find out the details of the event you are wanting to attend.

# Kaaba Legion of Honor

Hello LOH Nobles,

Congratulations to our new Commander Jeremy Martin and to the other Officers of CSSALOH who were elected to their positions for 2023. The convention in Wichita was a success and joyful time. I am looking forward to a successful 2023, getting together for our Mid-Winter Business Meeting and Annual Business meeting next year. During the year I plan on attending different LOH Unit's meeting if opportunities allow by my employment as a Federal employee with Dept. of the Army. Besides being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander for CSSALOH, I am serving as the Adjutant for Kaaba's Legion of Honor.

Kaaba Legion of Honor (Davenport, IA) had the opportunity to provide the Color Guard for the Winfield, IA, Crooked Days Parade on 6 August. The town of Winfield honored Kaaba's Potentate, Mike Reschly as being the first Potentate from that town.

Hope to see you soon,

Sam Burnett, PC

3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander



# Tangier Legion of Honor

The Tangier LOH strives to be active and support the programs that enhance the Shrinedom. Our Parade Season is just over, and we have put our trailer to bed for the winter. We had a great season and made most of the parades despite the high cost of fuel—our members “are always ready”, regardless of the weather! The theme for our trailer is veterans and we display all the Service Flags, as well as the American, State, and Shrine Flags. One of our members, Allan Kuiper, was honored as the Noble of the Quarter for Tangier Shrine Center—way to go Allan! He went “way above and beyond” to serve the Shrine Center in various capacities during the numerous events held this past quarter. Also, his contributions to the LOH have been nothing less than outstanding. Allan is also a Clown and belongs to the Corvette unit—he excels at it all! We worked, as a unit, at the Tangier Annual Spaghetti Feed (Tangier’s major fund raiser) and it was a huge success! Of special note is that we had three young service members from Offutt AFB join us in support of this endeavor—they were GREAT! We are presently conducting a Flagpole raffle (drawing to be held on November 7, 2022) . The raffle includes as prizes: a 25” Flagpole with a 4x6 American Flag, three house flags with poles, and finally an American Flag . For this veteran’s day on November 11th, we are planning a special program that is a Salute to Our Veteran’s and will include Honors to our Flag and a Keynote speaker. We are also conducting our Memorial Flag Program honoring individuals who are or were a member of the Armed Forces, or a Patriot. Each flag has the name of the individual being honored, their branch of service, and rank. At this time, we are approaching 400 hundred flags that are displayed on the front lawn of Tangier Shrine Center on Memorial and Veteran’s Days! We are actively working with our Directors Staff to set up a Tangier program for the Army/Navy Game. We will honor all veterans with a special music and activities. All proceeds from this activity to go to the Victory Veteran’s Apartments! We are working as co-sponsors with our Keystone Kops for the “Tangier Festival of Trees”. Together, we will provide a Christmas Tree, with theme supporting gifts. Our theme is “Family Fun”! Trees are all actioned as a fund raiser. We are planning our Legion of Honor (LOH) Christmas Party for December 7th. This year we will be dining at Casio’s Steak House. Casio’s graciously donated all the salad dressing that was so necessary to making our Spaghetti Feed such a huge success! Tangier LOH takes Great Pride Posting the Colors at every opportunity and welcomes all invitations to do so! Special Honors go to our LOH Ladies! They work with us in all these endeavors and provide outstanding support--they make it all possible!





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Greetings from Lady Courtney and myself. We are truly thankful for all the support we have received as we have started our journey as Commander of CSSA LOH. This year will be filled with lots of travel for myself and hopefully my lady as well. My first adventure as Commander was out to El Jebel to visit Cmdr Ed Richards and his LoH. What a fantastic group of people and I look forward to seeing them again. I am planning on visiting ABA towards this end of this month. It is be noted that since the annual business meeting, Sesostoris LoH has come back to CSSA LOH! Welcome back and we look forward to seeing you guys!

A little background about myself. I grew up in Southern IL and from a young age took part in historical reenacting. I first started out as a buck skinner and then moved to being a French and Indian War drummer for Ste. Anne's Militia. Shortly thereafter, I then became the drummer for the French Marines of Fort de Chartres, which is the 1740's French stone fort that has been partially rebuilt in Prairie du Rocher, IL. I then became the drummer for Regiment du Guyenne. I truly love history and reading about history. My Lady Courtney says that I was born in the wrong century. I have to tend to agree with her.

If you have a LOH event that you would like for a CSSA LOH Officer to attend, please don't hesitate in requesting for one of us to be there at your event. Also, please not that I am not retired and am a DoD Contractor that does from time to time go TDY to the Middle East to support our troops. I also have a daughter who is a sophomore in HS and is very active with marching band and Rainbow girls, if I am unable to make an event, please understand why. However, I will make ever attempt to be there to support you as you are supporting me.

Yours in the faith,  
Jeremy Martin  
CSSA LoH Commander 2023

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