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Name Change

At the annual convention in April 2025 a bylaw change was approved changing the name of the Association to "International Legions of Honor". The name change became effective on May 5th, 2025. However, while we transition from the old name to the new name you will see some items/documents with the old name. If you have any questions about the name change please contact the International Adjutant. His information is on page 15 contact information.

Arlington 2025

Arlington Wreath Laying.

The Crowne Plaza

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October 29 - November 2, 2025

The Crowne Plaza Crystal City Washington D.C. is just one mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Take advantage of our complimentary shuttle from the airport to the hotel and our location, which is just four miles from the National Mall.

The Crystal City Metro Station provides easy access to Washington D.C. Visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, or one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

More Information will be posted once all the details have been finalized.

Happy Fourth of July

Please be safe this fourth of July. Enjoy the back yard cook outs, baseball, swimming, fireworks and boating. Please follow all safety guidelines. We don't want anyone getting hurt.



"OKAY, SON, WHEN I YELL 'NOW!',
LIGHT THE FUSE AND WE'LL
WATCH THIS BABY BLAST OFF!"



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**October 2025
Newsletter
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The newsletter is published quarterly and is on the ILOH website at <http://www.ialoh.org/newsletter.html>. If you would like something in the newsletter please sent it to me. My contact information is on Page 15.

Now Hear This Commander's Message

I want to begin this article by Congratulating Commander David Hobbs for a great year and a rememberable convention at sea. Lady Vicki and I had a wonderful time. I want to again tell everyone what an honor it is for me to be the 2025-2026 Commander of the International Legions of Honor. Lady Vicki and I will do everything in our power to support you and this superb organization in every way we can.

We kicked off our year by attending the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association in Reading, PA 9-11 May. Noble Wilmont Griffin took over as the New Commander and an exceptional convention Banquet was held at the Rajah Shrine. Lady Vicki and I had a great time and we appreciate the warm welcoming we received from every member of the association as well as from the nobles of the Rajah Shrine.

We had the pleasure of traveling to Ottawa, Canada to participate in the wreath laying at the Canadian Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Saturday, 7 June. It was a double pleasure because I shared the wreath laying with Imperial Sir Richard Burke. Rain was in the forecast, but the weather was perfect with just a little wind, which helped with the heat. This way my third year attending the event and as always Tunis Shrine did it up right. At the Banquet Tunis LOH Commander Fred Haggart was awarded the Distinguish Service Award by 5th Lieutenant Commander Derek McNulty and

myself. Congratulation to Fred on this Achievement.

My plans for the remaining of June are to attend the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Convention in Wenatchee, Washington 17-20 July. As I look at the Association links on the International Web page I do not see anything scheduled for the SASA, TALO or Western Shrine Associations. I cannot make plans to attend your events if they are not posted. Some event may be overlapping and I will need to make a decision soon to work out the logistics.

The Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be conducted the first weekend in November. It is a special event and I would, like as many of you to attend that event as possible. The registration form and schedule can be found on the ILOH Webpage under events. Please pay attention to the cut-off date so you don't miss it. I promise you that it is special and if you have never attended you will be glad you did.

Again, it is my honor to serve as your 2025-2026 Commander of the International Legions of Honor. And I want to get around to as many units as possible during my year. If you have a special event, you would like me to attend, please let me know so I can work it in.

YITF,
Wayne Steele, Commander



International Commander

Wayne Steele



Right:
Commander Steele taking the oath of office issued by PIC David Ginapp.
Left: Change of Command.
LtoR: Ray Combs, Jim Marshall, Wayne Steele, Jerry Gantt, Dave Hobbs, Dan Walther



1st Lieutenant Commander

Greetings. I want to begin by congratulating new International Commander (IC) Wayne Steele and Lady Vicki who were installed at our April Convention. We pledge them our full support for the coming year. We are confident they will lead us forward with a great and inspiring year.

At the time of this writing Lady Theresa and I are preparing for the summer. Although, many of our Shrines go dark for meeting purposes, there are still plenty of Shriner activities around including parades, picnics and installs.

The spring season was a busy time for us. The following is a brief synopsis of what he experienced around Shrinedom and also a preview of events On the Horizon.

On March 15th Lady Theresa and I attended the Kena Spring Oyster Roast and ShrimpFest. This is one of the Temple's largest fundraisers of the year and our best attended event. This event is so popular that our LoH is planning to partner with another Unit to host a Fall Oyster Roast. If successful, this will greatly benefit our LoH and could fund many of our charitable pursuits. "Food for thought" for your LoH unit.

On March 23rd we attended the **Ladies of the Oriental Shrine-North America, Al Manarah Ct.** Installation. The Kena LoH Color Guard looked splendid presenting the colors. There is a special relationship that exists between the Shriners and the "Lady Shriners" that goes back a hundred years. We always present their colors. -The highlight of the spring was the IALOH Convention at Sea April 22-27th. This was the first convention held at sea and I think, all agreed that it was very successful. We had a great ship; a private meeting room, group seating for dining in the Main Dining Room and just the right mix of Shriner LoH events and leisure time. Congratulations to Past IC David Hobbs and Lady Lisa on a great year with a fantastic final act.

On May 8-9 I attended the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) LOH Spring Meeting and Installation in Reading, PA. We had nine different LoH Units present and IC Wayne Steele in attendance. Congratulations to Bill "Sarge" Griffin and his MASA LOH Officers. We have great optimism going forward for a great year.

On May 10 Lady Theresa and I attended the **Kena Potentate's Ball "A Masquerade Affair"** with a fabulous Mardi Gras theme. There were many dignitaries from MASA in attendance; and at least four sitting Potentates swirling around. The camaraderie, Mardi Gras decor and Cajun food contributed to a very successful event.

On the Horizon (events in the next ninety days)
We are looking forward to attending the **Shriner Imperial Convention** from June 28-30 in downtown Atlanta. This will be my sixth or seventh "Imperial Convention" and we're really looking forward to meeting with the IALOH members, presenting the colors and marching at the head of the Imperial Parade! Come out and join us.

On July 12 we will be attending the joint Northern Virginia Shriner-Scottish Rite (Bodies) Family Picnic. Our two organizations are very close and this partnership helps to solidify our masonic bond.

On July 19 we are scheduled to attend the **Kena Ten Thousand Dollar Drawdown**. Someone will be going home with \$10,000. This is another great fundraising idea for your Temple to consider.

On August 2nd we will be attending the MASA Crab Feast at beautiful Boumi Temple in Baltimore, MD. This Mid-Atlantic event honors all the current MASA Potentates and MASA Officers. I am looking forward to meeting with many MASA LoH members including the new MASA LoH Commander and Boumi LoH Team.

On September 5th I will be attending the MASA LOH Fall Meeting and In-Line Inspection in sunny Virginia Beach, VA. MASA LOH Cmdr Griffin is working hard to make this a successful event. Register now for the In-Line and don't forget the annual MASA LoH Luncheon Picnic. The MASA Parade steps off on Saturday.

On September 19-20 Lady Theresa and I will be attending the Southern Assoc. Shrine Association (SASA) LOH Installation in Myrtle Beach, SC. We will be greeting the SASA LoH Officers and greeting IC Steele.

It is shaping up to be a busy summer. If you have a great event, drop me a line and/or sent us an invite. We will do our best to accommodate you. In

Division 7



Geoffrey Lyster, PP, PC, PMC



closing, Lady Theresa and I would like to wish all of you and your families our well wishes. We hope to see soon, at a Shrine Center near you!

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

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Association Information

GLSA

Legions of Honor
50th Annual Convention
August 6 - 10, 2025
Wyndham Indianapolis West
2544 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241

SESA

Summer Conference
August 7-10 2025
Black Fox Lodge
3171 Parkway
Pigeon Forge, TN

TALOH

Mid-Winter Conference
March 12th - 15th, 2026
Townplace Suites by
Marriot - Houston Westchase
10610 Westpark Drive
Houston, Texas 77042

For more information scan the QR Code or go to the website at www.ialoh.org/Associations



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- Top left: You gotta lead; ballroom dancefloor, Pote's Ball, May 10 (Manassas, VA)
- Top rt: In disguise w/Lady Theresa at the Masquerade Ball, May 10 (Manassas, VA)
- Lower left: "I solemnly swear" IALOH Install, Apr 25 (somewhere in the Caribbean Sea)
- Lower ctr: Triumvirate; with MASA LOH Cmdr Griffin and IC Steele, May 9 (Reading, PA)
- Lower rt: Kena LOH (Nobles Bryant, Byrum and Ford) working hard at Kena Oyster Roast, Mar 15 (Manassas, VA).

Voyager of the Seas Veterans Salute

The Voyager of the Seas does a Salute to Veterans on their cruise. It is a ceremony that honors all veterans of the Armed Forces and the First Responders. At this ceremony we were honored that three of our Legionaries were invited to stand on the platform with the Voyager crew. The members standing on the platform were Imp Sir Jerry Gantt, Jim Thompson from Egypt LOH and Brian Harris from Mocha a Canadian LOH Veteran.



3rd Lieutenant Commander

What a blur this last year has been! We went from The Aliante' in Las Vegas and hit the ground RUNNING! Right after that, Connie and I purchased our competition's business and merged them together. We are now doing business as Phoenix Rubber Stamp Company and 1775 Promotional Products and Apparel. We have basically quadrupled our business footprint in less than a year! We then headed off to Imperial in Reno and were able to put together one of the largest Honor Guards to carry Colors in recent memory. We did this for the Imperial Opening Ceremony and the New Imperial Potentate's Pageant. It looks like we may have set a precedent, because I they are wanting to see IALOH do something similar this year too! It is a great problem to have. It gives us a great deal of visibility and allows us to show how IALOH leads the way!

Lady Connie and I then were allowed by Commander Hobbs and Lady Lisa to be responsible to put together their Arlington Pilgrimage in Washington, DC. It was not necessarily the biggest event I have ever supervised, but definitely one of the most intricate. Dealing with planning through multiple military and government agencies, the hotel, bus company and other odd details all from 2,300mi away was a challenge for SURE! Then once there, I don't think I blinked nor slept the entire weekend until Saturday night when I handed over the Arlington Planning

Book to LtCdr. Cook and heard Cdr. Hobbs tell Connie and I we did a good job. (PHEW!! – wiping sweat from brow, sigh of relief!).

Beside all this, I have been attending LOH Meetings, Zoom/Teams Meetings, fielding calls from Shrine's LOH Units asking guidance with regard to starting a new unit, disbanding units and reinstating units. If you are in my region and I have not been to one of your meetings, please reach out to me and assist me in planning a visit to your LOH Unit.

Then, we got to take a few days to enjoy (now Past) International Commander Hobb's Session aboard the Voyager of the Seas for his Session. I think it was only appropriate that a Navy Veteran get to have his session on ship! ...And what a great Session it was! I think Commander and Lisa Hobbs went all out for the session and I think we all owe them a HUGE THANK YOU for not just session, but their whole year and all they did.

Lady Connie and I would like to thank each of you for your support over the past few years and we look forward to seeing you at Imperial, at this year's Arlington Session or in our travels.

Yours in the Faith,
Gerry Massey, PP/PC
3rd LtCdr. For ILOH

Division 5



Gerry Massey, PP, PC



Top: In-line Inspectors, LtoR: Commander Hobbs, Jerry Gantt, Jim Cannington, Rex Sohn, Incoming Commander Wayne Steele.

Middle: Commander Hobbs presenting first place trophy to Al Menah
Left Photo: 6th Lt. Commander Mark Miles presenting DSA award to Jim Thompson, Middle photo: 1st Lt. Commander Geoffrey Lyster presenting DSA to Jim Pulley.



**95th Annual Convention
Lexington, Kentucky
May 6 - 10, 2025
The Campbell House**



The 95th annual convention will be at the Campbell house in Lexington, Kentucky. Commander Steele and Lady Vicki have would hard on making this a great event. The Campbell House is a historic hotel with an equestrian heritage The recently renovated Campbell House is conveniently located near downtown, four miles from Blue Grass Airport and Keeneland Racecourse, putting the best of Lexington at your doorstep. Visit the nearby Kentucky Horse Park, University of Kentucky, or one of the many local bourbon distilleries. Start your day at Outpost Cafe with a freshly brewed specialty coffee and end your night with live music and a flight at The Rackhouse Tavern.

To register for the convention you can go to the ILOH website and [www.ialoh.org/Events/Annual convention](http://www.ialoh.org/Events/Annual%20convention). All the forms at there just click on the required buttons. To make a hotel reservation click on the picture with the hotel reservation link. For more information you can scan the QR code which will take you to the website. We look forward to seeing you in Lexington.

The room rate is \$116.00 from May 5 - 10, 2026. The cut off date to make hotel reservations is April 12, 2026. After that date there is no guarantee you will get the room rate of \$116.00.



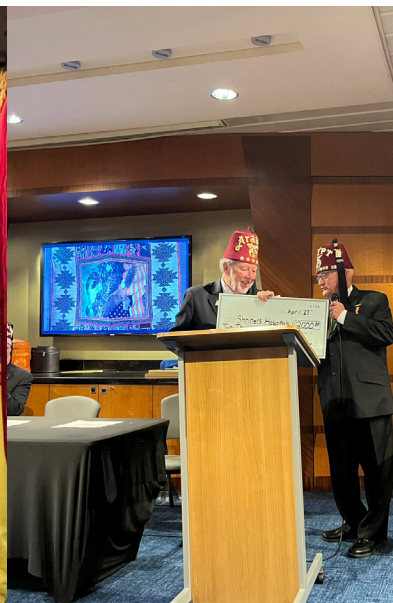
94th Annual Convention



In-line Inspections at the Convention



Top Left: Egypt, Top Right: CSSA, Bottom Left: Al Menah, Bottom Right: Abou Ben Adhem.
1st Place - Al Menah, 2nd Place - Egypt, 3rd Place - CSSA, 4th Place - Abou Ben Adhem.



Left to Right:
Commander
Hobbs
presenting
the traveling
trophy to
Abou Ben
Adhem, the
Noble of the
Year to Jim
Marshall
and check
to Imper
Sir Jerry
Gantt for the
hospital.

7th Lieutenant Commander

Since my last writing, my Lady Heather and I had the opportunity to attend the Texas Association LOH in Houston, Texas. We were finally able to match the faces with the names and boy, they did not disappoint. A welcoming, friendly, and very proud group of patriotic brothers and their wives. Thank you for your hospitality and friendship.

I was in the Toronto St Patrick's Parade again with the Rameses Shriners Maid of the Mist parade unit from the Niagara Shrine Club.

Lady Heather and I greatly enjoyed the IALOH convention cruise. Lots of business and lots of fun. Our name has been changed to International Legions of Honor, and I was promoted to 7th Lt Commander and assigned Division Six. After much kudos to International Commander Hobbs and his Lady Lisa for a job well done - Colonel Wayne Steele USMC (Ret) was installed as the new International Commander. Congratulations to Commander Wayne Steele and his Lady Vicki.

And our newest member of the International line - Gil Negrete and his Lady Sondra - congratulations brother! We look forward to traveling with you

both.

I have been out promoting the LOH and our Arlington Pilgrimage while attending meetings of the Niagara Shriners, Hamilton Shriners, St Catharines Shriners, and Ismailia Shriners.

I attended Memorial Day ceremonies along with my Chief of Staff, Illustrious Sir Dan Walther PC, as part of the Ismailia Color Guard. We participated at the Battle Within Memorial and the Williamsville Cemetery ceremonies. I finished that day with my brothers at my own Springville VFW. Lest we forget. Lastly, I had the honor of participating in the Ottawa Wreath Laying ceremonies at the War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown. A first time to this event for Lady Heather and myself. A very moving and well organized experience. Thank you for all of your efforts brothers. We are currently getting all of our forms in to attend the upcoming SESA convention in Division Six. To all my brothers out there - thank you for still serving!

Doug & Heather.

Division 6



Doug Foss



From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone!

I would like to congratulate Commander Dave Hobbs and Lady Lisa on a fantastic annual convention. The convention on the Voyager of the Seas was great.

I want to congratulate Wayne Steele being elected as the new International Commander and congratulations to all the elected Officers.

The Arlington Wreath Laying is fast approaching so get your registration forms and hotel reservation in as soon

as possible. I am not the Arlington registration Chairmen this year; that duty has been passed to the 4th Lt. Commander Dean Cook.

I plan on getting the Yearbook submitted in early July, so if your Unit is going to submit an ad for the yearbook please do so as soon as possible.

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

YITF,
David Smith, PC



David Smith, PC



Ladies at the Convention



Around the Legion of Honor



Left Photo: Zelzah Posting Colors at the Veterans Lyfe Services Hearts of Gold Gala fundraiser.

Top Right Photo: LtoR: Reggie Winbush PC, Tarek Schoner Cmdr., Alan Wise, PP, PC, Ron Krever PC.

Kabba Posting Colors: Bottom Left: Sam Burnett, Tom Hodges, Ken Winfield posting colors at the Kaaba/El Kahir Potentate Ball. Bottom Right: Sam Burnett, Jose Lao, Greg Walters, Dave Nunn and Brian Huff posting colors at the Ottumwa Shrine Club Bowling Tournament.



Army History

The history of the United States Army began in 1775. The Army's main responsibility has been in fighting land battles and military occupation. The Army Corps of Engineers also has a major role in controlling rivers inside the United States. The Continental Army was founded in response to a need for professional soldiers in the American Revolutionary War to fight the invading British Army. Until the 1940s, the Army was relatively small in peacetime. In 1947, the Air Force became completely independent of the Army Air Forces. The Army was under the control of the War Department until 1947, and since then the Defense Department. The U.S. Army fought the Indian Wars of the 1790s, the War of 1812 (1812–15), Mexican–American War (1846–48), American Civil War (1861–65), American Indian Wars (ended 1890), Spanish–American War (1898), World War I (1917–18), World War II (1941–45), Korean War (1950–53) and Vietnam War (1965–71). Following the Cold War's end in 1991, Army has focused primarily on Western Asia, and also took part in the 1991 Gulf War and war in Iraq, and the war in Afghanistan.

When the American Revolutionary War began in April 1775, the colonial revolutionaries did not have an army. Previously, each colony had relied upon the militia, made up of part-time

civilian-soldiers. The initial orders from Congress authorized ten companies of riflemen. The first full regiment of Regular Army infantry, the 3rd Infantry Regiment, was not formed until June 1784. After the war, the Continental Army was quickly disbanded because of the American distrust of standing armies, and irregular state militias became the new nation's sole ground army, with the exception of a regiment to guard the Western Frontier and one battery of artillery guarding West Point's arsenal.

During the War of 1812, an invasion of Canada failed due to state militias being widely used, and U.S. troops were unable to stop the British from burning the new capital of Washington, D.C. However, the Regular Army, under Generals Winfield Scott and Jacob Brown, proved they were professional and capable of winning tactical victories in the Niagara campaign of 1814. Between 1815 and 1860, the main role of the U.S. Army was fighting Native Americans in the West in the American Indian Wars, and manning coast artillery stations at major ports. The U.S. used regular units and many volunteer units in the Mexican–American War of 1846–48. At the outset of the American Civil War, the regular U.S. Army was small and generally assigned to defend the nation's frontiers from attacks by Indians. Following the Civil

War, the U.S. Army fought more wars with Indians, who resisted U.S. expansion into the center of the continent.

A combined conscript and volunteer force, the National Army, was formed by the United States War Department in 1917 to fight in World War I. During World War II, the Army of the United States was formed as a successor to the National Army. The end of World War II set the stage for the ideological confrontation known as the Cold War. With the outbreak of the Korean War, concerns over the defense of Western Europe led to the establishment of NATO. During the Cold War, American troops and their allies fought communist forces in Korea and Vietnam (see containment). The 1980s was mostly a decade of reorganization. The Army converted to an all-volunteer force with greater emphasis on training and technology. By 1989, the Cold War was nearing its conclusion. The Army leadership reacted by starting to plan for a reduction in strength. After Desert Storm, the Army did not see major combat operations for the remainder of the 1990s. After the September 11 attacks, and as part of the War on Terror, U.S. and other NATO forces invaded Afghanistan in 2001, replacing the Taliban government. The Army took part in the U.S. and allied 2003 invasion of Iraq.



Vietnam

The Vietnam War is often regarded as a low point in the Army's record due to the extensive use of drafted enlisted personnel versus mobilization of Army Reserve and Army National Guard personnel, the unpopularity of the war with the American public, and frustrating restrictions placed on the Army by U.S. political leaders (i.e., no invasion of communist-held North Vietnam). While American forces had been stationed in the Republic of Vietnam since 1959, in intelligence and advisory/training roles, they did not deploy in large numbers until 1965, after the Gulf of Tonkin Incident. American forces effectively established and maintained control of the

"traditional" battlefield, however they struggled to counter the guerrilla hit and run tactics of the communist Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army. For instance in the Tet Offensive in 1968, the U.S. Army turned a large scale attack by communist forces into a massive defeat of the Viet Cong on the battlefield (though at the time the offensive sapped the political will of the American public) which permanently weakened the guerrilla force. Thereafter, most large scale engagements were fought with the regular North Vietnamese Army. In 1973 domestic political opposition to the war finally forced a U.S. withdrawal. In 1975, Vietnam

was unified under a communist government.

During the 1960s the Department of Defense continued to scrutinize the reserve forces and to question the number of divisions and brigades as well as the redundancy of maintaining two reserve components, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. In 1967 Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara decided that 15 combat divisions in the Army National Guard were unnecessary and cut the number to 8 divisions (1 mechanized infantry, 2 armored, and 5 infantry), but increased the number of brigades from 7 to 18 (1 airborne, 1 armored, 2 mechanized infantry, and 14 infantry). The loss of the divisions did not set well with the states. Their objections included the inadequate maneuver element mix for those that remained and the end to the practice of rotating divisional commands among the states that supported them. Under the proposal, the remaining division commanders were to reside in the state of the division base. No reduction, however, in total Army National Guard strength was to take place, which convinced the governors to accept the plan. The states reorganized their forces accordingly between 1 December 1967 and 1 May 1968.



Afghanistan and Iraq - Our Longest War

On 11 September 2001, 53 Army civilians (47 employees and six contractors) and 22 soldiers were among the 125 victims killed in the Pentagon in a terrorist attack when American Airlines Flight 77 commandeered by five Al-Qaeda hijackers slammed into the western side of the building as part of the September 11 attacks. Lieutenant General Timothy Maude was the highest-ranking military official killed at the Pentagon, and the most senior U.S. Army officer killed by foreign action since the death of Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. on June 18, 1945, in the Battle of Okinawa during World War II.

In response to the September 11 attacks, U.S. and NATO forces invaded Afghanistan in October 2001, replacing the Taliban government. This began the "war on terror."

The Army took part in the U.S. 2003 invasion of Iraq, supported by the United Kingdom, Poland, and

Australia. Within months, the mission changed from conflict between regular forces to counterinsurgency, with large numbers of suicide attacks resulting in the deaths of more than 4,000 U.S. service members (as of March 2008) and injuries to thousands more.

Most of the units that carried out the ground campaign phase of the invasion of Iraq, and who bore the larger part of the conflict with the Iraqi Armed Forces in 2003, were those of the Army. Since then, they have performed numerous operations against insurgents.

The Army has had to make several adjustments to address demands on its personnel and equipment. The US Army has utilized its stop-loss policy and has required more of its combat personnel to serve more tours of duty than before due to the need for experienced personnel. Unlike during the war in Vietnam, there was no involuntary draft of Americans into the Army. Instead, the service

employed its Total Force model and mobilized/recalled to active duty numerous Army National Guard and Army Reserve combat arms, combat support, and combat service support units and personnel, often deploying them repeatedly to the Southwest Asia combat zone in a manner similar to their Regular Army counterparts.

As a result of this intense operational tempo, deep concerns arose in the U.S. about the effects of frequent combat deployment on the psychological health of US soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Suicides among US soldiers have been rising, and have reached their highest rate in 26 years. This increase has coincided with US deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

During the insurgency, it was found that most Army and Marine Corps vehicles such as HMMWVs were insufficiently armored, leading to efforts to add greater armor to protect against improvised explosive devices. Some soldiers added armor by using modifications known as hillbilly armor. In the short term, HMMWVs in service in Iraq are being replaced by Category 1 MRAP vehicles, primarily the Force Protection Cougar H and the International MaxxPro. The US Marine Corps plans to replace all HMMWVs patrolling "outside the wire" with MRAP vehicles.

The lack of stability in Iraq has led to longer deployments for Regular Army as well as Army Reserve and Army National Guard troops. U.S. troops withdrew in December 2011, but fighting continues. 3,293 US Army personnel were killed in the conflict.

The Army's chief modernization plan was the Future Combat Systems program. Many systems were canceled and the remaining were swept into the BCT modernization program.



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belong to the
Legion of Honor!*

*The objectives of the
International Association Legions of Honor:*

To foster a Spirit of Patriotism

and Love of Country and Flag;

To Perpetuate the memory

of our Comrades in Arms

who made the Supreme Sacrifice

by giving their lives for their Country

while members of the Armed Forces;

To devote our efforts as individuals

and Legion of Honor Units

to strive for and increase in

Friendship and Cooperation between our

Legion of Honor Units

and other Units of Shriners International.



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