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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

IALOH Annual Meeting

Toronto, ON

04 July 2010

PNSA LoH Meeting

Spokane, WA

28 July-01 August 2010

MASA LoH Competition

Virginia Beach, VA

10 September 2010

SASA LoH Meeting

Myrtle Beach, SC

17 September 2010

IALOH Wreath Laying

Arlington, VA

04-07 November 2010

Check the IALOH web site for
Upcoming Association Events

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

*If your Association is
Having an event
And it isn't listed here—
It could have been...*

From the Commander's Desk...

Nobles and Ladies, thank you for your support and confidence to elect me as the 2010-2011 Commander of the IALOH. It is a position I take with great pride and determination, and I will serve this organization to the best of my abilities. I look forward to an exciting year, and LET'S HAVE FUN!



"Butch" Arnold

First, I want to thank Past Commander Bill Glenn and Lady Shirley for a great Convention in Chattanooga. Although many of us were concerned when Commander Glenn began to disrobe during the Welcome Party, we were all happy to see he was wearing clothes under his costume.

At the election, I.S. Ray Combs, PP, (and Lady Pat) from Antioch Shrine in Dayton, Ohio, was elected the new 8th Lt. Commander. His twin brother Roy is his COS. Please welcome 8th Lt. Commander Combs as our newest officer. I would also like to thank I.S. Harold Kitchens, PP, PIC, for nominating me for this office; I.S. Bill Bowser, PP, PIC, for serving as my Installing Officer; and High Priest and Profit Robert Maxwell, PIC, for serving as my Installing Marshall. All three of these Nobles have been a great source of support for many years.

Even though Lt. Combs is not included in our fund-raiser calendar, you may still be interested in the IALOH calendar created for this year.

The calendar runs from April, 2010, through March, 2011. Each month features a "unique" picture of an IALOH officer. It also lists all the conventions throughout the year, including our 2011 Convention in Branson, MO. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar to support this fundraiser, contact me or any Lt. Commander to get a copy.

Congratulations also go out to all the LOH Units who participated in competition during the Annual Convention. We had six Temples in drill team and in-line inspection: Abou Ben Adhem, Ainad, Al Amin, Algeria, Moslah, and Yaarab. It was great to see the level of participation this year and I hope you all return to compete in Branson in 2011.

The first week after I was elected as Commander, Lady Debbie and I traveled to Moila Shrine in St. Joseph, Missouri. As always, we had a great time with COS Kenny Miller and Lady Mary. As a member of Moila, it is like going home to see so many friends there. Thank you to Commander Dave Winslow and Lady Donetta for your hospitality. They presented me with a black Stetson, a tradition for visiting International Commanders. What scared me was Lady Debbie's response when I put on the hat. She yelled "Save a horse and ride a cowboy", and I knew I was in

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trouble. COS Miller and I also played in a golf tournament while there, and we actually took second place in "B Flight". All in all, it was a great weekend.

May started off with another golf tournament at Moila to benefit Shrine Hospitals. COS Miller and I did our best, but we were one shot "too good" to place. The following Tuesday, COS Miller and I headed to FSA in Ocala, Florida. We were joined by 4th Lt. Commander Ted Henderson and our 6th Lt. Commander's COS, Tracy Coughlin and his Lady Janet. The weather was not cooperative for golf, but that did not stop the fun.

A big thank you to Bahia LOH Commander Bill Morris and Lady Edie for taking such good care of us and allowing us to ride on your



I.S. Ken Snider (Tunis CDR and P.P.), Intl. Commander Butch Arnold, I.S. John Ruffo (Tunis Potentate), COS Kenny Miller and 7th LCDR Morris Sykes.

trailer during the parade. Congratulations to all FSA Officers elected and installed at this convention. I would like to offer my personal thank you to FSA LOH Commander George Barber and Lady Linda for their hospitality. Commander Barber left the hospital for a short time to attend the convention. I am saddened however, to report that CDR Barber passed away a few days following

the convention. Please keep Lady Linda and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

The last weekend in May, COS Miller and I attended the Ottawa Wreath Laying Ceremony in Ottawa, Ontario. We were joined by 7th Lt. Commander Morris Sykes. Since there was a marathon going on at the same time, the events were a little different this year. The wreath laying, however, went as planned. I highly recommend attending this event if you have never done so. Ottawa is a beautiful city with much to do, and Tunis Shrine will help you feel very welcome.

Thank you to Commander Ken Snider and Lady Wendy for your help and hospitality. An thank you to Ill. Sir John Ruffo and the Nobles and Ladies of Tunis. We had a great time.

At the time of this writing, June looks to be a quiet month. However, July trips will include the Imperial Session in Toronto, Ontario; El

Hasa's Commander's Ball in Ashland, Kentucky; and PNSA in Spokane, Washington. During August and September, Lady Debbie and I will travel to the GLSA Convention in Evansville, Indiana, and the CSSA Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I invite you all to attend any events you can and join the fun and camaraderie.



Intl. Commander Butch Arnold, accompanied by Noble Harold Newton (Rameses), I.S. John Ruffo (Tunis Potentate), I.S. Ken Snider (Tunis CDR and P.P.), and Noble Ernie Mierau (Rameses), prepares to lay the wreath at the Canadian Tomb of the Unknowns.

Remember to make your reservations for the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony. Hospitality opens Thursday, November 4, and the Wreath Laying Ceremony takes place on Saturday, November 6. The great thing about Arlington is that no matter how many times you attend the ceremony, it is always a moving experience. And you won't run out of things to see and do in the Washington, DC, area. If you have never attended, plan to attend this year and see what you have been missing.

I am excited to be your Commander for 2010-2011. Please keep me informed of any events you have planned, and I will do my best to attend as my schedule allows. Keep practicing for competition and keep selling those yearbook ads. This is a great organization, and I am proud to lead you into the next decade. It is an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor. Share the honor with others, and help grow this organization.

Yours in the Faith,
Butch Arnold
Int'l. Commander

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division One

The Annual Convention was in Chattanooga, Tennessee what fun if you missed it you missed the time of your lift. Past International Commander Glenn, his lady and all of his committee did an outstanding job. What a ride we had on the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, thanks Bill.



Tony Murray

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank the members for electing me to the position of the 1st Lt. Commander. As they say here in Washington, DC when you are in the number two spot "You are only a heart beat away". There is much work to be done, and I know that the Officers that you elected will do an outstanding job. Congratulations to all of the Officers as they move up the line. I know that our new International Commander L. R. "Butch" Arnold and Lady Debbie will have a fun year. Welcome to the new guy on the

block, 8th Lt. Cmdr. Ray Combs and his COS Roy Combs we look forward to working with both of you. I am looking forward to the annual meeting in Toronto, Ontario. I hope that many you will be there to make the meeting which is set for July 4, from

9:00 AM to 12 Noon, at the Metro Toronto Convention Center in room 205A. See you there.

Myself, my Chief of Staff and our ladies would again like to thank the members of Ismailia Legion of Honor who attended the convention for all of the hospitality that was shown to us and to Imperial Sir John Cinotto. Larry: Imp. Sir John said that you did it to him again this year, I think you know what he is talking about. I Hope!!!

Congratulations to all of the LOH members who received the Distinguished Service Award for 2009/2010. You have worked hard not only for your own LOH units but also for the IALOH. Just keep up the good work.

I am sorry that I was not able to attend the MASA LOH session in Reading, PA or the SASA LOH session in Richmond, VA, as I was the Chairman

and Master of Ceremonies for the Potentate's Ball at Almas Shrine Center. I want to thank my Chief of Staff Ralph Bartlett for representing me at the SASA Session and PIC and IALOH Finance Officer Peter Phillips for representing me at the MASA Session. Both meetings were on the same weekend. Please thing about that in the future.

Congratulation to the newly elected MASA LOH Commander and SASA elect- Commander and all of their officers and their ladies, they will do a fine job this year. I look forward to working with them in any way that I can.

Lady Jennifer and myself have been doing some traveling, I would like to thank the members of Rajah LOH for the hospitably doing their Commander's Ball. We plane to do a little more. I am looking forward to the Military Ball in Ashland, KY the third weekend in July. I have been to a few LOH meetings and picnics, as well as various Shrine functions. I wish each of you the best for the summer and if you have things planed for your LOH unit or club please let me know. My COS and I hope to attend as many as we can. If anyone has dates and events they would like for me to attend please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in the Faith,

Tony S. Murray, PP
1st Lt. Cmdr., IALOH

TAPS

George W. Barber Jr.	PC	18 May 2010
Morocco	PC FSA LoH	
Foster T. Secord	PC	25 May 2010
Maskat	PC TALOH	

**In Memory of
Our Departed Brothers**

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Four

Well, here it is, time for another article for the newsletter. Where does the time go?

First things first. The big news for this last quarter was our Annual Convention, held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. As usual, I think everyone who attended has a great time. Congratulations and much thanks to our Immediate Past Commander Bill Glenn and his Lady Shirley. I think they put on a wonderful convention, as well as a fine year in charge. Congratulations are also in order for our new International Commander Butch Arnold and his Lady Debbie. I'm sure that anyone who knows Butch and Debbie will agree that this is going to be a very interesting and fun year. Commander Butch announced that his convention next year will be in Branson, Missouri. It sounds like another great time to get together and have fun. I know I'm already looking forward to it.

Congratulations are also in order for our newest member of the Officer's line, Ray Combs, P.P., our new 8th International Lieutenant Commander. Ray hails from Antioch Shrine in Dayton, Ohio. I look forward to serving with illustrious Sir Ray.

Since the convention I been able to make one trip for the IALOH. That was to Ocala, Florida for the annual Florida Shrine Association Legion Of Honor convention. This was a great weekend as I got



Ted Henderson

to "go home" and see many of my fellow Floridians that I have missed while serving in Texas. Also there was Commander Butch and his Chief of Staff Kenny Miller, and the 5th Division Chief of Staff, Tracy Coughlin. We all had a great time, and I want to particularly thank the members of the FSA LOH, the Morocco Shrine LOH, and the Ocala Shrine Club LOH for their efforts and hospitality.

Well, this year I was elected as the 4th International Lieutenant Commander, so that means I am responsible for our annual pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery in November. Our plans are well under way, so look for more news soon with more specifics. The Hotel Registration Form and the Commander's Luncheon Form have both already been posted on the IALOH website. The Hotel Registration Form should be submitted to our Housing Chairman, Ray Coffey, no later than August 20th; and the Commander's Luncheon Form should be submitted to me no later than October 15th. I am very pleased that Ray Coffey has agreed to serve as our Housing Chairman; Louis A. Galati has agreed to serve as our Honor Guard Commander; and, C.F. "Andy" Anderson has agreed to serve as the Commander of Units. On the Arlington Committee itself this year are myself as Chair, 6th International Lieutenant Commander Jim Pulley as Co-Chair,

my Chief of Staff, Wayne Welsh, P.P., Gary Henderson, P.P., P.I.C., and Howard Wynia. We are going to try some different ideas this year so make sure you stay tuned. If you have any questions, suggestions, thoughts or issues this year, contact myself or the members of the committee.

Speaking of my new assignments, this year my units in Division 4 are Aahmes, Al Bahr, Al Malai-kah, Al Malaikah Desert Platoon, Aloha, Anezeh, Asiya, Azan, Ben Ali, El Bekal, El Maida, El Zari-bah, Khiva, Sabbar, Tehran, and Zelzah; which means I have responsibilities in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Mexico. This is a huge area and I hope to visit as many units as possible. If you are from one of these units and would like me to attend one of your functions, please let me know the specifics and I'll do my best to be there. In fact, if there is any function that any unit or association would like me to attend, please let me know.

Finally, I want to thank all of the units and representatives at the convention for electing me to be your 4th International Lieutenant Commander for this year. I am honored by your voted and please to continue serving you on the International line. Although each International Lieutenant Commander has certain units for which he is specifically responsible, I have always felt that as one of the International Officers I represent all of the Legion units and members, not just those in my

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2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Two

This summer has started off rather slowly with limited activity. I did attend the Texas Shrine Association meeting in June. This year it was held in Fort Worth and was very well attended.



Jack Tuomey

The Texas Association Legions of Honor lost a Past Commander of TALOH, Foster T. Secord, on May 25, 2010. He served in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years, serving

in both the Korean and Viet Nam wars. Foster was a member of Masket Temple Legion of Honor in Wichita Falls, Texas for some 40 years and needless to say he was an important part of their unit. Not only did he serve his Temple but he also served Veterans by transporting them to Veterans Hospitals for the past 10 years. He was a great man and a credit to the Shrine.

So far I have plans on attending the Great Lakes Shrine Association and Central States Shrine Association Conventions during the next quarter. So maybe I will see some of you during those activities.

Please let me know if you have an activity coming up that you would like me to attend and I will do my utmost to be there with you.

Yours in the Faith,

Jack Tuomey

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Three

Greetings all.

Thanks to outgoing International Commander Bill Glenn and Lady Shirley for hosting the annual convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in April. Good convention this year and we all wish

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division. If any member unit or Legionnaire has any questions, issues, or concerns that they would like to discuss, I will be only too happy to discuss anything with you that you think might be beneficial to you, your unit, your association, or the IA-LOH.

Well, that's about it for now. I think I hear taps in the distance, and reveille comes pretty early these days. I still have access to my email account, so please feel free to write. Until we talk or see each other again, I am,

Yours in the faith,
Ted Henderson

them well. I'm sure we will be seeing them down the road.

Congratulations to our newly installed Commander, Butch Arnold, and his lady Debbie. They have both worked hard over the years and will continue to do so this year.

It was necessary for the Commander to make some changes in the Division assignments this year so be sure to check the Division listings elsewhere in this newsletter.

Division Chief of Staff Claude Meade and Lady Robbie, Chief Aide/Past SASA Commander Don Mc Brayer and Lady Vicki and several others from El Hasa, along with Lady Judy and I, attended the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) LOH Spring meeting 15 – 17 April in Richmond, Virginia. A Tip-of-the Fez



Woody Mitchell

to SASA Commander Carroll Barnard, Lady Mary, and all the folks at Acca for an outstanding meeting. The camaraderie and hospitality, as always, was great. Congratulations to 3rd Lt. Commander-Elect David Conley of Amran LOH in Raleigh, North Carolina. We

wish Dave and Lady Karen the very best. The SASA LOH Installation will be in September at the Annual SASA Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Those interested in attending the El Hasa Military Ball 15 – 17 July 2010 please contact me for a flyer and registration form.

God Bless our Troops and remember that, "It's an Honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

Yours in the Faith,

Woody

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Five

Greeting Nobles,

What a wonderful year we just concluded with an outstanding convention in Chattanooga. What a great time we had – and we got lots of exercise. It was good to see all our friends and make some new ones. Thanks, Bill and Shirley, for a great year.

Congratulations to Commander Butch Arnold, on his election to Commander. We look forward to a great year under his leadership. And, congratulations to Ray Combs on his election as 8th Lt Commander.

I want to mention how very proud I am of the showing from the Great Lake Shrine Association

Legions of Honor at the International Convention this year. Lady Deb and I are both very proud and appreciative of the support you have shown us. I hope many of you who were there for the first time had so much fun you'll be back and bring some others with you.

A special thanks to Ainad LOH for their outstanding support. All of our officers were present and a number of others attended as well. Congratulations on a successful first effort at the in-line inspection.

My Units this year in Divison 5 are listed in the master listing



Jim Pulley

elsewhere in the newsletter. I would like to come out and visit your oasis, so please send me your contact number and an email address. Let me know about any events you would like me to attend. I would enjoy coming to visit you.

As always thank you for being a member of the Legion of Honor. Be safe—God bless you, God bless America and our flag.

Yours in the faith,

Your 5th Lt Commander
Jim

From the Adjutant/Editor

As we enter the new IALOH year, all of the Lt. Commanders have new Unit assignments and many of them listed them in their messages. To conserve space and provide a complete list, the messages were edited and a combined list of Units by Division is provided on page 14.



Ron Lee

are available for \$10.00 per year, the actual cost of printing and mailing.

The yearbook is in the final stages of assembly and will be going to the printer shortly. We deeply appreciate the support of all those who sponsored an ad in this year's book.

an effort to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the yearbook, there have been some changes in the design and binding. Please let us know what you think.

While many people continue to fight it, e-mail has become the pervasive method of communica-

tion. Therefore if you want to hear from us, we need to have your correct e-mail address. You have my assurance that your e-mail addresses will not be used for anything other than internal IALOH communications.

We are trying to make the Association web site your one-stop place to go for information about happenings in and around the IALOH community. Occasionally things are a little late to be posted but please send updates and info to me or to the IALOH webmaster. We will try harder.

Enough said, I'm about out of space.

Yours in the Faith,
Ron Lee

This is the first issue of your newsletter to be distributed under the new cost-saving guidelines. The printed version is being provided to all Units in accordance with Association bylaws and also to anyone who has applied for a subscription. These subscriptions

VAVS and the IALOH (submitted by Steve Dorfman, VAVS Committee Chairman)

The Department of **Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)** was founded in 1946 as a program to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. VAVS is one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government. More than 350 national and community organizations support VAVS. Since 1946, VAVS volunteers have donated 711.8 million hours of service.

As the VA has expanded its care of veteran patients into the community, volunteers have become involved. They assist veteran patients by augmenting staff in such settings as end of life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, medical centers, Community Living Centers, and veteran outreach centers.

VAVS volunteers are a special and generous people. In fiscal year 2009 volunteers contributed \$82.5 million dollars in monetary and non-monetary donations. Monetary estimates aside, it is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers give to veteran patients. However, according to The Independent Sector's value of a volunteer hour (\$20.85), VAVS' 11,897,208 volunteer hours equates to a value of \$248,056,791.

We know there are a number of LOH units out there that have members who volunteer their time at the local VA and certain military cemeteries, so why not have LOH recognized for it nationally by the VA and earn a cer-

tification to sit on the VA National Advisory Committee (NAC).

So what does this mean...simply put, the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (V.A.V.S.) by VA Circular No. 117, May 17, 1947, established the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and it became a federally chartered advisory committee on February 5, 1975.

The committee (NAC) advises the Under Secretary for Health on matters pertaining to the participation of volunteers in VA medical facilities assists with the recruitment and orientation of volunteers and informs participating organizations of volunteer needs and accomplishments.

The committee is an advisory group with responsibilities to promote and improve voluntary services for veterans that utilize VA facilities.

There are two categories of membership for the National Advisory Committee.

1. Service Member organizations that provide volunteer participation through local V.A.V.S. committees at a minimum of 30 VA facilities. This category has voting rights within the National Advisory Committee.

2. Associate Member organizations that donate significant funds or materials that benefit veterans at a minimum of 15 VA facilities. This category does not have voting rights.

Service Member organizations that now have ongoing programs

at 30 or more VA facilities include: The VFW, The American Legion, AMVETS, Elks, as well as other organizations.

Legion of Honor members now volunteering for the above or similar organizations can also receive credit for Legion of Honor participation. To receive credit contact your local hospital or clinic VAVS Program Manager **and have them load VSS organization code 160R (primary rep) or 160D (alternate rep) and 135A under the Day code (for the primary LOH representative). One LOH member must sit on the local VAVS committee at each VA.**

There are other minor things that need to happen so please feel free to contact me at 316-640-0817 or steve.dorfman@cox.net. Our goal is to hit 15 VA facilities (we already have three – Altoona, Pennsylvania; Tuscon, Arizona; and Wichita, Kansas) by 15 July 2010 and 30+ by 30 July 2010. As you get members loaded against this code, please let me know what unit and what VA facility you are at. You may have more than one assignment and give hours to different organizations, however, only one organization may receive credit per assignment.

Please volunteer. There are a number of wonderful opportunities to assist in many areas at the various VA facilities. From experience, it does make a difference!



REGISTRATION & ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

November 4 - 7, 2010

Thursday - Sunday

Head Quarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Key Bridge

1900 North Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, VA 22209

Hotel Check in Time: 3:00PM



The guest room rate is \$87.00 + \$8.91 tax = \$95.91 per night. A ONE NIGHTS NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED. The Housing Coordinator must receive the completed registration form, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2010.

Forms received after AUGUST 20, 2010, are subject to availability.

Priority will be given to guests staying longer than one day.

A registration check for \$10 per person must accompany this form in U.S. currency \$ _____ ; # of People _____ :

(NON REFUNDABLE)

RETURN COMPLETED ROOM FORM TO:

Raymond E. Coffey
6014 Temple Star Road Ext.
Kingsport, TN 37660

Phone: 423-349-7084
Cell Ph: 423-817-2316
e-mail: recoffey@chartertn.net

If you are arriving by bus, other than through a tour group, and will need parking permit, inform the Housing Chairman as soon as possible.

Reservations are guaranteed by Credit Card or your Group Coordinator's collective form of guarantee
A Cashiers Check or Money Order is to be made out To: IALOH, Raymond E. Coffey.

**** TO CHARGE INCIDENTALS TO YOUR ROOM & TO HAVE THE PHONE TURNED ON. A CREDIT CARD OR \$50.00 CASH MUST BE GIVEN TO FRONT DESK CLERK UPON ARRIVAL ****

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS MUST GO THROUGH THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN, RAYMOND COFFEY

Cut along line

THE HOLIDAY INN IS A NON SMOKING HOTEL.

Please Print

Name: _____ Lady: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Rooms needed large groups only: _____

Requests for certain rooms or room types are requests only. They are not guaranteed.

Guests will be charged from \$250-\$500 for smoking in non-smoking areas, including rooms.

You may smoke on the balcony if necessary, please close the door so smoke will not come into the room.

Please indicate the type of room preferred by circling your choice below.

(KING BED EXECUTIVE)

(TWO DOUBLE BED TRADITIONAL)

(ONE DOUBLE BED, WHEEL CHAIR ACCESABLE)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Group Coordinators Name: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Credit Card: _____ Cashiers Check: _____ Money Order: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please note your expiration date on your credit card. Hotels will not accept card if expiration date is passed.

These are a must to help with Registration and Transportation

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

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



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR



**Commander's Luncheon
Arlington, Virginia
November 6, 2010**

Please join us in Arlington for the Commander's Luncheon immediately following the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. We look forward to sharing this very special "Thanksgiving meal" with everyone. We will dine on turkey, dressing, and all the fixings with some delicious deserts. We hope you will be able to join the Nobles and Ladies who attend this very special event.

Deadline for Reservations is **October 15, 2010**

Please mail your reservation with your check made payable to

IALOH Arlington Luncheon

to:

**Theodore M. Henderson, Chairman
P.O. Box 6280
El Paso, TX 79906**

Please Note: The Hospitality Room **will not** be open during the meal.

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Registration Form

Commander's Luncheon, Arlington, VA, November 6, 2010

Name: (Please Print) _____

Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Number of persons _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

International Association Legions of Honor
28th Annual Wreath Laying
Arlington, Virginia
3-7 November 2010

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 3 Nov 10

Hospitality Room Set-up. Room will be open 1700-2100
Food and Beverages will not be served.

Thursday, 4 Nov 10

1300-2300

Hospitality Room Open.

1300-2100

Registration open, sign-in for attendance credit.

1900-2200

Board of Directors meeting.

Friday, 5 Nov 10

0700-0930

Hospitality Room open, coffee, juice, pastries only.

0800-0845

Committee meetings.

0845-0900

Finance Committee meeting.

0900-1200

Board of Directors meeting.

1130-1300

Lunch in Hospitality Room.

1300-1700

Registration open, sign-in for attendance credit.

1300-2300

Hospitality Room open.

1900-2100

Registration open, sign-in for attendance credit.

Saturday, 6 Nov 10

0700-0830

Hospitality Room open, coffee, juice pastries only.

0700-0830

Registration open, sign-in for attendance credit.

0900-1030

Meeting and Memorial Service in Hotel Ballroom.

1130

Buses begin leaving for Cemetery.

1230-1300

Formation of Honor Guard.

1315

**Wreath Laying - International Commander Arnold and
Invited Dignitaries.**

1430-1600

Commander's Luncheon - \$20.00 per person in Hotel Ballroom.
(Advance reservations required.)

1600-2300

Hospitality Room open.

Sunday, 7 Nov 10

0700-0900

Hospitality Room open, coffee, juice, and pastries only.

Thanks for Attending - Have a Safe Trip Home

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Six

Greetings Legion Nobles! I wish everyone a wonderful summer, great health, fun time with family, friends and safe traveling.

On April 6 -10, 2010, the 79th Annual International Association Legions of Honor Convention was held

in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Some of the AL AMIN Legion of Honor Unit members attending the Convention were my COS Jim Fox with Lady Maureen and Lady Ginny Fox, Nobles Sam Bass, Ron Swanson, and Richard Russell, and Lady Nelda and myself.

On Wednesday, April 7, 2010, Jim Fox and I reported to Registration and Credentials and received our welcome packages for the convention. In the afternoon, Jim and I attended the Board of Directors Meeting. Afterwards, we chilled down at the Hospitality Room (Penn Station) with refreshments.

On Thursday morning, we attended the 79th International Association Legions of Honor Formal Opening Session where IA-LOH Commander Bill Glenn did the honors of welcoming everyone and the Distinguished Guests. The Mayor of Chattanooga welcomed everyone to his city and the Historic Hotel of Chattanooga CHOO CHOO which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009.

Imperial High Priest & Prophet John A. Cinotto thanked the Nobles and Ladies, expressing his



Gilbert Medina

appreciation for the endless hours of dedication to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

On Friday, April 9, 2010, we attended the Necrology Services in the auditorium. Noble Richard Lackey presented a remarkable memorial program which was certainly moving

and emotional.

Int'l Chaplain Howie Wynia had the honor of reading the names of those in the Necrology Shrine Unit Roll Call list. AL AMIN Legion of Honor Commander Richard Russell reported one Legion Noble Black Camel Visit.

During lunch, we attended the Past International Commanders Luncheon honoring them. Afterwards, we participated in the Color Guard Competition. There were eight In-Line Inspection and three teams in Color Guard Competition and AL AMIN Legion of Honor placed 2nd.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, we attended the Business Meeting/Election. During the election Noble Butch Arnold was elected as the new International Commander. Commander Butch's Convention will be on March 22 - 27, 2011 at Branson, MO.

It is with great pride and humility that I announce I was elected as the 6th Lieutenant Commander for the International Association Legions of Honor. (As 6th Intl. Lt. Cmdr, I have new Division Assignments for 2010-2011. They can be found in the listing elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Saturday evening, the Banquet/Installation of Officers was outstanding. The banquet was excellent, the food superb and the attendees promoted a wonderful camaraderie among our Legion Nobles and their ladies. Congratulations on a successful and memorable banquet/conference.

On April 12, 2010, received a warm welcome at Al Amin Legion of Honor meeting. Commander Russell had excellent dinner and meeting.

COS Jim Fox and Lady Maureen, my Lady Nelda, and I would accept with pleasure your kind invitation to any of your Legion of Honor functions. We look forward to the Legion of Honor events. We are pleased to be part of this division. We feel honored and eager to be of service.

To our new 8th Lt Cmdr. ,I.S. Ray Combs and Lady Pat, we are pleased that you have joined IA-LOH and we welcome you as a valuable member. If I can be of any help, please call me. I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

I want express our sincere thanks and congratulations to our new IALOH Commander Butch Arnold for an exciting year. May you enjoy success in all your endeavors.

Please remember that you are always welcome to visit us when your travels bring you to the Rio Grande Valley, in South Texas.

Fraternally

Gilbert Medina
6th Lt. Commander

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Seven

It has been a year now, another election, and I can not think of anything more fitting than these two words, "Thank You" in your promoting me to the 7th Lt. Commander. I want to offer congratulation to the six Lt. Commanders that are in front of me. And congratulations to our newest elected

8th Lt. Commander Ray Combs and his Chief of Staff Brother Roy Combs. I'm still not sure which is which but a pretty young lady, Pat, said the good looking one was Ray. I can't overlook the reelection of our Finance Officer Peter Phillips for the great job he has done over these last three years, congratulations.

I want to thank the SESA LOH and the SASA LOH areas for all their hospitality last year. What a great bunch of Nobles you are. I had the pleasure of choosing the members from my Division Eight and presenting them with the Distinguished Service Award.

Wayne N. Watson, PC of Sudan LOH and John Robert Smith of Yaarab LOH are the two nobles I selected.

What a great ride this past year has been under the leadership of Commander William M. Glenn. I offer my congratulations to Bill and Shirley Glenn. What a great party you put on in Chattanooga Choo Choo. We all knew Bill had a Harem but we didn't realize how many ladies there were. Ms. Boots, you and Elizabeth better watch out. Did you see that Red



Morris W. Sykes

Head that led the camel in with Bill on it and the 50 other women of his Harem in the opening party?

Our new Commander, L. R. "Butch" Arnold, is a 1998 CSSA LOH Commander from Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield, Missouri. Congratula-

tions, Butch. Let the FUN BEGIN!!!! Branson, look out. Here we come in March 2011. The Commander assigned me to the PNSA LOH area of Northwest United States and Western Canada. I now have served in the Southeast, Central States and now assigned to the Northwest area of North America. I feel very lucky.

The next day after getting back from Chattanooga I attended Arab Temple's Stated meeting and the next night was Arab Legion of Honor's meeting. It is always nice to get back home.

I headed up the Missouri River next to the El Riad Temple and visited with Commander Jim McKiernan, my Aide Grant Nehman, the Finance Officer and several other members of their Legion of Honor before attending the stated meeting of Illustrious Sir Dennis Kaarup. El Riad Temples Recorder is none other than "Charlie Brown". I am looking forward to coming back on the 2nd of June to attend their Legion of Honor meeting.

My first trip out west took me to Korein Temple where I met the Illustrious Sir John Engstrom and

the Office manager Barbara in Rawlins, WY. I was informed that Korein Legion of Honor holds their meeting at the Cheyenne Shrine Club in Cheyenne, WY. On the way to Cheyenne I stopped at the Virginia Inn in Medicine Bow which was the jumping off point back in the 1960's when I elk hunted in Wyoming. I had a long visit with Donald Allen PP who is a member of the Legion and was the veterinarian for the ranch I hunted on. Korein LOH had a steak dinner with all the trimmings for me the evening before the meeting. Scott Withers who I picked as my Korein Aide is Commander this year due to the death of his father. His Adjutant Donald Harris is well experienced which is always a bonus to any unit.

I got back from Korein Legion of Honor just in time for Illustrious Sir Larry Tice's Potentate's Ball. I have attended the Potentate's Ball every year since joining the Arab LOH in 1984.

Next quarter I will report on the trip to Ottawa Canada to assist the Canadian Nobles and their Legion of Honor Units in placing a Wreath on the Canadian Tomb of their Unknown Soldier.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes

**The deadline for
submission of an
article for the next
newsletter is
01 September 2010.**

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

First of all let me start by saying I was impressed to see so many Nobles present at the International Association Legions of Honor Convention in April. Thank you for supporting the IA-LOH. After being elected as the 8th Lt. Commander, I immediately started to work on my yearly, tentative schedule for the 8th Division Units assigned to me.

It took some doing to make the trips line up so I can visit more Units than one at a time. I do have a tentative schedule and I have already scheduled two visits for the month of May. I thank Hasan, and Alee LOH's for a rapid response to my visitation requests. My COS and I are looking forward to making these trips in my Division and meeting the officers of the various Units. Pay close attention to your E-mail—I will be e-mailing you for dates and times to visit your Temple and Unit.

My first stop was, of course, to Antioch Temple, where Commander Art Lindsey greeted me with the highest of honors. CDR Art Lindsey and Past Commander Art Kelly were great supporters in my campaign for the 8th Lt Cmdr position and I cannot thank them enough. I was again honored to support Antioch Shrine Temple in

the yearly fundraiser at the Circus. Words cannot express my feelings as working as a Clown, (PUNKY RAY), during the 5 shows. Those sweet smiles and hugs from the children pretty much says it all. It really touches my heart to see those children running to greet me, when I am in my clown attire.

Moving on to later in the month, I have talked to Hasan and Alee Temples and plan on visiting them on the 25th and 26th respectively. My e-mails to my Unit aides have confirmed my visitation dates and we are off and running again.

Hasan Temple LOH was a great evening with CDR Raymond Harrell and his line officers. CDR Raymond's meeting was enjoyable and exciting throughout the evening. A special thank you to 1st Lt. Gary Rodgers for all his support on making this evening special to me. The ladies of Hasan LOH really put on a great meal—chicken that was out of this world with great deserts to top off the evening meal. It was great to see PIC Paul Baker and his COS, Andy Anderson, there as well. Leaving Hasan LOH and driving over to Alee LOH, I want

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to thank Adj Chuck Rigging, who is my assigned aide for Alee, in making this a flawless event. CDR Bill Wagner and his line officers treated us like one of their own. The Ladies of Alee LOH prepared another great meal and again the desert was superb. Our meeting

was enjoyable and short and sweet. I love the camaraderie in the Legion of Honor Units; we always take care of our own military personnel—like it should be. Never forget that, "Freedom is not free!" May we never take our freedom for granted.

Yours in the Faith,

Ray Combs



Ray Combs



Noble Tracy Coughlin, now with Bahia Legion of Honor, was named Legion Noble of the Year at the 2010 IALOH Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Congratulations!

IALOH Calendars...

Did you miss out on the chance to buy one of the IALOH 2010-2011 Calendars? Miss out on the chance to see a different side of your elected officers? Wait, don't despair! There are still a few available and you can have your very own by contacting your Division's Intl. Lt. Commander. Rumor has it that since the rush is over, they are going at the bargain price of \$10.00. Remember to check with your Division Lt. Commander at your next regional Association meeting like SASA, SESA, MASA, PNSA, TALOH, etc.

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3rd Intl. Lt. Commander Woody Mitchell, Jim Boyd, PC Acca Legion of Honor; and COS Claude Meade hot dogging it up at the SASA Legions of Honor Spring Meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

IALOH Annual Meeting

**The Imperial Session will be held in Toronto, Ontario.
The IALOH Annual Meeting will be held on
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