



# Legion of Honor News

By JOHN BOHLING

**W**ELL, another Shrine year is over. I just got home from our January Ceremonial and am taking time to write this news article before the impressions fade away.

Outgoing Potentate, Illustrious **Stephen G. Eriksen**, had a fantastic year overall. He has set a fast pace for Aleppo's new Potentate, Illustrious **Robert F. Smith**, to pick up. However, I am sure that Ill. Smith will stand tall for the task.

The highlight for the Legion of Honor was the swearing in of two new Legionnaires, one of whom is a trans-

fer from Bektash LOH and is assuming Quartermaster duties, which was his specialty at Bektash.

The LOH is still in need of new members - we need a few good men! The Marines is the service branch that is not currently represented in the LOH. We lost our last Marine several years ago and would like to be able to balance our numbers in the branches.

I, for one, and I'm sure that I am not alone, was completely speechless with special guest and fellow Shriner, **Dan Caro**. His story was incredible, his speaking was impressionable, and his talent to play the drums was unbelievable!

Running out the units activities was the Change of Command Ceremony on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Illustrious Robert F. Smith did the honor of swearing in the 2009-2011 slate of officers.

The Legion was also honored by the attendance of the Third International Lieutenant Commander, **Anthony Murray**, who is Past Potentate of Almas Shrine in Washington, D.C. Noble Murray was quite impressed with the Aleppo Shrine Center tour given to him by Chief Rabban **Jeffrey Arnold**.

We now embark on a new year with several goals ahead: new member recruiting, repairs and modifications to our rolling stock, parades and much more.

In closing, the usual plea for support of the Aleppo Flag Fund. Remember, Nobles, these symbols are exposed to the elements 24/7. Can you imagine how you would look after taking the same abuse?!

Please, "Chuck-A-Buck" in the kitty.



**Daniel Schuldman**, Legion of Honor Commander for 2009-2011, at left, receiving the colors from **Wendell J. McMillan**, Past Captain 2007.



ALL SMILES now that it's over are Illustrious Potentate **Robert F. Smith**, **Daniel Schuldman**, LOH Commander 2009-2011, and **Wendell J. McMillan**, LOH Past Captain.



Illustrious Potentate **Robert F. Smith**, **Daniel Schuldman**, LOH Commander 2009-2011, and **Anthony "Tony" Murray**, Past Potentate Almas Shrine. Tony is also the Third Lt. Commander of the International Association Legions of Honor.



**Anthony S. Murray**, Past Potentate of Almas Shrine presented the Distinguished Service Pin to **Abram F. Simmons, Jr.**, Past Captain of the Aleppo Legion of Honor. Abe had been named a recipient many years past for his organizing of the N.E.S.A. Legion of Honor, but a pin was not available at the time. Abe is a retired CWO of the US Army.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Aleppo Legion of Honor. Being sworn in at the Change of Command Ceremony on January 31, 2009, are from left to right: **Samuel H. Siggins**, 2nd Lt. Commander; **Stanley J. Brenner**, P.C., 1st Lt. Commander; **John C. Bohling**, Adjutant; **Frederick W. Shaw Jr.**, P.P., Finance Officer; and Appointed Officers: **Russell D. Wright**, Sgt. Major; **Ralph G. Frye**, P.C., Chaplain

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