

Minutes of the Department Convention Committee meeting
January 8, 2010 at the Hollywood Casino, Grantville PA

After a delicious meal at the Casino Buffet, Chairman PNC Paul Hastings called the meeting to order

- The Chair asked for a roll call of the committee: All members of the committee were present

Chairman PNC Paul Hastings
Commandant Leanna Dietrich
Judge Advocate Edwin Ringer
Adjutant Eric E. Fussenegger
President, MCLA of PA Pat Engel
Local Chairman Dave Brady

Vice Chairman PDC Paul Semanco
Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley
Paymaster Kathy Van Gorder
Pack Leader PDC Tom Tanner
District Vice Commandant Gary German
Asst Local Chair Gordy Sheriff

Also present were Local Convention Committee members Allen Ferguson, Bill Schweigler and Teena Engel.

- The Chair gave the welcome and opening remarks.
- The Chair called for the minutes of the previous meeting. **A motion was made by Neil Corley and seconded by Gary German to accept the minutes of the October 23rd, 2009 Convention committee meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

- Report of Local Convention Committee: Per Dave Brady there will be a meeting at 1000 on Saturday January 30th at P.W. Milano Detachment home. Samples of the Convention cover that Dave created were passed around for review. We also received info on what specials the Casino could provide to the Department for the Convention.
- January Staff meeting Hospitality & Assignments: Per Dave Brady, everything is set up.
- Future dates of Board and Staff meetings: Jan 8-10, 2010; Mar 19-20, 2010; Jun 23 prior to convention & June 27, 2010 after convention; Oct 22-23, 2010; Jan 7-9, 2011; Mar 17-19, 2011; Jun 22 prior to convention and June 26, 2011 after convention.
- National Northeast Division meeting March 26-27, 2010: One of the local Detachments in the Scranton area is manning the Hospitality room but the Local Convention Committee will be assisting as needed. Help from other Detachments may be needed.

New Business:

- Planned Guests (Room covered at the expense of the Department) for 2010 Convention: ***We will need convention book messages from the Guests***
 - MCL of PA: National Sr. Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio and his Wife have confirmed they will attend
 - MCLA of PA: Working on Guest names
 - Pack of PA, MODD: Working on Guest names (Sr. Vice Chief DD invited)
- Other Guests to invite for Opening ceremony: Governor, TAG, DTAG, York County VA Director, Attorney General, Auditor General, State Senator and Representatives from York County, VSO Reps.

- Review and approve Forms to be published: Agenda, Ads, Registration etc.:
 - Convention book ads:
 - **A motion was made by Sr. Vice Neil Corley to sell the back cover ad for \$350. The motion was seconded by PDC Tom Tanner and the MOTION CARRIED. There was further discussion which ended with the addition of the following amendment. An amendment was made to not include in add flyer. The motion amendment was made by Commandant Leanna Dietrich, seconded by Central District Vice Commandant Gary German, MOTION CARRIED.**
 - Form changes: Time of Board of Trustee's Executive Session needs to be changed to 1600 on Wednesday 23 June 2010 and the agenda should read Hollywood Casino Trip, not Holiday Casino Trip at 1700 on Friday 25 June 2010
- Banquet menu for 2010 convention:
 - The following is the approved Buffet meal choices:
 - Dinner Buffet includes: Chef's Choice of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable and Potato, Rice or Pasta, Fresh Rolls and Butter, Chef's Choice of Assorted Desserts, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea
 - Salads Selections: Mixed Garden Salad, Supreme Pasta Salad and Fresh Fruit Salad
 - Entrée Selections: Sliced Top Round of Beef Bordelaise, Stuffed Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce and Baked Flounder with Seafood Sauce
 - **A motion was made by Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley to set the Banquet meal price at \$35 for those that pre-register. The motion was amended to set the price at \$40 for the Banquet meal price at Convention. The motion as amended was seconded by Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff. MOTIONS CARRIED.** PDC Paul Semanco opposed/objected to the Banquet meal being a Buffet.
- Friday Evening convention trip or event:
 - Ideas being entertained: Hollywood Casino, Gettysburg Tour, Harrisburg Senators game
- Entertainment for Convention Banquet: PNC Hastings met with John Dodge (BRP Entertainment) who is a Magician and Ventriloquist. His price is \$600 for 45 minutes. **A motion was made by Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley to accept the contract for BRP Entertainment to provide the entertainment. The motion was seconded by PDC Paul Semanco. MOTION CARRIED**
- Cover for Program book: Local Detachments will submit ideas. Cover must be approved by March 2010. Ideas mentioned are dedication of Convention to WWII Veterans and/or Start of Korea War (which is June 26th)
- Pictures for the Program book: Reminder these are needed by March 2010 meeting
- 2012 State Convention proposals: An email was received from MGYSGT John W. Zaengle Detachment expressing interest in hosting 2012 Convention.

A motion to adjourn was duly made by Commandant Leanna Dietrich, and seconded by Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley to adjourn until the next meeting at 1600 on March 19th, 2010 at the Department Headquarters building. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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