

NESA-LOH SPRING MEETING PLANS

The **Northeast Shrine Association Legion of Honor** Spring Meeting is to be held in Ottawa on the weekend of May 23rd and 24th along with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Ceremony. The time of this choice was motivated by selecting the American Memorial Day long weekend because most of the active NESA LOH units are from the New England States. This timing had proven to be acceptable in previous years as judged by very favorable responses from our U.S. neighbours.

The timing is coordinated with the **Tunis Shrine Ceremonial** in Carleton Place, so this will be a busy weekend.

The annual NESA LOH formal business meeting will be held at the Tunis Shrine Centre between 1 and 3 pm on Friday, May 23rd. This session will be led by Noble Gordon Jenkins, Commander of the NESA Legion of Honor. Ottawa LOH members are asked to attend.

The formal meeting will be followed by a *Meet and Greet* Cocktail Hour courtesy of the Host Unit and the NESA Command. Again, Ottawa LOH members and wives are encouraged to show our visitors "Ottawa Valley hospitality".

A group dinner has been arranged at Macies Best Western Café 1274 at 6:30 pm on Friday evening. All Shrine members including their Ladies are welcome. Dinner selection and payment must be made in advance.

The **Tomb Ceremony at the War Memorial** Site on Saturday, May 24th at noon will be led by Noble Ken Snider, Commander of the Tunis LOH Unit. This will involve a Military Services, Wreath and Poppy laying etc. The Tunis members return immediately following this to take part in Carleton Place Ceremonial

The visiting members and ladies, immediately following the service, will be entertained by the RCAF Officers Mess to unwind and enjoy more international camaraderie.

Formal invitations have been sent to LOH Units in three Provinces, five New England States and courtesy memos to three Units in Northern New York cities which have had members attend in previous years. Recent e-mail inquiries have been favourable.

It is interesting to note that during these early stages of his Command, Noble Gordon Jenkins has been successful in bringing four inactive NESA Units back into the NESA LOH fold. There are now 7 dues paying LOH Units. No doubt, a lot also has to do with the decision to have the Spring Meeting location in the beautiful City of Ottawa at a time when the Tulip Festival will be in full bloom.

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