



# Legion of Honor News

By JOHN BOHLING

Here it is, post-parade season, and winter is setting in. With the untimely passing of 2nd Lt. Commander, **John Martin Kandres**, the Legion of Honor was unable to attend the last two parades.

John was just a few months shy of taking over command of the unit. He was also a spark plug for the Unit, having produced, directed and paid for a long list of LOH social gatherings. We are all left with happy memories of the Tours of Duty at Fort Kandres in North Reading.

Our sincere thoughts of sympathy go out to his family, especially his wife **Cindy**, to whom he had such a happy, but tragically short marriage. We will never forget John. Eternal rest to you buddy, and all those men you led in Vietnam who welcomed you home.

On a happier note, we have elected the following officers for 2009-2011:

- Commander: **Dan Schuldman P.C.**
- 1st Lt. Commander: **Stan Brenner**
- 2nd Lt. Commander: **Samuel "Hoyt" Siggins**
- Adjutant: **John Bohling P.C.**
- Finance Officer: **Fred Shaw P.P.**

With a lot to do over the next two years we hope you guys pitch in and don't leave us out there in "no-man's land." There is lots to do in the next two years.

I just got a phone call from **Bruce Boulter** who was able to attend the December Heads of Units meeting and fill-in admirably for those of us who were unable to attend. Thank you Bruce. This is the kind of cooperation we will need from 2009 to 2011.

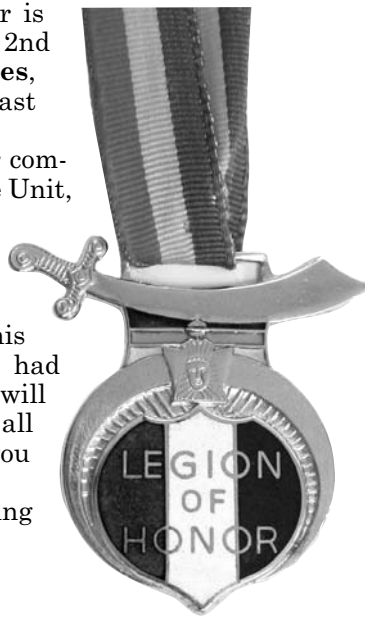
As we bring our 2007-2008 year to a close, we give a big "thank you" and "well done" to our outgoing Commander **Wendell McMillan**, for all that he has done over the past several years. Being a resident of Vermont, Wendell has logged many miles on his trusty truck to attend functions.

Also, a thank you goes to his wife, **Marilyn**, who never complained about keeping the drive-way shoveled, or polishing his head!

The Unit needs to sell ads for the 2009 Aleppo Shriners Circus Book., We can use the commissions from the sales.

Also, there is a small write-up on this page about DD-214 forms for those Nobles who are retired servicemen.

'Till next time!



# Regarding U.S. Military Records

ALL veterans, please take note of the following bit of very important news that came across my desk recently.

The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for Veterans to access their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard form 180 which can be downloaded from the online website.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Please note there is no requirement to type "www" in front of the web address.



# The Shriners Swing Band Available for ALL:



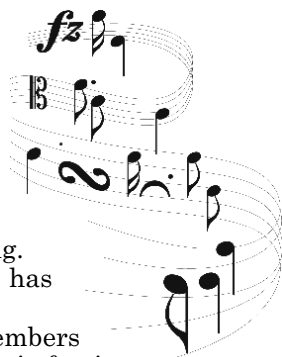
Shrine  
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and Masonic  
functions.

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# Swing Band Notes

ANOTHER year has passed. As the members reflect about the past year there are many things to be grateful for. We continue to rehearse every Tuesday evening. Our musical repertoire has expanded.



The Swing Band members decided to entertain their families and friends in the Wilson Room for an early Holiday Party. The band played new tunes to the joys of the guests. There was plenty of food and beverages making for a fun-filled and memorable evening.

We are thankful for our Masonic and Shrine friends who have enjoyed dancing to and listening to our music. It is through your continued support and recommendations that we are privileged to perform for you.

The monies which are donated to the band help support the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund and the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston. The members are ALL volunteers and play for FREE.

Please keep us in mind when any of your organizations are looking for musical entertainment.

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