



# Now Hear This...



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## From the Commander's Desk...

Well, summer has come and gone and the days are getting colder.

August was a busy month. First, Lady Jennifer and I headed for Louisville, KY, and had a fun time with the members of SESA LOH. Commander Lenny Cywinski and his Lady Gerry did an outstanding job. All had a fun time and a great three days. Some who were the last to leave had to do so in the dark, as the large storm that came through caused a power outage and it was up and down the stairs to get their things from the room to the cars. The next week it was off to London, Ontario for the GLSA LOH. Commander John N. "Popeye" Smith and his staff put together a program that will be long remembered. If you liked spinach, it was the place to be; every meal in some way or the other you had spinach. After that trip I keep looking for "Wimpy" to find a hamburger. Great job, Commander John.

As I was booked for other events I asked 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Jack Tuomey to attend CSSA for me, and I know that he did a fabulous job. The second week in September it was off to Fall MASA in Virginia Beach, VA, with good weather and a fun parade. I would like to thank the Khedive LOH for their invitation for myself and the other IALOH Officers to ride with them in the parade. It was an honor to be with you. Bags packed and on the road again, off to Pigeon Forge, TN, for the Fall SASA LOH. Commander Marshall Whisner and his lady Guida and staff put together a fine dinner and program. Even the Imperial Officers showed up for a quick visit.

At all of these LOH functions it was my pleasure to serve as the Installing Officer or as the Installing Marshall. What an honor it was for me to see that the lines of these Associations are in the hands of not only great Shriners but also Honorable Nobles who have served both God and Country. Also I would like to say congratulations to all of the



**Tony Murray**

LOH Units that took part in all of the drill competitions at each of the sessions. In some cases there was only one unit in a category, but that unit was out there and did their best. I salute you and ask that you keep up the good work.

As I write this message we are one month away from our annual Arlington Wreath Laying at the Tomb of The Unknowns. I hope that you have got your reservations in and will be there to remember and honor those who "Gave All" so that we can do what we do in freedom. I know that 4<sup>th</sup> Lt.

Cmdr. Jim Pulley has been planning the event and is looking for an excellent turn out, as I am. Hope to see many of you there.

I hope that you who supported to our Ad program have received your yearbook by now. If you did not take part in the Ad program you can buy a copy through the International Adjutant while supplies last. It is first come, first served. I hope that you noticed the Lady Jennifer and I dedicated this year's yearbook to three wonderful ladies who will be missed: Beulah Henderson, Fran Sellden and Pat Shriner. The ladies were always there for their Shrine Center, LOH Units, LOH Associations, and for the IALOH. Just remember, we would not be where we are today without the support of our ladies, so don't forget to let them know what they mean to us all.

I have asked as I travel that any one who has taken pictures of any events of your LOH Units or association functions to please send them to the International Adjutant so that we may include them in our newsletter.

If anyone has dates and events they would like for me to attend please let me know as soon as possible. My COS and I hope to attend as many as we can.

Yours in the Faith,  
Tony S. Murray, PP

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### *The Crystal Ball*

*Looking at the Future...*

**Annual Wreath Laying**  
Arlington, VA  
05 November 2011

**TALOH Midwinter Meeting**  
New Braunfels, TX  
01-04 March 2012

**IALOH 2012 Convention**  
Alexandria, VA  
21-25 March 2012

**SASA LOH Spring Meeting**  
Ashland, KY  
12-15 April 2012

**MASA LOH Spring Meeting**  
Meadville, PA  
03-05 May 2012

**PNSA Spring Meeting**  
Nanaimo, BC  
17 May 2012

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...*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Things are still HOT in Texas, well the 100 degree days are the thing of the past, but our Texas Rangers are about to wrap up a Division Title for the second year in a row and the Cowboys won a game. Looking for BIG things to happen in the Lone Star state.

Before this heat wave hit, my Lady Sarabeth and I, along with my Chief of Staff Don Gibson and his Lady Jean attended the Texas Association Legions of Honor Mid-Winter meeting here in Fort Worth, Texas. Outgoing Commander Pat James and his Lady Jean put on a great Mid-Winter. I want to take this time to congratulate the new officers Jim Hollis, Commander, Ben Hur Legion of Honor, Paul Sawyer, 1 Lt. Commander, Kareem Legion of Honor, James Green, 2 Lt. Commander, Masket Legion of Honor and Richard Russell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander, Al Amin Legion of Honor. I know the Texas Association Legions of Honor will have a good year.

This was followed up with attending the Military Ball hosted by Hella Legion of Honor. Commander Jerry Williams and his staff really out did themselves. They had an outstanding dinner followed up with some great music. All who attended truly had a good time.



**Jack Tuomey**

In June, we were off to that great city Amarillo, Texas for the Texas Shrine Association Meeting. Thank God for Air-Conditioning. All of us who attended sure enjoyed the real Texas breakfast Commander Jim Hollis and his Chief of Staff International 8<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander Eddie Daffern, PP, hosted. There were 78 members and guests present for this breakfast. I might add that Inter-

national was well represented at the Texas Shrine Association meeting with me, 6<sup>th</sup> International Lt. Commander Gilbert Medina and 8<sup>th</sup> International Lt. Commander Eddie Daffern, PP. All of our Chief's of Staff were also there. I have to brag a little bit too, as Moslah Legion of Honor Drill Team was very successful during competition. They won a first in PAD competition, first in In-Line Inspection and a first in Parade.

A week later, my Lady Sarabeth and I, my Chief of Staff Don Gibson and his Lady Jean and Texas Association Legions of Honor 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Paul Sawyer and his Lady Edith, attended the 75<sup>th</sup> annual Oil Bowl Football Classic in Wichita Falls, Texas. This game is played between the Texas High school senior all star football players and the Oklahoma High school senior all star

## Division One

football players. The proceeds from this game are shared between teams and the Shrine Hospitals. I hate to mention it again, but it was very hot. I sure felt sorry for the players, but certainly appreciate their efforts, as it goes for a good cause. The Texas Boys won 17-13 in over time. One fine football game. Prior to the game, Texas Association Legions of Honor 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander James Green and his Lady Gina, hosted a luncheon for the Legion Nobles who were attendance. I must say their lunches are well worth the trip. We certainly appreciated their hospitality. I am really looking forward to next year's game.

I wish all of you a good summer. Remember if you have some activity you would like me to attend, please let me know and I will make every effort to be there.

Division 1 Temples are, Akdar, Bedouin, Hella, India, Isis, Khiva, Maskat, Midian, Mirza, Moslah, Sahara and Scimitar.

God Bless our Troops.

Yours in the Faith,

Jack Tuomey

## From the Adjutant/Editor

The Annual Data Call for 2012 will be coming out soon. This is when each unit needs to make an effort to get all of the required forms completed and submitted in a timely fashion. The forms include the Annual Report, the Delegate Nomination form and the Necrology Report.

The Annual Report is the most important because it provides the information necessary for the yearbook and provides for the submission of annual per capita Association dues.



**Ron Lee**

The Delegate nomination form is for your unit to indicate who will be attending the Annual Convention and whether they will be attending as Delegates or Designated Alternates. Remember that each unit is allowed two Delegates and two Designated Alternates and each one that attends the convention receives two points towards the ten total points required for election to Emeritus status (10). The

other categories on the form are for informational purposes only and help the

registration committee anticipate the total number of attendees.

The Necrology Report provides the names of any members who died during the previous year. These members are remembered at the Necrology Service and the list allows us to update association records.

And, on to other things. It is not too early to start thinking about attending the 2012 Annual Convention in Alexandria, Virginia. The registration form is in the center of this newsletter along with the tentative schedule of events. For those of

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings to all Legion Nobles and Ladies from Division Two. Many of the Associations and Units have been extremely active since the last news letter and my fractured shoulder healed without surgery, permitting me to travel more.

Lady Judy and I along with Div COS Claude Meade/Lady Robbie, attended the South Eastern Shrine Association (SESA) Legions of Honor meeting and Installation of officers, 10 – 12 August in Louisville, KY. Congratulations to Commander Lenny Cywinski and Lady Gerry for a good meeting and extremely active weekend. Newly installed Commander Bill Wagner, Alee Shrine, Savannah, GA., and Lady Linda have a very active year planned and we certainly wish them, along with the entire staff the best for the upcoming year. Thom Fluent, Yaarab and P. SESA Commander, Dan Kitchens, Al Sihah were installed as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cdr's respectfully. It was extremely good news to hear that long time SESA Adjutant, Dave Getter was recovering from an extended stay in the hospital.

The Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) annual meeting and installation of officers, was held 18 – 21 August in London Ontario Canada. Congratulations and thanks to Commander John (Popeye) Smith for a fun filled weekend and great meeting. John held true to his word and served (Several Times) a great spinach salad. As usual, the GLSA Necrology was outstanding. Also thanks to John for setting up and accompanying us on the fishing trip to Lake Erie. John, the Wall-eye I brought home was mighty tasty. Congratulations to newly installed Commander Ill Sir Kenneth L. Morey, Ansar

Shrine, he has a great year planned for GLSA. Also installed were: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cdr., Roy Combs, Antioch – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cdr., Larry Hearn, Murat and Adjutant, Doug LeBay, Zenobia. We wish them all the best.

Lady Judy and I attended the Zem Zem Commanders Ball honoring Commander Tom Kalinowski and Lady Jane in Erie PA, 26 – 27 August. Commander Tom, thanks to you and your staff for a most enjoyable weekend. The hospitality was super and the impromptu discussions we had regarding membership, is indicative of the importance that a lot of units are placing on getting new members.

Lady Judy and I attended the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) Annual convention at Virginia Beach, 8 – 10 September. Thanks to Commander Eric Lohr and Lady Jamie for their outstanding hospitality. Also, congratulations to all the units that participated in the competition. It is great to see that some MASA units are continuing to participate in the Drill Competition.

Lady Judy and I were accompanied by Div COS Meade/Lady Robbie, Assist Div COS Billy C. Evans/Lady Carmelita, Div Chief Aide Don McBrayer/Lady Vicki and Div Ad Chairman Jim Smith/Lady Barbara attended the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) Convention in Pigeon Forge, TN, 21-24 September. Congratulations to outgoing Commander Marshall Whisner/Lady Guida and staff for all their efforts during the past year. The following officers



**Woody Mitchell**

were installed for the ensuing year: Commander, Ill Sir Paul Daniels, El Hasa – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cdr., Walt Trower, Acca – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cdr., Dave Conley, Amran and 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt Cdr., Barry McCaslin, Oleika. Also, congratulations to the new Adjutant, Peter Gordon, Khedive. We wish them all the very best for the up coming year. Additionally, a great Big Thank You to outgoing Adjutant Don Super, Khedive. Don served for several years

and was an outstanding Adjutant. Congratulations to all the Units that participated in the Competition. The two mainstays, Acca and Khedive were on the field and it's certainly good to see Oleika and Ritzpah taking an active part.

We just received good news from Division Chief of Staff Claude Meade, regarding the fractured vertebra. It is healing without surgery and he removed the back brace on 26 September. Also, it was great to hear that PIC Jim Taflinger and Lady Gail Kitchens are recovering from surgery in good order.

We are planning on attending the Commander's Ball at Zembo on 1 October and hope to see a lot of you there. Don't forget the Arlington Wreath laying is just around the corner. According to housing Chairman, Raymond Coffey, a few rooms remain vacant, but you must act quickly.

### GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

Yours in the Faith,

Woody

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you who have attended any of the Wreath Laying ceremonies, you will find a different and interesting part of Virginia and a completely different season.

I hope everyone has received their yearbook by now. They were sent as bulk mail so the delivery was sporadic. I want to express my heart-felt thanks to this year's Yearbook Editor, Noble Tracy Coughlin, for an outstanding job.

Those of you who know Tracy will want to know that he is now in a job providing support to our troops in Afghanistan. We all wish him the very best and hope for his safe return.

Since Tracy will be out of the country, for the interim I will take over handling yearbook ads for the next year. We will be starting the campaign for the 2012-2013 yearbook at Arlington this November. Remember that while the yearbook is our major fundraiser, it is also the primary source of information on all things relating to the Association. Your support and the

support of your units is sincerely appreciated.

Finally, please remember that our web site, [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org), has a lot of information and printable forms available.

See y'all in Arlington...

Yours in the Faith,

Ron Lee

# 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Five

**L**egion Nobles,  
**Tomb of the Unknowns**

*The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery is also known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It stands on top of a hill overlooking Washington, D.C.*

*One of the more popular sites at the Cemetery, the tomb is made from Yule marble quarried in Colorado. It consists of seven pieces, with a total weight of 79 short tons (72 metric tons). The tomb was completed and opened to the public April 9, 1932, at a cost of \$48,000.*

*It was initially named the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." Other unknown servicemen were later entombed there, and it became known as the "Tomb of the Unknowns", though it has never been officially named. The Tomb of the Unknowns has been perpetually guarded since July 2, 1937, by the U.S. Army. The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment ("The Old Guard") began guarding the Tomb April 6, 1948.*

I would like to extend a special invitation to everyone and join us at the International Association Legions of Hon-

or (IALOH) honoring the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony on November 3 – 6, 2011. The Headquarters Hotel is the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Key Bridge 1900 North Fort Myer Drive Arlington, VA. Nobles wishing to attend this special ceremony need to return a completed form to Noble Raymond Coffey. The form can be acquired from the IALOH Webb Site. Also, anyone can reach me at my email address: medina502@aol.com

On September 2 – 5, 2011, Labor Day weekend, COS Jim Fox & Maureen and Nelda & I with the AL AMIN Legion of Honor helped at the AL AMIN Shrine Circus Days in McAllen, Texas. The Legion of Honor presented Colors at the Shrine Circus events. In celebration of the AL AMIN Shrine Circus, I commend the Legion of Honor and each of you for your dedication and hard work. You deserve to be proud of your achievement for presenting the Colors in every event. Thank you for everything you do!

On October 21 – 23, 2011, we will be



**Gilbert Medina**

attending the Texas Association Legions of Honor (TALOH) picnic in Round Rock, Texas. This will be the 8th Annual TALOH Gathering held in Round Rock, Texas. The State Commanders and their staff plus Legion Nobles from throughout the State of Texas will be in attendance during the TALOH Picnic in Round Rock, Texas. Participating

with the LOH honors us and has always been a high point for us. We look forward for the Gathering event in Round Rock, Texas.

The services provided by Shriner's Legion of Honor are valuable in our present day. When I think of all the Children the Shriner's LOH have helped, and when I think of the vast number of Children still in need, I feel not only deeply grateful for your courage and vision, but also strongly compelled to help support a good cause.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

Gilbert Medina

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Three

**W**ell, here it is, time for another article for the newsletter. Where does the time go?

It's been a pretty hectic summer for me. As I told you before, I am done with my active duty tour in Texas. The good news is that I got to go home to Florida. The bad news was that meant all the time, trouble and hassle of packing up everything I seemed to have accumulated after three years living in El Paso and moving it all back to Tallahassee. Finally got that all done and it was time to head to Nebraska for some personal and family business. When I got home, I thought I was finally going to get some



**Ted Henderson**

really enjoy that group and I had missed not being able to attend all their functions while I was stationed in Texas. It was a great weekend and I got to renew some old acquaintances and make some new friends. Congratulations to new

"me" time, but instead I was offered a new job with the Army. Major difference is that this time it is a civilian job instead of active duty. Still having to adjust to that change. I keep thinking I need to salute somebody.

Somehow, in the middle of all that, I got lucky and was able to attend the Southeastern Shrine Association Legion of Honor Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. I

SESA LOH Commander Bill Wagner, new 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Thom Fluent, and "new" 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander Dan Kitchens (Dan is actually a past SESA LOH commander. I guess you can't keep a good man down.) My best wishes to these officers and the entire SESA LOH for a great year. I know they will do great and I hope to be with them more often now. Also want to offer my sincere congratulations to Junior Past SESA LOH Commander Lenny Cywinski and his Lady Gerry. They had a great year and I'm sure the SESA LOH won't let this great pair get away. Thanks to the entire SESA LOH family for their warmth and hospitality.

It's hard to believe but by the time you read this, the annual Arlington wreath laying will be less than a month away. I

## 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

**H**i Brother Legion Nobles,  
Well, another quarter has passed. This year is just flying by. We're less than a month away from the wreath laying in Arlington. On November 5th at 1315, we will lay the wreath. Following the wreath laying we will join the Canadians at the Canadian memorial for a brief observance. This memorial was dedicated by Canada to the large number of United States citizens who enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and gave their lives during WW I, WW II and the Korean War.

As you know, I have Arlington this year. My wife, Deb, and I are looking forward to seeing everyone come out and support our commander, Tony Murray as we honor our fallen comrades.

In early August, I attended the SESA LOH convention in Louisville. Many thanks to Len Cywinski and his lady for their wonderful hospitality. Congratulations to the new officers for stepping forward and taking command for the upcoming year. This was a great convention. I saw many great friends.

Then it was off to the GLSA LOH convention in London, Ontario, Canada with my wife. I want to thank John "Popeye" Smith, Commander, for a wonderful time. We enjoyed many wonderful meals, all of which included—surprise—

surprise—spinach salads! There is a great group of Legion Nobles at Mocha Temple. Mocha Nobles, you outdid yourselves, thank you. I want to congratulate the incoming commander, Ken Morey, who is also one of my assistant chiefs of staff. I hope you have a wonderful year. To the other officers of the GLSA LOH, congratulations to you for stepping up for the year to come.

Next we visited our own unit for our annual picnic, on 10 September. Our new GLSA LOH Commander, Ken Morey and his Chief of Staff were in attendance. Thank you for coming. I also want to thank our Commander, officers and Legion Nobles for a wonderful day.

The next day, I headed to Hadi temple for their Legion of Honor picnic. I want to thank all the officers, past potentates, divan members, and LOH nobles for a really great day. The food was outstanding, and the homemade ice cream was delicious. I have made so many friends at Hadi that going there is like old home week.

Finally, I would like to thank Commander Ronald Bolyard for inviting me to Murat for their stated meeting on 27 Sep-



**Jim Pulley**

## Division Four

tember. I enjoyed a good meal, met a lot of old friends like Murat's Chief of Staff, Anthony Stout; Past Commander Louie Galati; Lloyd Hearn, GLSA LOH 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander, and his brother Larry, Past Commander, GLSA LOH, and Past Commander Bob Watson. I had a chance to meet some nobles I have not met before. Thank you nobles for a wonderful evening and your great hos-

pitality.

Nobles, as the years pass by, every year, every month, and every day we need to be actively recruiting new members. We have a wonderful group of Legion Nobles in our Legions of Honor and we want that to continue. We as Legion Nobles have a wonderful bond with each other that surpasses all others in our temples. Through our service, fighting for our freedom, we all love and enjoy our country and this common bond. So please get out there and recruit those new members.

Until next time, it's always an honor to be in the Legion of Honor.

Yours in the faith,

Jim Pulley

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always look forward to this weekend, but I can't believe it's that time again so soon. No question, you should plan on attending. If you haven't made your hotel reservations, do so immediately. Get in touch with Ray Coffey as soon as you can. Also, don't forget to make your reservations for the Commander's Banquet on Saturday after we return from the Cemetery.

This will be the last IALOH newsletter before the end of the year holiday season. So let me be probably the first to wish you the most joyous holiday season. I hope that you can be

with your loved ones.

If you'd like to get in touch with me, please do so at either my Florida address, 2916 Cross Creek Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301, my phone (850-321-3472), or email me at tedhenderson@juno.com.

Well, that's about it for now. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you. Until then, I am,

Yours in the faith,  
Ted Henderson

## Time Is Running Out...

If you are coming to the Wreath Laying at Arlington and plan on taking part in the luncheon, you need to make sure you have your tickets. **If you haven't yet gotten your tickets, call I.S. Paul R. Daniels, at 606-473-6706 or send him an e-mail at [pote1994@zoominternet.net](mailto:pote1994@zoominternet.net)** so that he can give the hotel an accurate head count.

As a gentle reminder, the hospitality room will not be open during the meal.



**International Association Legions of Honor  
81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention  
Alexandria, VA  
March 21 - 25, 2012**

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

<b>Wednesday</b> March 21, 2012	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>0800</b>
	<b>Free Time</b>	
	<b>Registration and Credentials</b>	<b>1300-1700</b>
	<b>Market Place</b>	<b>1300-1700</b>
	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	
	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>1400-1500</b>
	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>1500-1700</b>
	<b>Dinner on your own</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> March 22, 2012	<b>Registration and Credentials</b>	<b>0800-0845</b>
	<b>Formal Opening</b>	<b>0900-1030</b>
	<b>Market Place</b>	<b>1030-1700</b>
	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>1045-1230</b>
	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	<b>1230-</b>
	<b>Free Time</b>	<b>1230-1700</b>
	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>1330-1700</b>
	<b>Welcome Party</b>	<b>1800-2300</b>
<b>Friday</b> March 23, 2012	<b>Registration and Credentials</b>	<b>0800-0845</b>
	<b>Necrology Service</b>	<b>0930-1130</b>
	<b>Ladies Luncheon</b>	<b>1230-1400</b>
	<b>Chief of Staff's Luncheon</b>	<b>1230-1345</b>
	<b>Market Place</b>	<b>1230-1700</b>
	<b>Drill Competition</b>	<b>1430-1600</b>
	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>1600-1800</b>
	<b>Candidate Hospitality</b>	<b>1900-2100</b>
<b>Saturday</b> March 24, 2012	<b>Registration and Credentials</b>	<b>0800-0845</b>
	<b>Business Meeting/Elections</b>	<b>0900-1100</b>
	<b>Market Place</b>	<b>0900-1600</b>
	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	<b>1130-1300</b>
	<b>Commander Elect Session</b>	<b>1300-1400</b>
	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>1500-1700</b>
	<b>Commander's Reception</b>	<b>1800-1900</b>
	<b>Banquet/Installation</b>	<b>1900-2230</b>
<b>Sunday</b> March 25, 2012	<b>Departure</b>	
	<b>Safe Travels</b>	

# 6<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Six

I was on my way to the Shrine International at the end of my last Quarterly Newsletter. I sent my newsletter article to the International Adjutant before I left and the other Lt's covered the convention in the July issues of NOW HEAR THIS.....

My next July trip was to the Military Ball and One Stone get-together in Ashland, Kentucky at the El Hasa Shrine. I don't know who all should get the credit but Woody Mitchell, Claude Meade and ladies really know how to put on a fun and memorable weekend. The trip out to the "farm" is always a little extra. Marian's steaks are always just perfect and who comes up with the skit, always just tops last year. Then there is the golf game. I was the beer bitch again. Would you believe it was so cool this July I gave away more water than beer!!! The program for the ball always gives honor to some great military event. They top it off with wonderful dance music that is enjoyed by all.

It's back to Kansas and the East West Bowl Game. It starts on Friday with the Banquet. The Banquet is an Honor to the football players, band, cheerleaders and cross-country runners, with over a thousand reserved tickets in attendance. There are always one or two children from the Shrine Hospital and some Imperial Officers. Saturday starts with the parade. The flag carriers for Arab Shriners were your 6<sup>th</sup> Lt. Sykes, COS Steve Suchsland, Arab LOH Commander Richard Watson and Adjutant Ron Buchanan. What a turnout there is with all the family members along the parade route. Then the game is the climax of the weekend which begins a year in advance with all the masonic bodies sponsoring a band or football player.



**Morris W. Sykes**

My second annual trip to Alberta, Canada starts with 1,800 miles each way trip to Calgary. This year I arrived a day early and was able to attend the graduation of the Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre. Also the change of Command, with the retirement of Lt-Colonel A. E. Bratland, OMM, CD and installation of Lt-Colonel D. J. West, CD. There were

four platoons of Army Cadets and one platoon of Pipes and Drums. I love the way they twirled their timpani mallets between beats on the drum.

The next morning I again met up with Al Azhar Legion of Honor to travel 150 kilometers up to the city of Innisfail Legion Barracks 104 to join Al Shamal Legion of Honor. This year was Al Shamal's turn to provide the program and lunch. Commander Robert E. Juthner provided an excellent program with a

arship which enabled her to further her study of singing in Austria.

I was then presented with an original work of marquetry that was hand crafted by the late Commander of Al Shamal Legion of Honor by Noble Siegrid Klotsche. This is a beautiful wood inlay of different species of wood veneers to make the colors. I have purchased some marquetry wood items when I was in Tuscan, Italy a few years ago, but they don't compare or mean as much to me as this one from Al Shamal Commander Juthner.

I had a few free days before PNSA Convention in Butte, MT. I visited several beautiful areas in the Rocky Mountains, Banff, Lake Louise and then down to Coeur d'Alene, ID before arriving in Butte. I spent one lovely day with Dwaine and Sylvia Selk at their home in Lolo, MT. Dwaine was a recipient of an IALOH Distinguished Service Award at Branson, MO.

PNSA was hosted by Bagdad Shriners Potentate Rodney F. Royer. The PNSA Legions of Honor had no formal meeting

room as their Commander was in Wyoming. However Nile's LOH Unit Commander Virg Prodigalidad turned his room at War Bonnet Motel in to the Hospitality room each evening. Nile Shriners had a lot of units in the parade. They were led by Commander Prodigalidad and his flag team, the second row was IALOH Lt. Cmdr. Sykes, COS Suchsland and John Matovich of Algeria LOH. Lloyd Jones, PP, PC of Gizeh Shriners will be the PNSA LOH Commander in 2012 on the Vancouver

Island at the City of Nanaimo. He is working on getting hotel and meeting rooms set up for the Convention. There are several ferries that go from the mainland and USA to the Island. There is one that goes direct from Vancouver to Nanaimo. Al Gonzalez and I took the



**L to R are Al Azhar Officers; CDR Charles Frew, Adjutant Wayne T. Menard and 1st Lt. Ace A. McGuire, IALOH 6<sup>th</sup> LCDR Morris W. Sykes. Al Shamal Officers; CDR Robert Juthner, 1st Lt. Isaac Brower-Berkhoven and Adjutant Jim Leskovich.**

worldly singer, Heather Maclean, who was born in South Africa. After completing her Music Education; she attended the Guildhall School of Music in London, England. During a sojourn of seven years in Canada she is part of a team teaching early childhood music at the Alberta College Conservatory of Music in Edmonton. She was twice the winner of the prestigious Johann Strauss Schol-

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Lady Pat and I started off in July by traveling to Denver, Colorado, for the International Shrine Convention. I not only got to attend and vote on the issues but I also worked as an Imperial Marshal during the convention. It is always nice to meet old friends. At the International Association Legions of Honor meeting, Commander Tony presented Puerto Rico's Al Rai'e Saleh Legion of Honor their Charter. After the Imperial, Lady Pat and I traveled north to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse for a vacation and enjoyed Estes Canyon as well. What beautiful country the good Lord has made for us to see.

Returning home, we traveled to El Hasa in Ashland, Kentucky, to attend the Commanders Ball. We started off with a golf outing and teamed up again with Neal and Diane and had a marvelous time golfing with them. We spent the evening with Cdr. Don McBrayer and his Lady Vicki, we enjoyed a great meal and danced the night away. Can't forget to mention the trip to the farm where we put on the "One Stone" and created new members. A little libation followed and a toast to the new members and new officers. Arriving back home we paraded with the Antioch Legion of Honor in several parades during July.

August had us traveling to the four corners of the earth-hahaha. We start out on the 6th Aug with the Antioch LOH picnic being at our house with everyone having fun. We recognized my Assistant Chief of Staff, Art Kelly, as one of our charter members. Roy Combs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cdr, GLSA, LOH, presented Art with the plaque while I read Art's accomplishments. We really surprised Art with the presentation. Art and Antioch Shrine LOH are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year. Congratulations to Art Kelley. In September we'll be presenting a plaque to Tom White, a charter member and past Chief of Staff of GLSA LOH in 1992 for Commander Arlie Lawson. Congratulations to our charter members.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of August, we traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the SESA

Convention. Congratulations to Commander Len Cywinski and Lady Gerry for putting on a great Convention. CDR Len had a few outside-related problems and handled them in a very professional manner. Commander Bill Wagner was installed as the newly elected commander and I know Commander Bill and Lady Linda will do another outstanding job for SESA.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Aug we packed our bags again and headed for London, Ontario, Canada for the GLSA LOH. Commander John Smith had a great agenda for everyone and Lady Pat and I truly had fun in Canada. Every officer was moved up with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr Roy Combs moving up to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cmdr for GLSA LOH. We are so proud of Roy.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Antioch had their annual Car show. We had a great turn out and I recruited a new member for the Blue Lodge as well as a demit to our temple. A great day for me as a Mason, with the new member wanting to belong to the Shrine Motor Corp Bike Unit---So Mote It Be!!.

September 6<sup>th</sup> had us traveling to Virginia Beach for the MASA Convention. At the opening ceremony, Commander Murray introduced me to the President of MASA Rev. David Kinsley and the good Rev. stated he knew me but remembers my Lovely Lady more so with her some-what non biblical joke she had told me. Boy, did the membership have a laugh with this one. We stayed at the Courtyard by Marriott with the Almas

## Division Seven

Shrine Legion of Honor. What an honor to be asked to be one of the judges in the competition. Man did I have a great time with all of the members. It brought back so many memories of my military career. Commander Murray and I my had a great time parading with the Khedive Shrine Legion of Honor.

Returning home on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, and going to the post office to retrieve our mail, I got the official letter I have been waiting for from Lexington Shrine Hospital—my appointment to the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children-Lexington, Ky. I am on cloud 9 and rising.

Ray Combs



Ray Combs

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Pray, Donald Moslah	August 2011 PC, Adjutant
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John Vaughan Moslah	August 2011

**IN MEMORY OF  
OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

This is funny... well, sort of... I was very excited about going to PNSA as it was my first association meeting to attend. I was driving and my Lady Shari was flying in to meet me. Everything was set! On the drive to Butte, MT, I began an email conversation with International Assistant Chaplain, Noble Howard Wynia from Zelzah Temple. Not far out of Butte, the conversation turned to where I was headed and I told Howard to PNSA. A little later, I received a return email stating, "Why are you going there? There are no Legion of Honor activities planned. There is no competition, no meeting and no banquet." Well, everything was in place and I had gone too far, so I replied that we would just have a good time anyway... which we did! Baghdad Shrine Potentate, Illustrious Sir Rodney Royer, was a great host. In addition to some serious sight-seeing, Lady Shari and I attended other functions of PNSA. We also hooked up with 6<sup>th</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Morris Sykes and his Chief of Staff Stephen Suchsland. Nile LOH was present for the parade and invited the three of us to march behind them in the parade, which we did. We're sorry the LOH



**Eddie Daffern**

didn't have a meeting, but we still had a great time.

Our next journey took us to the Central States Shrine Association in Overland Park, KS. Commander Bill Dunham and his Lady were most gracious hosts. The Necrology Service and the Formal Banquet were very well planned and enjoyed by all. It was fun meeting up with PIC Butch Arnold and Lady Debbie and his "former" Chief of Staff

Ken Miller and Lady Mary. It was also good to visit with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Jack Toumey and Lady Sarabeth, Chief of Staff Don Gibson and Lady Jean, 6<sup>th</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Morris Sykes and Lady Cynthia, Assistant Chief of Staff Al Gonzales and Lady Laurie. To us, everything went very smoothly and we met many new friends. Congratulations to Noble Donnie Bowerman for being installed as Commander of CSSA Legion of Honor.

Lady Shari and I and my Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara next travelled to Pigeon Forge, TN for the South Atlantic Shrine Association. Commander Marshall L. Whisner, his Lady Guida and staff did an outstanding job in all their preparations. Competition, though small, was excellent. We had fun hook-

ing up with IALOH Commander Tony Murray and Lady Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Woody Mitchell and Lady Judy, Chief of Staff Claude Meade and Lady Robbie, Adjutant Ron Lee and Lady Helen, and PIC Donald Reed. Congratulations to all the SASA LOH officers moving up the line and especially Illustrious Sir Paul Daniels on becoming the new Commander.

Legion Nobles, as you all know, membership is a problem in all of our Temples. I'm sure each Potentate and Divan has programs in place to increase membership in their respective Temples. If you haven't already, please get involved! This is a fight and Veterans don't back down from a fight! Wherever I travel, I visit with the Legion Nobles about their membership, and if they are successful, what they are doing. When I have this list compiled in some type of order, I will share it with all of you. Meantime, please let me know what your Unit or Temple is doing to increase membership. If we share success stories, there might be a spark for other Nobles to find new programs to implement and we all will be better off.

Semper Fi,  
Eddie Daffern, PP

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ferry to the Island to see Stan Grenda installed as Commander last January.

My COS Steve and I got back just in time to attend CSSA LOH Convention in Overland Park, KS. Commander Bill Dunham and Lady Ruthie had a great Banquet. Donnie Bowerman was installed as Commander. Other officers are, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Russell Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. B. J. Benton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Gerald Rodman, Adjutant Ronald Buchanan and Finance Officer Charles Siecgrist. Commander Bowerman then introduced his friend, the speaker for the evening, Distinguished Medal of Honor recipient Naval HC 2 Donald (Doc) Ballard who was assigned to the Marines in Vietnam. He is now a Colonel in the US Army National Guard.

An invitation from units of the 6<sup>th</sup> DIVISION is welcome and attendance will depend on weather and first received.

I am wishing all of you a thankful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Say a prayer for our military members wherever they are around the world.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Division LOH consists of the following Units; **Abdallah, Afifi, Al Aska, Al Azhar, Al Kader, Al Shamal, Algeria, Arab, Baghdad, Calam, El Katif, El Riad, Gizeh, Hillah, Korein, Nile, Sesostris, Tangier, and Tehama.**

Yours in the Faith,  
Morris W. Sykes



**Al Shamal CDR Robert Juthner presents a marquetry plaque of the Legion of Honor emblem to IALOH 6th Lt. Commander Morris W. Sykes.**

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**Sixth International Lt. Commander Morris Sykes and some of the attendees from Al Azhar & Al Shamal Legions of Honour in front of the Royal Canadian Legion, Innisfail Branch # 104, in Innisfail, Alberta, Canada.**

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