



Now Hear This...



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From the Commander's Desk...

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was good to you all. The past year has flown by and I do not see time slowing down any time soon! The last quarter of 2010 was a busy one. September began with Lady Debbie and I attending the CSSA Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. Congratulations to Past Commander Jeff Carter and Lady Susan for a successful convention. Congratulations are also in order for new CSSA Commander Bill Dunham and Lady Ruthie and all newly elected officers. I wish them all the best in the coming year.

Also in September, Lady Debbie and I traveled to Las Vegas, NV, for Debbie to attend a work related convention. Our good friends Int'l. Ass't. Chaplain Howard Wynia and Lady Kathy picked us up at the airport and swept us away to Zelzah for a potluck dinner and meeting. We were made to feel very welcome and the food was delicious. We really enjoyed visiting with everyone there. The following day, the guys treated me to a day of golf. I really enjoyed the game and the company. I must say the terrain is much different than the golf courses in Missouri! Thanks to all at Zelzah. Oh, and Debbie's convention went well, too!

October kicked off with Int'l. COS Kenny Miller and me playing in the 10th Annual H. Joe Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Joplin Scottish Rite Care Clinic. As usual it was hit the ball, drag Kenny, hit the ball, drag Kenny. It was a fun day for a good cause.

On October 23, Int'l. COS Miller and I traveled to Toledo, OH, to attend Zenobia's LOH Change of Command. 8th Lt. Commander Ray Combs with Lady Pat and 5th Lt. Commander Jim Pulley with Lady Deb joined us. I was honored to be the installing officer, and I would just like to remind everyone that the

word is "per-pet-u-ate"! Congratulations to out-going Commander Richard Reder and new Commander Harold Rodgers. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

The following weekend I traveled to Peoria, IL, to attend the LOH Change of Command at Mohammed. I was joined by 8th Lt. Commander Ray Combs with Lady Pat and 5th Lt. Commander Jim Pulley with Lady Deb. Congratulations to Commander Melvin Jones.

May you have a successful year. Thank you for making me an honorary member of Mohammed Shrine. Lady Debbie had two uncles that were members of Mohammed. It means a lot to share this honor with them.

November brought us to Arlington, VA, for the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. The weekend was full of hospitality as usual. In addition to Imperial Sir George Mitchell and Lady Deanna, Imperial Chaplain David Kinsey joined us and participated in our ceremony. We had a great weekend, and thanks to all who helped make it a success.

It was an honor to step onto hallowed ground and lay the wreath. I must say this was the highlight of my Shrine career. Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Int'l. COS Kenny Miller, and my brother-in-law Ron Little, joined me at the tomb to share this honor. Ron, from Chicago, IL, represented my father and father-in-law who have passed. In addition to the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Imperial Sir laid poppies at the Canadian Memorial with our Canadian brothers.

While at Arlington, our dear friend Beulah Henderson passed. Her sons, 4th Lt. Commander Ted Henderson and PIC Gary Henderson with Lady Marilyn were by her side.

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L. R. "Butch" Arnold

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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

TALOH Mid-Winter
Fort Worth, TX
03-06 March 2011

2011 IALOH Convention
Branson, MO
22-27 March 2011

MASA LoH Spring Meeting
Wyomissing, PA
28 April-01 May 2011

SASA LoH Spring Meeting
Williamsburg, VA
05-08 May 2011

Ottawa Tomb Ceremony
Ottawa, ON, Canada
28 May 2011

GLSA LoH Convention
London, ON, Canada
18-21 August 2011

Check the IALOH web site for
Other Upcoming 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...

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Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

November 20, Lady Debbie and I traveled to St. Joseph, MO, to play in the Midian "Snowball" Golf Tournament with Int'l. COS Kenny Miller. Again, it was hit the ball, drag Kenny, hit the ball, drag Kenny. We didn't win anything, but we did have a good time. It was so cold, I understand why they call it the

"snowball" tournament.

At the time of this writing, we are packing for December travels to Wichita, KS, to attend Midian's LOH Christmas Party and the Abdallah LOH Change of Command Ceremony in Overland Park, KS. January brings a trip to the East-West Shrine game in Florida, February calls for a trip to Buffalo, NY, to join Ismalia for their Passing of the Gavel, and March starts with TALOH in Fort

Worth, TX. Then, March will end with my convention in Branson, MO. Wow! What a ride! I will report on all our travels in the next newsletter article...my last!

I invite you all to attend the IALOH Annual Convention the last week of March, 2011, in Branson, MO. We have a little fun planned, and it is a popular vacation area. Come early and stay late! The Branson Hilton will honor the convention rate for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. The registration forms for the convention, hotel, golf, and competition can be found on the IALOH website, www.ialoh.org under "events" in the site map.

Please keep me informed of any events you have planned, and I will do my best to attend as my schedule allows. This is a great organization, and I am proud to lead you into the next decade.

It is an honor to belong to the LOH. Share the honor with others and help grow this organization.

Yours in the faith,

Butch Arnold



Imp. Sir George Mitchell and CDR "Butch" Arnold prepare to lay the wreath. Looking on are Mr. Ron Little and CoS Kenny Miller.

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message



In Memoriam
Beulah Mae Henderson
August 16, 1928 -
November 5, 2010

Thank you for your kind thoughts, wishes, and prayers. My mother always enjoyed her time with the Legion of Honor. . . the places she got to visit, the events she got to attend, but most of all, the people she got to meet and know. Mom always said that the Legion of Honor was the best people and the best part of the Shrine, and I know how much it meant to her to be so warmly welcomed and embraced by you all.

Obviously I was not able to attend the wreath laying at Arlington this year. I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the

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events and activities during the weekend.

I hope everyone has a joyous holiday season, and is able to spend it with family and friends. May the new year bring you everything you hope for and find us all in good health, good spirits, and good places.

Yours in the faith,

Ted Henderson



Ted Henderson

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

November started out with the Annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington VA. Lt. Cmdr. Ted Henderson, Chairman for the Arlington Wreath Laying and PIC Gary Henderson were not able to be with us this year as many of you know their mother, Lady Beulah Henderson a long time supporter of the International Legions of Honor was very ill. We received word that she passed away during our time at Arlington and we all offer our prayers and sympathy to the family. As they say, "the Show must go on" all of the International Officers stepped to the plate and the program for Arlington moved forward. It showed



Tony Murray

what we can do when we work together. A job well done by all. Again, we had over 100 first-timers to attend.

Now that the Holiday season is upon us again, I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and your families are well. My Lady Jennifer and I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Holiday Season and ask that you remember to

keep our Service Men and Woman in your prays as many of them will not be able to be with their families this year.

I hope that all of you will be with us in Branson, MO for the 80th Annual I.A.L.O.H. Convention, March 22-27,

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2011. I know that International Commander Arnold, Lady Debbie and his staff have put a lot of hard work, well Lady Debbie and the staff have put a lot of hard work into getting ready for a fun time. Make plans to be there, if you have not attended in the past you don't know what you are missing.

If anyone has dates and events they would like for me to attend please let me know as soon as possible. Myself and Lady Jennifer as well as my COS hope to attend as many as we can. And in closing we are looking forward to "Yea" another February in Buffalo, what a time!!!!

Yours in the Faith,

Tony S. Murray, PP

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Well, it has been a busy three months. First, Lady Deb and I visit Zenobia Shrine Legion of Honor for their Installation of Officers. We went down early so we could visit our dear friend Thomasina LeBay who was in a rehab center near Toledo. She looked great and it was wonderful to see her and her husband Ken. Then on Saturday evening we went to the installation. Congratulations to the Commander and his officers. A special thanks to Adjutant Doug LeBay for inviting us. Deb and I always enjoy visiting Zenobia we have a lot of great friends there.

Then it was off to the Mohammad LOH installation in Peoria, Illinois where I was the Master of Ceremonies. It is always good to see our great friends from Mohammad. A special thanks to the Adjutant Hiram Brownell. Congratulations to Commander Melvin Jones and his officers. Thank you for accepting your office and for your commitment to the Legion of Honor.

Then it was off to Arlington for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. We always enjoy this opportunity to meet our friends from across the IALOH and

make some new ones. This is a wonderful event. If you have never been to a wreath laying, I encourage you to make the trip. It is something special.

I want to thank everyone for helping out in all areas such as the hospitality room and registration table. Thanks to all the units that brought buses, and made them available so that we could get up to the Tomb. I want to thank all my staff for a wonderful job. And a special thank you to the Lt Commanders and PICs for all of your help—you are all so great. Lady Deb and I really enjoy being in the IALOH line. What a great group of nobles. Thanks to everyone for coming to Arlington.

I want to take this opportunity to share our condolences with Past Commander Gary Henderson, 4th Lt Commander Ted Henderson and Lady Marilyn on the loss of their mother Beulah who passed while we were at Arlington. Our



Jim Pulley

thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Well, it's time to talk about membership. Legion nobles, we have to start recruiting for new nobles to join our temples and come into the Legion of Honor in each and every unit. I had the opportunity to talk with the Imperial Sir and First Lady. Their push this year is membership. If we do not want our hospitals or the

Legion of Honor to go away, we must go out and get new Masons and Shriners to come into our temples. It is critical for our philanthropy. So, this year, let's get out and recruit members.

Until next time—have a happy and blessed Christmas. Happy New Year. God's blessing on you all and God bless the Legion of Honor.

Yours in the Faith,

Jim Pulley

Division Five

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR

80th Annual Convention

Branson Hilton and Convention Center

March 23-27, 2011

Registration Information

Branson Airport and Springfield/Branson Airports serve Branson. Branson airport is 10 miles from the hotel, Springfield Airport is 40 miles from the hotel. Gray Line Tours provides transportation from/to both airports. Reservations are not required.

Hotel Reservations

Make hotel reservations directly with the Branson Hilton Hotel by calling 1-866-442-0959. Use reservation code "SLH" to receive the convention rate of \$115/night plus tax. This rate will be honored 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. One bedroom suites are available for an additional \$50/night plus tax on a first come first serve basis. All rooms have a refrigerator. Suites include a full-size refrigerator, sink, microwave, dishwasher, dining table, and dinnerware. Suites are available with a connecting door to a single room. When you make your reservations, please specify the room type, bed size, etc. The hotel will note the request, but there is no guarantee. If you have dietary or special needs, please inform the hotel when you make your reservation.

Branson Lakeside RV Park is located within 1 mile of the hotel. For information, call 417-334-2915 or go to their website at campground@bransonmo.gov.

Conference Registration Fees

Early Registration (Prior to January 15, 2011)	\$130.00 per person US Dollars
Full Registration (January 15, 2011 to February 15, 2011)	\$140.00 per person US Dollars
Late registration (after February 15, 2011)	\$150.00 per person US Dollars

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Convention Registration Fees

Early Registration (Prior to January 15, 2011)	\$130 US\$ per person X _____ Persons = \$ _____
Full Registration (January 15, 2011 to February 15, 2011)	\$140 US\$ per person X _____ Persons = \$ _____
Late registration (after February 15, 2011)	\$150 US\$ per person X _____ Persons = \$ _____

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Here's hoping you and yours had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and did not leave the table hungry, I know I didn't. This quarter started off with overnight trip to Round Rock, Texas with The Texas Association Legions of Honor, hosted by TALOH Commander Pat James and his Lady Jean. It was just a weekend to sit around and tell war stories and play games and do our favorite thing, eat. We all had a good time and look forward to next fall when we will all get together again and try not to repeat the same stories.

Our annual trip to Arlington, Va. For the Wreath Laying Ceremony followed a few weeks later. It turned out that the weather was favorable and it was a beautiful day for the solemn occasion. We had a total of 138 new attendees. As always we had a lot of good food and a lot of friendships were renewed. If you haven't attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony, you might want to plan one for next year. You won't regret that you did. As a side trip, some of us visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution which is entombed on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Va. This meeting house was constructed in 1775 and still in good shape and is still used for Sunday Worship.

We received the bad news of the passing of Beulah Henderson. For those of you that may not know her, she was the Mother of PIC Dr. Gary Henderson, PP and 4th Lt. Commander Ted Henderson, and a friend to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. She will be missed.

On November 14, 2010, my Lady Sarabeth and I, and Chief of Staff Don Gibson and his Lady Jean attended the Al Amin Legion of Honor Shrine Center Military Ball in Corpus Christi, Texas. Past Commander Jim Fox and his Lady Maureen and 6th Lt. Command Gilbert Medina and his Lady Nelda together with the LOH members and their ladies, put on a great Ball. They had a very Patriotic Flag presentation program and an outstanding Band. The hospitality room was pretty awesome also. We had a very enjoyable time being with them.

On November 19, 2010 I, along with COS Don Gibson and other members of the Moslah Shrine Legion of Honor took part in the dedication of the new Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic. The Moslah Drill Team presented and retrieved



Jack Tuomey

the Colors in the opening ceremony for the new clinic. This clinic is designed to enhance and improve services to veterans. It is the largest leased space in the Department of Veterans Affairs. We received some TV coverage and a lot chances to brag about the Shrine and Legion of Honor.

My Lady Sarabeth and I and my COS Don Gibson and his Lady Jean finished up this quarter by attending the Moslah Legion of Honor Christmas Dinner and the Midian Legion of Honor, in Wichita, Kansas, Christmas Dinner. Each had an excellent program and dinner, and as always, we had a good time.

I would like to wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please remember the International Meeting in Branson in March. I will be looking for to seeing you there. And most of all, God Bless our Troops.

Yours in the Faith,
Jack Tuomey

From the Adjutant/Editor

Where does time go? It seems like only yesterday that I was processing the Annual Reports in preparation for the upcoming 2010 Convention—and I'm already starting to receive the Annual Reports for the 2011 Convention!

Speaking of the 2011 Convention, we have a qualified candidate for 8th Lieutenant Commander, I.S. Eddie Daffern, Past Commander of Ben Hur Legion of Honor and Past TALOH Commander. His bio is available on the web site and will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. We also have received one proposed change



Ron Lee

for the Association's by-laws and it is published elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. It will be voted upon at the 2011 convention.

Of course the convention brings out the nag factor in me as well. Many of the people that register don't really know what their voting status will be but they mark their best guess anyway. This complicates the

job of the Registration people because they try to make up badges before the convention and if the unit's delegation nominations are different then the badges have to be corrected. So, if the units

will get their Convention Delegate Nomination forms back as quickly as possible, the Registration Committee members' jobs will be much easier. Nag! Nag! Nag!

The web site is undergoing some updates and changes in format. I hope that it goes smoothly but that is one big hope. As "Murphy" says, "If something can go wrong it will!" so I am asking that you bear with us if something disappears for a couple of days—it will be back and hopefully better than before. Finally, if you find errors on the web site, please let us know!

Merry Christmas,
Ron

**International Association Legions of Honor
80th Annual Convention
Branson, MO
March 23 - 27, 2011**

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday March 23, 2011	Golf Tournament	0800
	Free Time	
	Registration and Credentials	1300-1700
	Marketplace	1300-1700
	Lunch on your own	
	Committee Meetings	1400-1500
	Board of Directors Meeting	1500-1700
	Dinner on your own	
Thursday March 24, 2011	Registration and Credentials	0800-0845
	Formal Opening	0900-1030
	Marketplace	1030-1700
	Business Meeting	1030-1230
	Lunch on your own	1230-
	Free Time	1330-1700
	Hospitality	1330-1700
	Welcome Party	1800-2300
Friday March 25, 2011	Registration and Credentials	0800-0845
	Necrology Service	0900-1030
	Ladies Luncheon	1230-1400
	PIC Luncheon	1230-1345
	Marketplace	1345-1700
	Drill Competition	1430-1600
	Hospitality	1600-1800
	Candidate Hospitality????	1900-
Saturday March 26, 2011	Business Meeting/Election	0900-1100
	Marketplace	0900-1600
	Lunch on your own	1200-1300
	Commander Elect Social	1300-1400
	Hospitality	1500-1700
	Commander's Reception	1800-1900
	Banquet/Installation	1900-
Sunday March 27, 2011	Departure <i>Safe Travels!</i>	

The Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution

When he died, where he died, and how he died are as unknown as his identity. But what is known is that when his makeshift casket, a wooden munitions box, was discovered in 1826, by builders doing excavation work on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) in (now) Old Alexandria, Virginia, there was little doubt as to what he was: a colonial soldier from the American Revolution. His skeletal remains were still fully shrouded in the uniform of a soldier of M.W.B. General George Washington's Continental Army. With the dignity befitting this unknown patriot, he was reburied in a rear corner of the church's burial grounds, there to rest for eternity with some three hundred other early colonial Americans. On April 19, 1929, the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution held a ceremony at the OPMH to render more appropriate military honors to this Unknown Soldier from the War of Independence. A tabletop monument, common to burials from the 17th and early 18th centuries, was placed atop his grave, which would ever after become known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

I, like the vast overwhelming majority of people reading this article, had no idea that such a tomb existed. It was mid-summer of this year when my wife, Tina, and I were

planning to attend our first IALOH Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony in November 2010, when I happened upon a short story in the July 2010 issue of the American Legion Magazine. It was a brief article about the "other" Un-

known Soldier. I quickly did some additional research on this individual and subsequently phoned the OPMH and spoke with Donald Dahmann, Ph.D., the church's contact person on matters relat-

ing to the burial ground. After a very enlightening and informative conversation with Don, I called our International Commander, Butch Arnold, and informed him of this surprising development. I was well aware of the fact that the planned activities for the Wreath

Laying Ceremony had long been "cut in granite" by that point, but, with his endorsement, he directed me to contact 4th Lt. Commander Ted

Henderson, who was in charge of planning the ceremony activities and see if there was some spot in the schedule in which a short, but appropriate, wreath-laying could take place at this soldier's tomb, since the purpose of our whole trip was laying a wreath at the tombs of the three more highly recognized unknown war dead in Arlington National Cemetery. Dr. Dahmann had previously informed me that the Unknown Soldier who slept

in the OPMH burial grounds had received some recognition over the years, but certainly nothing coming close to the pomp and circumstance surrounding the tombs in Arlington. As a member of the IALOH, I was also cognizant of the fact that there was a

relatively high degree of probability that the unknown Revolutionary War soldier had been a Brother Mason. As members of the International Association Legions of Honor, what better combination of

reasons could exist to honor this unknown comrade than to acknowledge his military service and the possibility that he was a fellow member of the Craft? Lt. Commander Henderson gave me the go-ahead to plan a short ceremony for Friday afternoon, November 5th.

With that, the stage was set.

When I finally arrived in Arlington, I came armed with a home-made wreath and printed materials describing the ceremony I had put together, the obvious purpose for it, and direc-

tions to the OPMH burial grounds, which happened to be located a mere seven miles from our convention hotel. I realized, however, that many people, including our international officers, would likely have made other plans for the free time on Friday afternoon, but I was determined to let everyone know that this other ceremony was open to them, if they desired to attend. I was pleasantly surprised at the positive responses I received from the IALOH members and their spouses. It seems that everyone I talked with had no idea this other Unknown Soldier existed. Many people expressed their desire to attend, but, as I suspected, had already made other plans. However, I was very fortunate and deeply honored that Imperial Sir George Mitchell expressed an interest in attending when he and I discussed the matter on Thursday night.

Friday afternoon came, the previous day's rain came and went, the skies were clear, and a small group of IALOH members, their spouses, together with Imperial Sir Mitchell, PIC Harold Kitchens, and 2nd Lt. Commander Jack Toomey met on the hallowed burial grounds of the



PC Larry Poffenbarger, Imp. Sir George Mitchell, and PC Donnie Bowerman at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.



The tabletop monument over the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

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3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

We trust everyone had a joyous Thanksgiving Holiday. First, some comments on our recent Arlington Pilgrimage for the annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We were sorry our 4th International Lt. Commander, Ted Henderson had to cancel due to a grave family emergency. We want to extend our condolences to all the Henderson Family.

Also we must congratulate International Commander Butch Arnold and Lady Debby for another great event. A Tip of the Fez to 5th Int'l Lt. Commander Jim Pulley and Lady Deb for stepping up and organizing a crew that was extremely proficient and carried on in an outstanding manner.

While we're on Arlington a quick note regarding the sign-in desk:

Don Mc Brayer, Past SASA Cdr, has managed the sign-in desk for the past two years and has been asked to continue for 2011. Working with PIC Pete Phillips and some of the other long time attendees of the Wreath Laying ceremony, Don has purged numerous deceased Nobles/Ladies from the active roster. To continue with this effort, he is asking Unit Commanders to contact him if you have members to be deleted. You may call him at 606-776-7458 or email: dj1506@windstream.net.

Division Chief of Staff Claude Meade, Assist COS Billy C. Evans and I attended the Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) 2 – 5 September, in Oklahoma City. Congratulations to Bill Durham, who does a tremendous amount of work for the IALOH, on being installed as CSSA Commander, also to 1st Lt Cdr. Donny Boreman, 2nd Lt. Cdr. Russ Gray and 3rd Lt. Cdr. B.J. Benton.

A large group of El Hasa Nobles/Ladies, along with Lady Judy and I attended the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) annual convention 14 – 19 September, at Myrtle Beach. It was an honor and privilege for Division COS Claude Meade (Served as Marshall) to install Commander Marshall Whisner and SASA Officers for 2010 – 2011, who consisted of 1st Lt Cdr. Paul Daniels. El hasa, 2nd Lt Cdr. Walter Trower, Acca, 3rd Lt. Cdr Dave Conley, Amran and Adjutant Don Super, Khedive. We wish them all the very best for the New Year and must congratulate Outgoing Cdr Carroll Barnard and Lady Mary for all their efforts and many accomplishments they achieved during the past year.

El Hasa Legion Nobles (PC Claude Meade, PC Al Banister, Legion Nobles

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Woody Mitchell

Tom Neace, and Kessell Howard were proud to Post the Colors for the opening of the Grand Lodge at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. In addition to the Grand Lodge and numerous fall parades, we also conducted two Flag Folding Programs in the local area.

Lady Judy and I attended the Syria LOH Commander's Ball and Potentate's reception honoring Com-

mander Bob Joseck and Illustrious Sir Larry Burton, in Pittsburg, PA 28 -30 October. Commander Bob, PC's John Petricko, Bill Weiss and Ladies along with the other Legion Nobles always have a first class event and continue to support their Association and the IALOH. Past Commander Arnie Steinberg provided the entertainment, which was great as usual and enjoyed by everyone.

God Bless the USA and Our Troop's. It's an Honor to Belong to the Legion of Honor.

Yours in the Faith,

Woody Mitchell

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OPMH. I read a short story about this American Revolution soldier, after which Imperial Sir George Mitchell placed the wreath at the tomb. Honors were rendered, after which Tangier Shrine Noble Larry Poffenbarger, PC, provided a wonderfully fitting prayer to close the service. And with it, the very first IALOH Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution was concluded.

It remains to be seen if this event will become a permanent part of the annual IALOH Wreath Laying Ceremony. I suppose it's fair to say that I think it should, and for fairly obvious reasons. But whether or not it does, none of us present will ever forget that on a beautiful fall day in 2010, in Old Alexandria,

this fallen soldier who also "lies in honored glory, known but to God," was remembered as one who paid the supreme sacrifice more than a century before the



The wreath placed at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

first of his three more noteworthy comrades. Millions of people, standing at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, have undoubtedly asked themselves,

"Who are you?" As I stood alone in the silence of the OPMH burial ground and looked upon this tomb, I asked the same question. But I knew the answer: he was an American patriot. He was a man who answered the call of his nation in a time of great calamity and uncertainty, and he died defending the freedoms and rights we now enjoy. Just like three other unknown American patriots on a hill a few short miles away...

Article and photos provided by PC Donnie Bowerman, 1st LCDR, CSSA LoH

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6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Six

On November 4 – 7, 2010, Jim & Maureen Fox, Ginny & her son Kevin Fox, my wife (Nelda) and I attended the International Association Legions of Honor's Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia. The purpose of the event is to honor those who paid the supreme sacrifice. The International Officers form a line to insure an unobstructed path for the International Commander Butch Arnold, Imperial Sir George A. Mitchell, Chief of Staff Keny Miller and Butch's brother-in-Law as they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



Gilbert Medina

On Thursday, November 4, approximately two to three hundred Shriners Legion of Honor Nobles and their ladies arrived at the International Association Legions of Honor Headquarters Holiday Inn Rosslyn Hotel. The Legion Nobles represented many Shrine Temples throughout the United States. The Holiday Hotel overlooks the Nation's Capitol.

In the morning, Jim & Maureen Fox, Ginny & Kevin Fox, Nelda & I and Legion Nobles, their ladies from Moslah Temple attended a The White House

Tour. The Tour was a learning experience that we will never forget. Upon returning from the White House Tour, we socialized at the Legion of Honor hospitality room.

The ladies helped, served and met new friends from other Temples.

In the afternoon, the Legion Nobles formed an honored guard line and welcomed the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, the highest-

ranking Shriner in the world, Imperial Sir George A. Mitchell. He welcomed everyone at the hospitality room.

On Saturday morning, at the Hotel auditorium, the International Association Legions of Honor had the Welcome & Introductions of International Officers and Honored Guests.

The International Commander, Almas Shrine Potentate and Kena Shrine Potentate gave their special remarks and welcomed everyone to the 28th Annual International Association Legions of Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir George A. Mitchell shared his theme "Isn't it great to be a Shriner? It's Feztastic!" with every one of us. Imperial Sir said, with enthusiasm and hard work, we can expand the fraternity and continue good

deeds for many years to come.

After the Laying the Wreath, approximately 350 Nobles & Ladies met at the Hotel for a thanksgiving dinner (turkey with all the trimmings).

On Saturday, November 13, 2010, TALOH/IALOH Officers (Tuomey & Medina with their ladies and Chief of Staff's) attended the Al Amin Legion of Honor Annual Military Ball honoring the Unit Commander Richard Russell and World War II Veterans. The event was held at the Al Amin Shrine Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Legion of Honor presented certificates to eight WW II Veterans. The event was highly successful and well attended.

One of the most important items to remember is "Membership". The keys to membership development are recruitment and retention. We need to visit our Masonic Lodges and invite our Masonic brothers to Shriner's activities. If you need resources, the Shriners International can provide materials designed to promote Shriners International. These are membership toolkits containing ideas, tips, and best practices for keeping members.

Fraternally and Sincerely

Gilbert Medina

Canadian Commemorative Coin Recognizes Veterans

Canada's newest quarter represents a "sincere thank you to past and present defenders" of the country's freedom, says the chairman of the board of directors of the Royal Canadian Mint.

James B. Love was one of a handful of dignitaries on hand for an unveiling ceremony of the commemorative quarter at the Belleville Armouries early Monday. The 25 cent piece -- which has poppies on both sides of a soldier standing with his head bowed -- is the third colour coin the Canadian Mint has issued since 2004. Up to 11 million of the coloured poppy coins will officially enter circulation later this week, reminding Canadians of the

men and women who have fought for freedom in the past and those who are currently serving for the country. Honorary Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Bob Wigmore of the

Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment said the new quarters are "impressive" and he's proud to see them go out to the public.

"I think it's very important for Canada as a whole, particularly with the troops fighting in Afghanistan, and it's nice that this coin goes out as a remembrance thing to bring more attention to what our troops are doing," he said.

Monday's ceremony was one of five across Canada and when MP Daryl Kramp told him three weeks ago one may be held here, Mayor Neil Ellis said he



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7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Seven

The Central States Shrine Association is almost always held on Labor Day Weekend. This was like old home weekend for me having been CSSA LOH Commander in 2008. My convention was also held in Oklahoma City. Commander Jeff Carter and Lady Susan had a great hospitality room and a fine banquet. Billy R. Dunham was elected Commander and laid out his program for CSSA LOH this coming year. He, like his predecessor, will not be using the WWW.CSSA-LOH.ORG web-site for communicating purposes. James "BJ" Benton was elected as 3rd Lt. Commander. He has just retired with over 20 years service in the US Army. I am sure he will be a great Commander when elected three years from now. There was no one running for Treasurer, so Jerry Rodman said he would stay on for another month until Commander Dunham appointed someone.



Morris W. Sykes

September is also a busy month with NESAs and SASAs both on the second weekend. My Chief Personal Aide Al Gonzalez and I traveled down to his condominium in NC to attend the SASA Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. They had the longest parade that I have ever seen and participated in. Al and I rode in

one of the Legion of Honor trailers. The SASA LOH Units really participate in the Color Guard and Inline Inspection with the following units competing; Rizpah LOH, Acca LOH, Oleika LOH & Khedive LOH. Commander Carroll E. Barnard had an excellent program with the presentation of Competition Awards and Emeritus Certificates at his banquet. The installation of the 2010 – 2011 officers was by IALOH 3rd Lt. Cmdr Woody Mitchell with Marshall L. Whisner installed as Commander. I am sure that the excellent program must be in part the doing of their SUPER Adjutant, none other than Don Super!!! That is not to be taken lightly as only associations with a great adjutant operate like a Swiss watch.

The New Masonic Temple in Topeka was the host location for the 25 & 50 year pin presentation, also one brother received a 65 year pin. The evening meal was served with the assistance of the Jobs Daughters preceding the pinning. The M.: W.: L. Kent Needham Grand Master of AF&AM of Kansas, with W.: Clanton of #17, W.: Bell of #51 and W.: Hurst of #90 assisting in the pinning of the brothers.

the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I had the pleasure of both my Chief of Staff Steve Suchsland and Chief Personal Aide Al Gonzalez and Ladies with me this year. Many of the Imperial Sirs have said it is the highlight of their year as did George A. Mitchell, Imperial Potentate. Thursday and Friday is fellowship in the hospitality room and the IALOH Officers have a few committee and board meetings. The 4th & 5th Lt. Commanders see that there is plenty of food and drinks. With 5th Lt. Cmdr. James Pulley taking over this year as Ted was unable to attend as he was with his mother in Florida when she died on Saturday. The Officer's Wives and Chief of Staff's Wives serve a great lunch on Friday. Donations are accepted but not required.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday morning before going to the Tomb, with Howard E. Wynia, Assistant Chaplain as Master of Ceremonies, and there is none better at the microphone than him. Fourth Lt. Ted Henderson being a Colonel in the Army was able to get the Fife and Drum group and Flag Color Guard to present colors by the five branches of the US Military Services. Behind the scenes is Raymond Coffee, PC of Jericho LOH who takes care of your hotel accommodations and gets the buses loaded to take all five hundred or so up to the Tomb and back. He always does an excellent job. Saving the best for last is the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with pumpkin and pecan pie. The program is completed with fellowship in the hospitality room.

Fall would not be complete without the Shriners Fall Ceremonials and Arab in Topeka is no exception. Illustrious Sir Larry Tice had the pleasure of Fezzing nine new Nobles this fall and Arab has an increase in membership again this year.

At Topeka Lodge #17 Past Master dinner I was next to the oldest Past Master present. I am not sure that is good. In 2016 I will be eligible for a 50 year pin. That used to be a paid in full dues card, but with the drop of membership that

October was my usual trip to Meeker, Colorado for elk hunting. Tenting at 9,000 feet and sitting around the camp fire at night, staring in to the fire can cause one to become a philosopher, historian or just a dreamer. OH, yes, one in our group of five hunters with licenses got a 5X5 elk. It is not the killing, but it is the fellowship that makes a successful trip.

Everyone is invited and many come, in fact there were 136 first timers this year to attend the Annual Arlington Wreath Laying at

TAPS

Dothard, John J.	18 October 2010
Khedive	PC
Godsey Sr., Eugene	19 September 2010
Bahia	PC

In Memory of
Our Departed Brothers

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part of the bylaws may have to be repealed.

Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving Family dinner and gathering this year and are looking forward to Christmas by the time you look for this Newsletter on the www.ialoh.org web-site.

I have received Christmas party invitations from Abdallah, Arab, India, Hillah, Khedive and Midian LOHs. Cynthia and I will make as many as we can. Several were on the same date and some were received too late to get an airline ticket, with late ticket purchase at one dollar a mile for round trip and several of my temples being 1,800 miles away from KC. I know I am repeating myself but six weeks notice is needed to get affordable tickets. I am looking forward to other invitations.

It is time to start making reservations for Commander Butch Arnold's Convention in Branson, Missouri on the 24th to 26th of March. Until we meet again keep out troops in yours prayers. As I write this article the news on TV is reminding me how I spent Thanksgiving in 1953 ---- North Korea is still acting the same.

Unit Commanders, don't forget it is time to make your annual report of elected Officers and necrology report to the International Adjutant Ronald A. Lee and a copy to me.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes

Students Assist with Rameses Legion of Honour Project

The Rameses Legion of Honour joined forces with members of the Grade 9 Metal Shop Class at Bowmanville High School to outfit a float for use by Rameses Legion of Honor members who are no longer able to march in parades.

Under the direction of their instructor, Mr. T. Brooks, the students undertook the project of decorating the float with a scimitar on each side cut from sheet

steel. In addition to learning new skills, the students also learned about who Shriners are, what they do in support of the hospitals, and in particular about the Legion of Honour.

Pictured a left are three of the students, Spencer Donnelly, Taylor Fairs and Tyler Williams, their instructor, Mr. T. Brooks, and Rameses Adjutant, Noble Blair Smyth.



Proposed Bylaws Changes

Kena Legion of Honor has submitted the following proposed changes to the Bylaws of the International Association Legions of Honor in accordance with Article IX, Section 1: Amendments, of the current Bylaws.

“Present Bylaws: Article IV

Section 3: International Board of Directors: The Officers named in Article IV, Section 1, all International Commanders and the International Parliamentarian shall constitute the Board of Directors, each of whom shall have a vote in all matters before the Board.

Proposed Change to Read: Article IV

Section 3: International Board of Directors: The Officers named in Article IV, Section 1, the Immediate Junior Past International Commander and the International Parliamentarian shall constitute the Board of Directors, each of whom shall have a vote in all matters before the Board.

Add New Subsection: Article IV

Section 4: Advisory Committee: All Past National and International Commanders shall serve as an Advisory Committee to the International Commander and the other Elected Officers of the Board of Directors. They may serve as a committee chairman or co-chairman if appointed by the current International Commander. They can be appointed by the current International Commander to fill any vacant office during the year due to death, resignation, etc. Any Past National or International Commander may run for any elected office, as set forth in these Bylaws.

Renumber Article IV, Section 4 to Section 5

Renumber Article IV, Section 5 to Section 6

Renumber Article IV, Section 6 to Section 7”

These proposed changes will be brought before the Association at the 2011 IALOH Convention in Branson, Missouri, 22-27 March 2011.

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

September was a busy month for Ray and Pat, especially Pat as she had to use a lot of her leave to attend our functions. Next year in March will be different as she will retire and we can travel a lot together and do some of our visitations together. We started off in September with a visit to Yaarab Shrine Temple, visiting the Legion of Honor unit there. Commander Jack Smith really took good care of us and we were received with the highest of honors. The meeting was very professional and attendance was great. It is a pleasure for me to see the meetings run so professionally and smoothly. We also met up with IALOH Jr. PIC, Bill Glenn, who gave us a tour of the Temple. What a beautiful Temple. I was really impressed. The Ladies put on a great meal for us and took good care of my Lady while I attended the meeting. Such a pleasurable trip and visitation, thank you Nobles and Ladies for your reception at Yaarab Legion of Honor.

On the 12th of September, Lady Pat and I had the honor of supporting the 445TH Airlift Wing Picnic at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton Ohio. We were invited to attend our former unit and support the Men and Women who are still serving this Great Nation. For their annual picnic, we put on our happy faces' and slipped into our CLOWN outfits. The kids really enjoy seeing clowns and we enjoyed dressing up to support this function. We have been invited to Clown around for them now for 5 years. De-

ember we'll do the next best thing and that is to be Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus again for our Troup's families.

On 13th September, Roy and I helped post colors for our Stated Meeting at Antioch Shrine Temple. Later that week my COS and I attended the South Atlantic Shrine Association with our ladies. IALOH had 5 International Officers present for the SASA convention, what a great turn out. Our first day started out with a breakfast meal with Commander Carroll Barnard and about 20 Nobles. The competition started at 0930 that morning and it went very smoothly. ACCA Legion of Honor received first place in Color Guard Competition along with first place in the in-line competition. Rizpah received second place on in-line competition with Khedive receiving 3rd place. I was very pleased with the turn out of the Temples for the competition. Our ladies were right there beside all of us during this competition and a nice round of applause goes to our supporting ladies. Commander Carroll Barnard did an excellent job in the meeting dynamics at the South Atlantic Shrine Association Legion of Honor Meeting. Cmdr. Carroll is such an inspiring and motivated individual. On Friday night, with the help of his lady Mary, the Dinner and Installation of Officers was such an enjoyable evening,



Ray Combs

and a wonderful time was had by all present. It was such a pleasure for us to see new friends like Commander Bill Wagner, (ALEE LOH) and his Lady Linda at the dinner. Saturday morning, Roy & I was up and at-em to have the honor of participating in the SASA parade on the ACCA trailer. What a great group of veterans who have served their country with pride and honor. Arlington was without a doubt the greatest thing, we as Shrine Military men, can do for our out unit. Words cannot express my feelings after attending this special event. The playing of taps, along with laying the wreath at the tomb, is one of the most important things I have taken part of in life. WHAT AN HONOR! I look forward in every year to take part in this event. Now we are safe back home and gearing up for our next adventure. See you on the Road. FREEDOM IS NOT FREE---keep our military men and women in your prayers for a safe return. May GOD bless our Military men and women and the Shrine.

Yours in the Faith,

Ray Combs

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immediately saw the positive aspect of the unveiling. He said having Belleville as one of the five cities was an honour.

"It's going to be part of our history," Ellis said. "We have to remember to thank our veterans and honour them for what they did to allow us to enjoy the freedom we have in our fundamental day-to-day lives."

Minister of State for Transport Rob Merrifield said the new coin is about recognizing the veterans and what they did to make Canada the greatest country in the world.

"This coin is all about thanking the veter-

ans. They've made this country so respected and so desired around the world," he said. "We have the greatest nation in the world and we will always stand on guard for her."

Wigmore, following the ceremony, said he has been impressed with the amount of recognition veterans have received over the course of the past few years. He said a decade ago veterans were only recognized on Remembrance Day but that's changed with coins honouring them, bridges being named after them and even a year dedicated to Canadian veterans.

"I think it all started in 2005 when the

government made it the Year of the Veteran. That's when Canada began to realize it has a very, very important history in supporting other countries that have been attacked," he said. "It's encouraging to see so many people recognize veterans and understand what happened in the past."

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TOMB of CANADIAN UNKNOWN SOLDIER
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Saturday 28 May 2011, 1100 hrs

Where: Canadian National War Memorial

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What: International Commander LOH will lay wreath

**Who: All U.S. and Canadian Legion of Honor Units and all
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