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**To: Tony DeGregorio, Dept Commandant**

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**The Department Of Pennsylvania MCL and Auxiliary Staff Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Grantville [January 4, 5, and 6, 2008](#). Thirty four Detachments were represented which included the following; All Divisions, Bethlehem, Chester County, Conemaugh Valley, Sgt William L. Dixon, Lancaster, Northampton County, P.W.Milano, Northeastern, Susquehanna Valley, Tun Tavern, Valley Forge, Wyoming Valley, Williamsport, Black Sheep, Anthracite, Coal Cracker, Boot Marine, Penn York, George Pron/Paul Seton, R.M.Butterwick, First Capital, Lewis B. Puller Jr., Schuylkill Carbon, Central Bucks, Wayne Pike, Gettysburg Battlefield, South Hills Pittsburg, General S.D.Butler, Bantam Marine, Bucktail, Ohio Valley Marines, Keystone Headquarters, Bob Swanson, and Washington County. On Saturday, the Commandant's Council started at 9am with lively discussions of many issues, and after the lunch break, Department Commandant DeGregorio presided over the business meeting. Special guests included state representatives from the American Legion and a twenty year old Marine, Cpl Derrick L. Sharpe from Berwick, Pennsylvania. He joined the Corps in 2005, and was extensively wounded while on patrol in Iraq on [September 23, 2006](#). Derrick told us his very moving story and then he was installed as an honorary life member in the Anthracite Detachment.**