



Texas Association Legion of Honor

NEWSLETTER DATE

July 2026

2026 Chain of Command

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Texas Association Legions of Honor Mission

The Legion of Honor is a specialized unit within Shriners International composed of veterans and active-duty armed forces members. Its mission is to foster patriotism, love for country and flag, honor fallen comrades, and promote friendship among its members while supporting the philanthropic efforts of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

TALOH stands as the unifying body for all Legion of Honor units across the 13 Shriner Temples in Texas, representing the proud community of Shriners who have served our nation. It fosters unity, strengthens coordination, and promotes the shared values and mission of the Legion of Honor throughout the state.

The Commander's Corner

Nobles,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks and congratulations to the Nobles of Arabia and Ben Hur for competing in the Inline Inspection and Color Guard competitions at the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial. The units split the honors, with Arabia taking first place in Inline Inspection and Ben Hur earning first place in the Color Guard competition.

Following the competition, more than 30 Legion members and their Ladies gathered for lunch, where good stories, laughter, and fellowship were shared by all. I hope to see even more units participating in the upcoming TALOH Midwinter.

We have two upcoming TALOH events that I encourage everyone to attend. First, our Fall Picnic will be held on September 26, 2026. Lady Traci and I will be hosting the event at our home in Bertram, Texas. A flyer with complete details is attached to this newsletter.

Second, our annual TALOH Midwinter Conference will take place February 26–28, 2027, at the Holiday Inn Midtown in Austin, Texas. Registration is now open, and the registration information is also attached.

Please work with your units to help make both of these events successful, well attended, and enjoyable for everyone.

Fraternally,

Fred Maynard

Commander

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Important Web Links

Shriners International

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en>

Shriner's Childrens Hospital

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/>

International Legions of Honor

<http://www.internationalloh.org>

Texas Association Legions of Honor

<http://www.ialoh.org/texas-association.html>

Texas Shrine Association

<http://www.texasshrine.com/member-templates.html#/>

2026 TSA Ceremonial Session

<http://www.texasshrine.com/#/>

Facebook

[Arabia Legion of Honor](#)

[Ben Hur Legion of Honor](#)

[Hella Shrine Legion of Honor](#)

[ILOH](#)



2027 ILOH Annual Convention

It is not too early to start planning your trip to the 2027 International Association Legions of Honor Convention! This year's convention will be held aboard the *Royal Caribbean Independence of the Seas*, sailing from Cape Liberty, New Jersey, to beautiful Bermuda.

Attached is a flyer containing all of the pertinent information. If you have never attended an IALOH Convention, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Shriners and Veterans from across the United States and Canada while enjoying a memorable cruise together. We always have a great time, build lasting friendships, and create memories that last a lifetime. Be sure to book early to secure the best selection of staterooms. More information is available at the International LOH website: [Convention | Intl Legion of Honor](#)



TEXAS ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR

You're Invited
to the

TALOH FALL PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

10 AM – 2 PM

MAYNARD HOME

105 TIERRA FUERTE CT
BERTRAM, TX 78605

MENU

Smoked Pork Butt, Potato Salad,
and Ranch Style Beans & water provided.

POT-LUCK SUGGESTIONS

appetizers, chips & dip, corn or other side dish,
pickles/onions/peppers tray, rolls,
beverage of choice or desserts.

RSVP

to Commander Fred Maynard @ 512-422-0452
or fred.maynard@att.net

So, we can look forward to seeing you.



TEXAS ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

★ FEBRUARY 26, 27 & 28 ★



LOCATION



MIDTOWN

6000 Middle Fiskville Road
Austin, TX



Hotel QR

HOTEL RATE: \$129 PER NIGHT

Rate Includes:



PARKING



FREE WIFI



BREAKFAST
FOR TWO GUESTS



FRIDAY – FEB. 26
*Western Themed
Welcome Party*

SATURDAY – FEB. 27
Conference

SUNDAY – FEB. 28
*Return Home
(No Event)*

EVENT REGISTRATION

★ \$150 ★
PER PERSON



Registration QR

★ REGISTRATION INCLUDES ★

- ★ Welcome party with a meal
- ★ Combined luncheon on Saturday — America 250 themed
Ladies are encouraged to wear hats to the luncheon
- ★ Dinner on Saturday evening — Formal dress



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Together We Make a Difference!

HONOR ★ SERVICE ★ LEADERSHIP



Mid-Winter Conference
February 26 thru 28, 2027

Registration Form

If registering by mail please make checks payable to Fred Maynard.

Mail To: 105 Tierra Fuerte Ct., Bertram TX 78605

Online registration is available via the QR code on the flyer.

Holiday Inn Mid-town 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752 512-451-5757

When making your hotel reservation, please reference our Group Name: Legions of Honor.

Name: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Shrine Center: _____ Title: _____

Check all that applies:

Past TALOH Commander _____ Past IALOH Commander _____

Current IALOH Officer _____ Title: _____

Your TALOH registration fee includes your tickets to the Welcome/Western Party, The Ladies & Mens Luncheon, the formal Change of Command Dinner, gratuity, and hospitality room refreshments.

Registration for Self \$150.00 x \$ _____

Registration for Guest \$150.00 x \$ _____

Welcome Party Guest \$ 50.00 x \$ _____

Change of Command Guest \$ 70.00 x \$ _____

Pay to Play:

Note: Please note any special dietary needs, we will make an effort to assist you.



INTERNATIONAL LEGIONS OF HONOR

Cruise Info Sheet

6 Days-5 Nights Departing on 27 May 2027



Join us as we set sail to sunny Bermuda for the 96th Annual International Legions of Honor Convention onboard Royal Caribbean International's "Independence of the Seas."

- Cruiseline: Royal Caribbean International (RCI)
- Dates: Setting sail on 27 May 2027 until 1 June 2027, for six days/five nights
- Homeport: Cape Liberty, New Jersey
- Ship: "Independence of the Seas"
 - GWT: 154,407
 - Length: 1,142 feet
 - Beam: 184 feet
 - Draft: 29 feet

Note-Independence of the Seas was the World's Largest Cruise Ship from 2008-2009!

-Itinerary – 6 Days/5 Nights

Day 1: Cape Liberty, NJ – Underway	3:00 pm Departure
Day 2: Fun Day at Sea	
Day 3: Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda	9:00 am Arrival
Day 4: Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda	5:00 pm Set Sail
Day 5: Fun Day at Sea	
Day 6: Cape Liberty, NJ	7:00 am Docked

Exclusive group rates. Book your cabin for only \$250 per person. Call Bro. Edward today!

Cabin Selection

Inside Cabin (4V)	Oceanview (4N)	Balcony (4B)
\$738.20	\$828.20	\$1,148.20

Includes all taxes and port fees. Prices are per person double occupancy. Does not include gratuities. Prices subject to change if/when we fill our room block. Does not include convention registration of \$45.

Travel Agent: **Edward's Travel and Cruise** - 3972 Holland Road, Suite107, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Call Edward Usita at 757-431-8624.



Famous Horsehoe Bay Beach



Independence of the Seas



Historic Royal Naval Dockyard