



The Legionnaire

Mid-Winter Wrap up

The Southeastern Shrine Association held its mid-winter conference in Helen, Ga from 13-16 March at the Helendorff Hotel. The location was great, weather cooperated (all the way up until late Saturday night) and everyone had an enjoyable time. Good news; the turnout was the best they have had for a mid-winter in years. 69 Shriners and their families were in attendance, including the Imperial Potentate and his lady. The bad news; the turnout was the worst for LOH for a mid-winter in years. The Legionnaires who attended were the SESA LOH line, Treasurer, and next year's IALOH Commander.

We were only locked in to registering, but most paid for the SESA hospitality and Friday night meal. They were okay, but I think we can do better as LOH, especially for the hospitality.

The only meeting we had to attend was Friday morning and a lot of information was put out by the SESA and International staff.

The summer SESA conference will be held 6-10 August at the Black Fox Hotel in Pigeon Forge. [Hotels Near Island Pigeon Forge - Black Fox Lodge Pigeon Forge, Tapestry Collection by Hilton](#)

We will have our own (no cost) hospitality room and many (if not all) of the LOH attendees will be on the same floor... if we know you registered! The conference is going to go through Sunday, so if you make your reservations, try to stay from Thursday until Sunday. Our events will be Friday again, with the personnel inspection competition at 0800, followed by the necrology report and annual meeting/elections. Friday night we will have a LOH banquet, like years past. Saturday will include a parade, led by a multi-unit LOH colorguard, and Saturday night will include a filet mignon dinner for all the SESA attendees. Keep you eyes out for registration info for both the SESALOH portion and SESA summer session.

And HEADS UP! Be thinking about some item you can bring for a silent auction to raise money for the LOH Association.



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“When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen”
George Washington

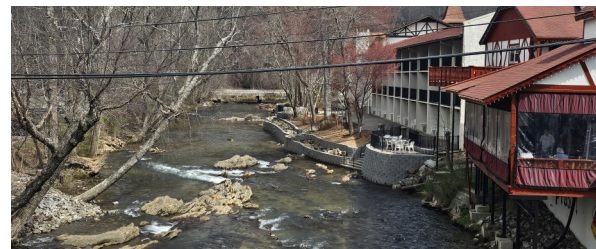
Legion of Honor Dues

You each are aware of your individual membership dues, but also be aware of your unit obligations.

SESA LOH membership dues are \$50, payable no later than the end of the year. Nobles, half our units have not paid their annual dues. Please get them in.

IALOH dues are \$4.00 per member, with a minimum dues of \$40.00 for units with less than 10 members.

Photos from SESA Mid-winter, Helen, GA



Message from the Commander

Nobles,

I would like your feedback on how our organization is doing. We had a pretty low turn-out for mid-winter. Was is cost, location? If we don't know what your issues are, we can't make course corrections and do better.

I would also like to ask for your input on this newsletter. Each unit is doing something great, either in their Temple or community. Be proud, and share it with the rest of the SESALOH. It may give them some ideas for how they can better improve their units.

This will be a special year for us. One of our own, Noble Wayne Steele, will be installed as Commander of IALOH, something that doesn't happen very often. Please make plans to support him in every way you can during this upcoming year.

And, we have one submission for the line for next year. If you have a member willing to lead SESALOH, get the nomination in quickly!

Nobles, remember; in order for us to be the SESALOH, we need to PARTICIPATE in the SESA events.

Fraternally,

Steve Singleton
2024/5 Commander



Southeastern Shrine Association Summer Conference

7-10 August 2025
Black Fox Lodge
3171 Parkway
Pigeon Forge, Tn

CALL (865) 286-2243 by
30 June 2024

When calling for reservations, be sure to mention
SESA Legion of Honor



Southeastern Shrine Association Mid-Winter 2025

4-7 Feb

Savannah, Ga

"Man's greatest concern is to know how he shall properly fill his place in the universe and correctly understand what he must be in order to be a man."

Immanuel Kant

Why 2 Registrations?

Some of you may be wondering why we have to register twice for SESA events; once for SESA and again for SESALOH.

The reasoning is, SESA leadership need to know how many are attending. They ask for a registration fee, which is required to attend SESA Saturday night banquet, parade and SESA-sponsored events.

The second registration is specific to LOH. We have to know how many are coming to plan for numbers for our Friday night banquet & allow menu selection.

Please be sure to get both registrations in for the summer con-



Looking Ahead– Plan to be there!

If you are not registered for the IALOH cruise/installation it is too late. You will be missing out on a great time as our Noble Wayne Steele is installed as the Commander of IALOH.

But don't let that deter you! There is plenty of opportunity to support one of our own through the year.

June 29-3 July— First up will be the Imperial Session held in Atlanta, Ga. Great hotels have been lined up and since parking is so expensive, they have arranged for a three acre lot for Shriner parking and shuttles to the hotels. The Legions have been asked to present colors at the opening ceremony and to lead the Imperial Session parade in Atlanta. A photo of our units doing this during the Nashville parade is at the right side of page.

There will be bands and entertainment every night of the event, concluding with the Beatles tribute band Fab 4. Opening will be Sunday at 2:00, Shrine parade that night down Peachtree Street.

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/events/2025/151st-imperial-session>

7-10 Aug— SESA Summer Session, to be held at the new Black Fox Lodge in Pigeon Forge. We will be asked to provide a color guard for the opening around noon on Thurs, so please try to have one of your members in uniform available. We will also lead the parade as previous years on Saturday. Have someone available to march about a half mile, with a van following if replacements are needed. The more units participating, the better. As previously stated, our events will all be held from Friday morning until the banquet Friday night.

<https://seshrine.org/annual-meeting-2025>

28 Oct-2 Nov— Arlington Wreath-laying ceremony. This is a must-attend event if you have never been, Our Commander and the Imperial Potentate will lay a wreath at a ceremony. There is a full schedule of events planned.

<http://www.ialoh.org/arlington-wreath-laying.html>

The 2019 Imperial Session Parade Color



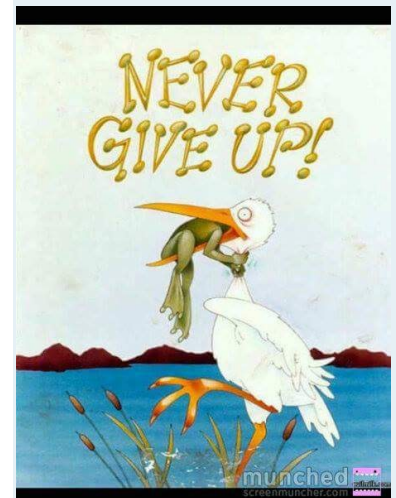
Got Questions? ASK !! 2024/5 SESA LOH Contact List

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**GET YOUR IMPERIAL SESSION AND SUMMER SESA
CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS IN**

Don't forget
your Certifi-
cate of Insur-
ance if you
plan on par-
ticipating in
the parade !!



Get your Legion of Honor AND SESALOH gear here!!

A store has been created where you can order Legion of Honor shirts, hats, etc OR... SESALOH logo gear as well. Take a look at the site and show your Legion pride by wearing this gear.

<https://almenahlegionofhonor.qbstores.com/home>



Paul Revere Was Also a Pioneering Dentist

Paul Revere went down in history for his famous “Midnight Ride,” when, as the story goes, he warned the residents of Lexington, Massachusetts, that “the British are coming” (though he likely never said that exact phrase). But what few people know is that Revere was also a local dentist. In 1770, five years before his “Midnight Ride,” Revere placed an ad in the *Boston Gazette* that read, “Fix [teeth] as well as any Surgeon-Dentist who ever came from London.” What’s more, Revere was the first person in the U.S. to practice dental forensics. One of Revere’s patients was physician Joseph Warren, the Patriot who alerted Revere about the British advance the night of April 18, 1775. Warren was killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill a few months later, and it took nine months — after the British evacuated Boston — for Revere to search the mass graves for his friend. As Warren’s dentist, Revere was able to successfully identify the body by noticing his own dental handiwork, the first known use of dental forensics in the new nation.

Do you recognize this flag?



SESA/SESALOH Summer meeting 2025

Wednesday 8/6/25

12:00 - 4:30 Registration – Information – Black Fox Convention Center Lobby

6:30 - 9:30 President's Reception – SESA Hospitality Suite Hosted by Yaarab Shrine

Thursday 8/7/25

9:00 - 5:00 Registration – Information – Black Fox Convention Center Lobby

9:00 - 11:00 SESA Opening Session & Presentations – Black Fox Convention Center (**LOH Color guard**)

11:00 - 1:00 Nobles Lunch Break

11:00 – 2:00 First Lady's Luncheon – Black Fox Convention Center

1:00 - 4:00 SESA Business Meeting – Black Fox Convention Center

4:00 - 5:00 Southeastern Shrine Clown Association Business Meeting – Black Fox Convention Center

7:30 Water Buffalo Degree – Black Fox Convention Center

Friday 8/8/25

7:00 - 9:00 Southeastern Shrine Clown Association "SESCA" Registration – Black Fox Convention Center Lobby

8:00 - 2:00 Motor Corp Competition – TBA

8:00 -11:00 Southeastern Shrine Hillbilly Association Competition – Back Parking Lot of Convention Center with Business

Meeting to follow - Hillbilly & Master Hillbilly Degrees will be conferred 5:30pm to 9pm – Black Fox Conv. Center

8:00 Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association In-Line Competition

9:30 -11:30 Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association Necrology Service – Black Fox Convention Center

Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association Business Meeting – Black Fox Conv. Center

9:00 - 1:00 Registration – Information – Black Fox Convention Center Lobby

9:00 - 10:00 Southeastern Shrine Provost Guard Association Uniform Inspection - TBA

9:00 - 2:00 Southeastern Shrine Clown Association "SESCA" Competition – Black Fox Conv. Center

10:00 - 10:00 Southeastern Shrine Provost Guard Association Business Meeting - TBA

11:30 - 12:00 Parade Marshal's Meeting – Black Fox Convention Center

** All Temples that are planning on parading are required to have a Representative at this meeting. **

** All Temples must have submitted a Certificate of Insurance "COI" to the SESA Secretary/Treasurer to validate Parade Insurance *

5:30 to 9pm Hillbilly Association Banquet – Black Fox Convention center

5:30 Motor Corp Association Banquet – Location TBA

6:00 Clown Association Banquet – Location TBA

6:00 Legion of Honor Association Commander's Banquet – Location TBA

6:00 Provost Guard Association Banquet – Park Grove Inn (7th Floor)

Saturday 8/9/25

8:00 Parade Line-up – Location map given at Parade Marshal's Meeting

9:00 Parade Step-off

6:00 - 10:30 Nobility & Awards Night - Ukelele, Harp & Dobro Rooms, Music Road Convention Center Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar, Joint Installation of Board of Directors & Unit Associations, Karaoke and Awards

Legion of Honor Objectives

- To perpetuate the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country.
- To foster a spirit of patriotism and love of country and its flag.
- To cultivate a spirit of comradeship among all Shrine organizations.
- To promote fellowship and unite more closely in the con-



LEGION OF HONOR



Southeastern Shrine Association Legions of Honor

Candidate Guidelines

This is intended to furnish any prospective candidate for the Officers of the Line of the Southeastern Shrine Association Legions of Honor. It must be emphasized that these are guidelines not directives that must be followed exactly.

1. Line Officers do not receive any monetary benefits of any kind, in other works you must pay your way to all events.
2. When you first declare your candidacy in order to be nominated you must submit a letter of intention to the Adjutant by the first week in July (30 days prior to the August Meetings) accompanied by letters of support of your candidacy from your Unit and from your Shrine Center Potentate.
3. At the meeting that you are elected to 3rd Lt. Commander the SESA will determine where they will meet the year that you will finish your tour as Commander and where you will need to plan for the LOH meetings, hospitality, and banquet. That will be 4 years down the road, but you will find that there is a lot of planning goes into it and you will need advice (a good place to get advice is Past Commanders and your Unit, if they have hosted it in the past).
4. Your duties are spelled out in the by-laws, but briefly: As 3rd Lt. you will work with the Adjutant to account for all the delegates. As 2nd Lt. you will be working with the Competition Coordinator to insure that there are judges in place. As 1st Lt. you work with the Chaplain to see that the details of the Memorial Services including the wreath are worked out. As Commander you will be expected to plan for the Mid-Winter Meeting (at a place of your choice), as well as the Annual Meeting.
5. The SESA LOH funds are derived from the Units dues and donations or ads in the quarterly newsletter. Besides paying for the newsletter out of these funds you also have postage for any correspondence sent out, pay for the next Commander's Medallion, and buy the trophies for the competition at your annual meeting. At present the newsletter pays for itself.
6. There will also be a personal discretionary fund that you need to build up during your time as Lt. Cmdr. through raffles and fund raisers that is separate to the SESA LOH funds. You also have the banquet money for midwinter and annual meeting pass through this account.
7. Out of the personal discretionary fund you would purchase such things (at your discretion) as pins, shirts, food and drink for hospitality at midwinter and annual meetings, ties etc etc. Again it is emphasized that this is a Personal Discretionary Fund.
8. Finally you will need to attend as many functions as possible to support the Officers above you and to gain support for the year you will be Commander. The showing of the flag has been one of the main reasons that we have been able to grow as much as we have in the past few years.
9. One last thing is that you have to order and purchase your own Commanders Fez.