

Highlanders

David Hunt

Be sure to visit the Highlanders Unit Room during the Fall Ceremonial for some authentic Celtic hospitality and enjoy some cold Camel's Milk.

Shriners Day Fundraiser at Grafton Winery The Vineyards has been rescheduled for Spring 2026 – music, 50/50 raffles and silent auction. Further details and date will be provided when available.

Interested in joining, contact the Highlanders for a Petition.

Unit Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month with practice at 6:00 pm, refreshments at 6:30 and business meeting at 7:00 pm in the Highlanders Unit Room. For more information or a petition call one of our Officers.

Highlanders Officers

President – Neil Mienheimer (618) 781-1485
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Drum & Bugle Corps

Tony Sprouse



As always, the Drum Corps held our annual Christmas Party on December 13th at the Shiloh Eagles Aerie Post 545. We were fortunate enough to have beautiful new table decorations courtesy of Glass House Rentals. Thanks again, Kristen and Nick! I can't thank the staff at the Eagles enough for the delicious meal and hospitality at their event space. They always provide us with the best service and put up with all my special requests with a smile (well, a few eye rolls and a couple curse words too, but they still love me). The food was great, and the music from the Jorrells is still echoing down the halls.

We presented three annual awards this year as follows:

Corpsman of the Year: Mark Vandiver, Director's Award: John Deyherle, Rookie of the Year: Colin Lampkin

Congratulations to these men for going above and beyond - well-deserved fellas.

Additionally, we had another momentous occasion to celebrate. This year, Carroll Sinks Jr. was almost presented with a 40th Anniversary award, but unfortunately, he had a family event to attend to. So, Carroll, I hope you don't read this article before you're able to accept the award in person! Carroll has supported us year after year, keeping us in step (well, mostly) for more parades than we could count. Thanks, Carroll!

Just when we thought we would ride out the remaining days of 2025 relaxing and enjoying time with family for the holidays, we decided to kick off a renovation project to remodel our unit room! At our December meeting, the membership was presented with a proposal prepared by the executive board to update our room, and it was unanimously approved. A renovation committee was formed and met numerous times to discuss details. Spurred by a leaking drain pipe, we have decided to replace our bar and flooring as well as remove our closet space to open things up a bit. An updated bar with more cabinet space and fresh bar tops will accompany the raised bar ceiling with new lights and a showcase for top-shelf bottles and additional televisions for greater entertainment. The demolition is currently underway and will be followed by the updated flooring surface. Construction of the new plastered wall surfaces will likely start after the first of the year. All hands are on deck to complete this project before we hold our grand opening by the annual indoor golf tournament. Also at our stated meeting, the annual budget was approved and many plans are in place to support us and keep us busy throughout the year. As we wrap up this year, we look forward to 2026, where we will turn our focus to completing our renovations and revitalizing our membership. I'd like to thank my executive board for all their efforts this year. I also want to thank all the appointees and special committees who have stepped up to each task with success. We have a great team of guys, and I'm confident next year will be even better. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Rolling Nobles

Asheley Lybarger



Happy New Year Nobles!

With the new year started the Rolling Nobles are excited to begin this new year. On December 6th, the Rolling Nobles held their annual Christmas party. Members and families enjoyed fellowship, good food, and catching up with each other. As the night was closing Divan member Asheley Lybarger swore in the 2026 officer team as follows: President Mark Lopinot, Vice President Jim Krummich, Treasurer Lynn Decker, and Secretary Ronald Lybarger Jr. The unit enjoyed the 2025 parade season and getting to be out and about with everyone. We look forward to the upcoming year with everyone. Stay safe and Happy New Year to all!