



NADHAL NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

August 29, 2020 at 11:30 am — National Historian's Dinner with NADHAL meeting to follow at National Convention at Louisville, Kentucky.

September 15, 2020—History books or certification forms must be at National Headquarters.

October 12-13, 2020 at 8:30 am — Judging of History Books and training in Indianapolis, IN.

October 13, 2020 at 10 am —NADHAL meeting at the American Legion Library in Indianapolis, IN.

From National Historian James "Jim" A. Mariner

I hope that all will have great Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Let us remember 'History is Important!' These years are special on our 100th Centennial Celebration. Imagine or think about what our Founding Members would think of our U.S. Mint Centennial Commemorative Coins, passing of the LEGION Act and the years of planning meetings with workshops that went into our 100th Centennial Celebration worldwide if our Founding Members only knew of the loss of military in our peace time conflicts. Continuing to preserve and record our 'Legacy', through research and verification we are laying 'A Foundation for Our Future', our future 'Vision' for our past, present and future on into our 21st Century.



We have our newly elected National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion (NADHAL) President Robin Shingleton of West Virginia and our NADHAL Officers for 2019 - 2020. I want to thank Howard Trace, Ruth Rankin and our National Library Staff for their hard work and assistance with our National History Book Contest because without them our contest would take many times longer than two days. The feedback we get from Post and Department American Legion historical compilers is also important as a learning tool to make our

National History Book Contests better as we are all lifelong learners.

In closing in our past October NADHAL training we had a number of new Department Historians. At our NADHAL meeting we had an Auxiliary Historian that observed as our American Legion Auxiliary prepares for their 100th centennial celebration.

As we go into our 2nd century encourage Historians of our American Legion Family to help each other at the post level, district level and department level. Remember 'History Is Important' as we lay 'A Foundation For Our Future' to build on for our American Legion Family in our 2nd centennial, remembering our past and present for our future visions.

God Bless All as we go into our Holiday Season!

James "Jim" A. Mariner,
National Historian

From NADHAL President Robin Shingleton



I hope everyone has a magnificent Christmas and wonderful New Year. The Centennial year has ended; however, where will the footsteps over the next one hundred years take us? Wherever it may lead, let the history of the advantageous

American Legion characterize each new step as historians document the marvels of a distinctive age in the American Legion. The Legion Act has changed the future of the American Legion; may it bring more opportunities to the Legion.

During the Fall meeting a committee interest sheet was distributed requesting those interested in positions to sign up to make the assignments. Those assignment are listed in the officers list for the coming year.

I have looked at both websites; www.NADHAL.org and www.legion.org/NADHAL; which need to be updated. Both websites have good information, the NADHAL website is hard to maneuver in the forms tab if you don't notice the arrow; without using the arrow and double clicking on the word "forms" will give you a list but will not open the forms. The last update on both websites was 2017. Updating the websites should be a priority to keep Department and Post Historians informed. Fae Casper is the chairperson for the Website Committee please let her or me know any other concerns you may have.

Thank you to Robert Gilmore for fixing the Library Staff's laptop computer. The staff stated they would provide us with a list of three prioritized things they need in the Library. When I receive the list, I will email it to everyone for a vote of which item to spend the \$500.00.

At the next Fall Meeting, I'm working on having a luncheon instead of a dinner. I know people want to return home as soon as they can. There will be more information to come about the details.

If you have any information to improve NADHAL please let me know. I will do my best to put it into practice.

Thank you for all you do for this organization. See you at the 2020 Fall Meeting.

Robin Shingleton, NADHAL President

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Honorary NADHAL Life Members

2007 *Delfo Barabani and
*Roy Mahoney
2008 Joseph Hovish
2009 *Barbara Stuvengen
2010 *Helen Jacobs
2011 No nominations
2012 No nominations
2013 *Carl Wipperman
2014 JoEllen Gazvoda
2015 Denise Rohan
2016 Brett Reistad
2017 Martha Arling
2018 Lynda Lydick
2019 No nominations
*Deceased members

Season's Greetings From the following NADHAL members

Terry Abdelnour, Illinois; Al Beyer, Ohio; Nelson Blake, Massachusetts; George Boddie, New Hampshire; W. Frazier Brinley, PNH, Connecticut; Joyce Brinley, Connecticut; Fae Casper, PNH, Georgia; Deb Davis, Colorado; Steve DeFoe, Indiana; Nellie DeBaker, Wisconsin; Charemon Dunham, PNH, South Dakota; Jackie Evonsion, Connecticut; Paul Garrett, Illinois; Robert Gilmore, Arizona; Jerome Goolsby, Missouri; Tommy Hatton, Georgia; Robert Henderson, Illinois; Ruth Higgins, Maryland; James Higuera, PNH, California; James Hogg, Mississippi; Harold Landis, Ohio; Kenneth Lee, Washington; Edward Levis, Florida; James Mariner, NH, New Mexico; Susan Mason, PNH, Florida; Wayne Morgan, Connecticut; Raymond Read, Montana; Bill Richard, North Carolina; Lynne Rollins, Georgia; Everett Shepard, Connecticut; Robin Shingleton, West Virginia; J.R. Stillwell, Illinois; Charles Zelinski, Illinois.

Season's Greetings from the Library Staff

Howard Trace, Linna Agne, Debra Brookhart, June LaFary and Ruth Rankin.

NADHAL Pictures provided by Robert Gilmore of Arizona



National Historian James Mariner addressing the NADHAL meeting at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 15, 2019.



Left to right: NADHAL President Fae Casper, Ruth Rankin receiving a Certificate of Appreciation, National Historian James Mariner at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 15, 2019.

NADHAL Pictures provided by Robert Gilmore of Arizona (Continued Below)



Left to right Library staff: Debra Brookhart, Ruth Rankin, National American Legion Historian James Mariner, Library and Museum Director Howard Trace, Linna Agne, and June LaFary at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 15, 2019.



Red caps left to right in center: American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford and National American Legion Historian James Mariner at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 15, 2019. It is a picture of those Historians attended the NADHAL meeting.

NADHAL Membership

NADHAL membership is from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Dues are \$5 per year and can be made out to NADHAL and mailed to Lynne Rollins, 9685 Reinhardt College Pkwy, Waleska, GA 30183. Her email address is: lynnerollins1@yahoo.com phone: home 770-479-4613 and cell 770-548-4300. You must be or have been a Department Historian to be eligible to join.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

NADHAL Pictures by Charemon Dunham of South Dakota (below)



Lynne Rollins of Georgia conducting the Historian training at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 14, 2019.



Department Historians receiving training at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 14, 2019. Those sitting in for the training were Terry Abdelnour of Illinois, Al Beyer of Ohio, Nelson Blake of Massachusetts, Steve DeFeo of Indiana, Stan Elliott of Iowa, Jerome Goolsby of Missouri, Tommy Hatton of Georgia, James Hogg of Mississippi, Lynn John of Pennsylvania, Edward Lewis of Florida, Wayne Mitchell of New Hampshire, Raymond Read of Montana, and Auxiliary Historian Dayna Beyer of Ohio.