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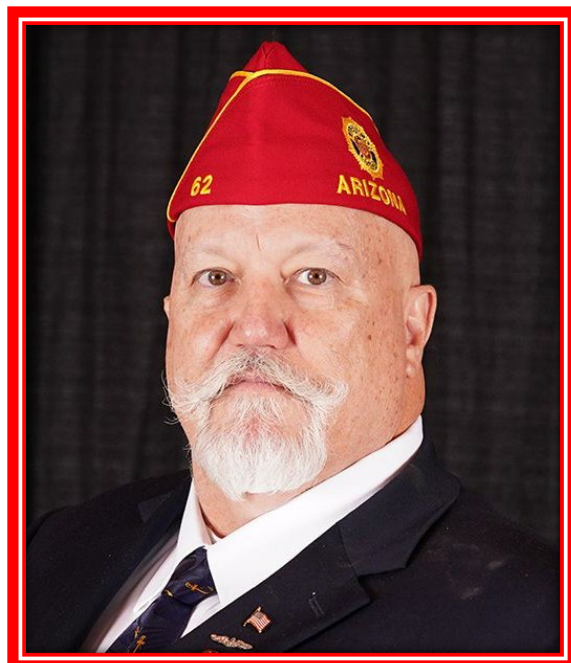
Calendar of Events

August 27, 2022, Saturday at 11:30 am — National Historian's Luncheon with NADHAL meeting to follow at National Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

September 15, 2022—History books or certification forms must be at National Headquarters.

October 10-11, 2022 at 8:30 am — Judging of History Books and training in Indianapolis, IN.

October 11, 2022 at 10 am —NADHAL meeting at the American Legion Library in Indianapolis, IN.



From National Historian Robert Gilmore

Greetings fellow NADHAL members. It is an honor to be the National Historian for this year. It has been a different year in the judging due to the Covid limitation that were placed on us. We didn't have as many books as previous years and some of the books were for the last two years. We were short a few judges also, but thanks to the ones who were there helping in the judging, and we were able to complete it in time. Special thanks to PNH Sue Mason for assisting in the judging after she had attended the meeting, she had the call in for.

I would also like to thank PNH Charemon Dunham for conducting the training for the new Department Historians and for our two special guests. These guests were the SAL National Historian William Towns and the ALA Archivist Cathi Taylor. I heard that they

learned a little bit about our books and the formatting that is used. I had invited the ALA National Historian Carol Campbell to the training, but she had other commitments and Cathi was in her place.

Next thing is the digital version of the History books. We have a place to store these files, thanks to Ruth for setting this up. I think

she set it up for other things and we can store them there. The thing we need to come up with is how are we going to proceed? I am thinking that they should be stored as a pdf file and can be downloaded to be judged, but our committee can work on that.

And finally, thanks to NADHAL President Robin Shingleton for all the work she has done with the website at legion.org/nadhal. Visit the page and help make the site better. Any suggestions are welcome to either Robin or myself. And to the Staff in the Library for making it another successful year. I could not have done it without them.

For God And Country

Robert Gilmore

The American Legion

National Historian

From NADHAL President Robin Shingleton



I hope everyone has a great Christmas and wonderful New Year. Covid has changed many individual's lives. I pray for comfort and strength to all throughout the next year. The American Legion is an organization which supports its own (Buddy Checks) and others. I am proud to be part of this family. Let the history of the American Legion characterize each step as historians document the marvels of the American Legion. I'm pleased NADHAL members could meet and judge these wonderful pieces of history. I

want to convey an appreciative thank you to all the individuals, who gave of their time to judge the narratives and yearbooks. An enormous thank you to the people who document their post's or department's history all year then send the information to NADHAL and the American Legion Library to be judged.

I have been looking at the www.legion.org/NADHAL website; which is being updated one step at a time. Mr. Bowles and Mr. Everett are working on updating the membership application. The next update will be the NADHAL roster of officers. So, keep an eye on the website. If you see something that needs to be changed, please notify the Website Committee or myself.

I'm looking for a Vice President for Area 5 which covers the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mexico, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. If you are from one of those states, a member of NADHAL or want to be and you are interested, please let me know.

The following information is from the Library: The Emil A. Blackmore Museum has online exhibits. The American Legion's online exhibits highlight unique artifacts, documents, and photos from the Library and Museum collection. View the exhibits at legionmuseum.omeka.net and click the banner in the middle of the page to see the current featured exhibit or click **browse all exhibits** for more. Next, The American Legion Digital Archive contains full-text copies of material published by The American Legion from 1919 to the present, including current resolutions and historical documents organized in the four main sections: Resolutions and Founding Documents of The American Legion; National Meeting Digests and Reports; Magazines, Newsletters and Bulletins; and Brochures, Pamphlets and Special Reports. Visit archive.legion.org or for questions email library@legion.org or archive.legion.org/help.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year. If you have any ideas to

improve NADHAL please let me know. I will do my best to put them into practice.

Thank you for all you do for this organization. See you at the 2022 National Convention in Wisconsin or the Fall Meeting in Indiana.

Robin Shingleton, NADHAL President

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

2020 No nomination, no meeting

2021 No nomination

*Deceased members

Season's Greetings From the following NADHAL members

Terry Abdelnour, Illinois; Philip Crouthamel, Florida; Deborah Davis, Colorado; Charemon Dunham, PNH, South Dakota; James Fratolillo, PNH, Massachusetts; Paul Garrett, Illinois; Robert Gilmore, NH, Arizona; Jerome Goolsay, Montana; Tania Griffin, Georgia; Bob Henderson, Illinois; Ruth Higgins, Maryland; James Mariner, PNH, New Mexico; Susan Mason, PNH, Florida; Brett Reistad, PNC, Virginia; Lynne Rollins, Georgia; Everett Shephard, Connecticut; Robin Shingleton, West Virginia; J.R. Stillwell, Illinois; Dan Watrous, Ohio; and Chuck Zelinsky, PNH, Illinois.

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 or National Historian to be eligible to join.

NADHAL Pictures by Charemon Dunham of South Dakota



National Historian Robert Gilmore at his desk at the National American Legion Library on Monday, October 4, 2021.



J.R. Stillwell, Illinois, judging history books at the National American Legion Library on Monday, October 4, 2021.

NADHAL Pictures by Charemon Dunham
of South Dakota (Continued)



Historians judging history books at the National American Legion Library on Monday, October 4, 2021.



Library staff with National Historian. Left to right: Administrative Assistant Sharmán Sadler, Library and Museum Director Howard Trace, National Historian Robert Gilmore, Archivist Debra Brookhart, Collection Services Librarian Linna Agne, and Curatorial Assistant Ruth Rankin at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



Left to right: National Historian Robert Gilmore presented a Certificate of Appreciation Ruth Rankin for her support of the History Contests at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



Left to right: National Historian Robert Gilmore presented Certificates of Completion of the New Historian Training were given to Department Historians Tania Griffin, Georgia, and Philip Clouthamel, Florida at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



Left to right: National Historian Robert Gilmore presented Certificates of Completion of the New Historian Training were given to Archivist, The American Legion Auxiliary Cathi Taylor and National Historian of the Sons of the American Legion William Towers at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



Left to right: Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Past National Historian James Mariner to David Yoder and Ian Schneider and also presented by National Historian Robert Gilmore at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. They were the IT support of the Zoom meeting we had in April 2021.

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of South Dakota (Continued)



Left to right: National Historian Robert Gilmore presented Past National Historian James Mariner with his plaque and flags from his desk at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



Left to right: National Historian Robert Gilmore presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Library and Museum Director Howard Trace for his support. Right of him is NADHAL President Robin Shingleton. Presentation was at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.



NADHAL members at the NADHAL meeting at the National American Legion Library on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Merry
Christmas
and
Happy New
Year

**Freedom is not Free.
The price of freedom
is eternal vigilance.**