



Southeast Shrine Association Legions of Honor

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The Legionnaire

Memento Mori

This Latin phrase became prevalent during the Roman Era and translates “Remember, we are born to die”. Sadly, we were reminded of that too often this past summer when we lost two dear members of the SESALOH family.

Vicki Steele, wife of ILOH and Past SESALOH Commander Wayne Steele passed away after being found unconscious in their room at the SESA Summer conference. She spent her first night helping decorate the hospitality room and get gift bags together. Vicki was at EVERY Legion of Honor event, whether it was local, regional and nationally and fully supported each of us. Her loss was sudden and unexpected, and we will dearly miss her presence at our events.

At about about the same time, we received notification that Noble Harry Dunn, Past SESALOH Commander was diagnosed with cancer. Harry had earlier this year celebrated his 100th birthday, received his 80 year Masonic pin (let that sink in) and had served as the oldest WM in the state at 98—for the first time. He was also recipient of the ILOH Distinguished Service Award. Harry was an institution at his Temple, being the mainstay of fundraising and always offering good advice to the leadership who came behind him.

Both of theses losses affected us deeply, specifically at Al Menah LOH but throughout the Legion Brotherhood. We should each take the time to realize our earthly days are numbered; not to dwell on this in sadness, but rather to live each day to the fullest. We do this by spending quality time with family, continuing our selfless service through our lodges and Temples, and remembering to honor and give thanks to God at every opportunity for our many blessings.



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

SESA Legion of Honor Accolades

- ILOH Commander: Noble Wayne Steele (SESALOH CDR 2023)
- ILOH Legionnaire of the Year: Noble Jim Marshall (SESALOH CDR 2020)

Photos from SESA 2025, Pigeon Forge



Biography of the 2025/6 Commander

Born 1963 in Clarksburg WV. Noble Lemasters graduated from Washington Irving High School in 1981 then joined the United States Air Force. He landed in Civil Engineering as a Protective Coating Specialist (fancy term for a painter) then cross-trained into the Electrical Career Field. He was stationed at several bases including Wright Patterson, Hickam, Nellis, RAF Lakenheath, Charleston, Malmstrom and finally Warner Robins Georgia where he retired after 26 years as the Infrastructure Superintendent at the rank of Master Sergeant. He deployed to several locations worldwide while in CE and three RED HORSE Squadrons earning him 26 decorations, most notably the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Long and Short tour Ribbons and the NATO Medal.



He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2001 and quickly excelled in his Masonic Journey to the following: Perpetual member of his Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Al Sihah Shrine Temple. He was Installed as Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH), Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) and is an active member of these prestigious groups: Red Cross of Constantine, current President of National Sojourners Chapter, Past Sovereign Master of Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD), Middle Georgia York Rite College and is the current Secretary/Recorder of Middle Georgia York Rite Bodies, AMD, KCCH and current Treasurer of the Valley of Middle Georgia Scottish Rite. He was Commander of Al Sihah Shrine Legion of Honor in 2010 and just recently installed as Commander of the South Eastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor in August 2025 and currently 1st Vice President of his Shrine Club.

Noble Lemasters's beautiful wife of 28 years, Lady Tracey J. Lemasters, has been the steady pulse of his marriage and his greatest influence. They are excited to be in the position they are in and look forward to a great year with the SESALOH.

Southeastern Shrine Association Mid-Winter Conference

5-8 Feb 2026

Hotel Indigo
Savannah, GA

Reservations:

1-877-666-2143

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Biography of 2025/6 SESALOH 1st LCdr

DAD BAD Jokes

In my many years, I have
come to the conclusion
that one useless man is
a shame, two is a law
firm, and three or more
is a congress.

Q: Why did George
Washington have trou-
ble sleeping? A: Be-
cause he couldn't lie.

A Frenchman walks into
a library and asks for a
book on warfare. The
librarian replies, "You'll
only lose it."

Q: If April showers bring
May flowers, then what
do May flowers bring?
A: Pilgrims.

Ken Dougherty earned his BS in accounting from the University of Kentucky(1971) He retired from the Navy, working his way up from enlisted radioman and finally as Commander in special duty intelligence with 28yrs. After retirement, he worked as a CPA until retirement.

Ken is Past Master of Blue Grass Lodge 956 F & AM (1980), member of Scottish Rite (50 yr member), York Rite, Allied Masonic Bodies, and Knight Mason. He is a fifty year member of Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington, KY and is the Treasurer Emeritus(12yr) & member of Shrine Treasurer Association of NA (emeritus), Noble Dougherty is on the Shriners Childrens Hospital (Lexington) Board of Governors (20yr), and Emeritus Treasurer(9yr). He served as the Oleika Legion of Honor Commander in 2007.



Biography of 2025/6 SESALOH 2nd LCdr

Andrew Cosenza was born in New Haven, Connecticut in 1949. In 1968 he joined the Air Force and after completing four years of service, moved back to Connecticut. He became a Mason with in Woster Lodge # 79 in New Haven and in 1985, moved to Florida where he became a member of Harbor City Lodge # 318.. He and his wife Lady Patsy live in Melbourne, Fl.

Noble Cosenza currently is with the Azan Shrine Legion of Honor, having served as Adjutant for five years, and their current Commander.



Weird Laws

In the city of Chico, California, it is technically illegal to detonate a nuclear weapon within city limits. This peculiar law, enacted during the height of Cold War fears, was intended as a symbolic gesture against nuclear war rather than a practical statute. The ordinance imposes a hefty fine of \$500 for any violator. However, enforcing such a law would obviously be moot in the catastrophic event of a nuclear detonation.



The law reflects the anxiety of the nuclear age when small towns across the United States grappled with the looming threat of atomic war. While clearly impractical, the statute highlights how even local governments sought ways to make a statement against the escalating arms race. It remains on the books today, a quirky yet sobering reminder of an era when nuclear annihilation felt like a constant possibility.

250th Anniversaries for Army, Navy and Marine Corps

Congress established the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps at different times. The Continental Congress established the Continental Army, Navy, and Marines before the Revolutionary War. After the war, Congress established the current military branches.

- **Continental Army:** Authorized on **June 14, 1775**, and put under George Washington's command the next day
- **Continental Navy:** Voted on **October 13, 1775**
- **Continental Marines:** Established on **November 10, 1775**

- **United States Army:** Established on June 3, 1784
- **United States Navy:** Established on March 27, 1794
- **United States Marine Corps:** Established on July 11, 1798

Looking for a unit project that will help teach 8th graders about the Constitution?

Here it is!

The 917 Society was created to provide a copy of the Constitution to every 8th grader, as required by federal law (that doesn't mean it is being taught!)

They print and distribute to any school or organization that desires copies.

You can help by determining how many 8th graders are in your local schools and then ordering copies for distribution.

[917 SOCIETY](#)



*“ The eagle
soars at it’s
greatest
height dur-
ing the
storm.”*

Looking Ahead– Plan to be there!

28 Oct-2 Nov 2025—*Arlington Wreath-laying ceremony.*



October 29 - November 2, 2025
Crowne Plaza Hotel
1480 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

PH: 703-416-1600

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

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



6-10 May 2026 - ILOH Annual Convention

**Campbell House
Lexington Ky.**



<http://www.ialoh.org/annual-convention.html>

Our Nation's 250th is coming up— get involved!

2026 marks our nation's 250th anniversary (some of our services have already started celebrating—see service history on page 5).

Besides the 4th of July, there will be many festivities throughout the year. **YOUR CHALLENGE:** find out what is going on in your community and get involved! Let the people in your city and towns know that Shriners is more than clowns and cars: it represents those who served our nation as well.

Don't know where to start? Contact your local National Sojourners, Sons of American Revolution or Daughters of American Revolution.

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

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**GET YOUR MID-WINTER SESA
CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS IN
NOW !!!**

Don't forget your
Certificate of In-
surance if you
plan on partici-
pating in the
SESA parades !!



**ALL MILITARY VETERANS
Contact Your Local
Legion of Honor Unit**



REMINDER !!!

ALL UNITS ARE REMINDED THAT YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ELECTIONS AT YOUR OCTOBER MEETING.

WHEN ELECTIONS ARE DONE (YES, BEFORE INSTALLATION) SEND YOUR LIST OF NEW OFFICERS TO THE SESALOH ADJUTANT:

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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-



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