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Commandant Report – March 2024

Greetings to all the members of the Department of PA.

Wow, it seems like just yesterday I was writing my report for January. In reality, it has been almost 8 weeks. Still a short time. I did not get to see as many smiling faces as I would have liked in January due to bad weather, so let's hope that March is nicer to us.

Since the Jan Quarterly meeting, I have performed several Detachment Installations (one in the dark), attended National Mid-Winter, and two (2) District meetings.

Just a reminder that District meetings are not optional. It's in the bylaws. District Vice's are to schedule them, and detachments are supposed to attend. One of the big things that should be discussed at these meetings, is who you want your District Vice to be. They shouldn't have to guess at convention if they have the support of their District.

Shortly following our Department meeting in March, is the Northeast Division meeting in New Jersey. That will be April 12-13, 2024. Information is available on the Department website. At this Division Conference, there will be a discussion and vote concerning the rotation by State of Division Vice Commandant. I will be speaking about this at our March meeting.

As we found out at our January meeting, entrance to Indiantown Gap is not as easy as it once was. You must enter Indiantown Gap from Exit 85 of I-81 and not from the Lickdale Exit (back gate). Be prepared to show identification to access the post. Be patient with security as we all learn this new process.

Our March Hospitality room is being hosted by Military Pet Share. A non-profit whose goal is to provide veterans with food to feed their pets so they spend money on their own food, instead of not eating so their pet can. The food has been donated by Mission BBQ. While I am very grateful to both of these organizations for stepping up, I am saddened that none of our own Detachments or Districts are willing to step up to provide some food and beverages while hopefully getting enough donations to cover their costs. Your Department Officers should not have to solicit outside people for this. This is a topic that will be discussed at the member meeting on Saturday.

A Meeting Schedule for upcoming Department and National events, a NEW Communication Information Page telling you where to send documents, and ad contracts for the upcoming Department Convention have been mailed to your Detachment Adjutant. If you have not heard about these documents that is your contact. All of these documents are also available on the Department of PA website at <u>www.pamcleague.org</u>.

See you in less than two weeks. Safe travels if you are joining us at Indiantown Gap.

Semper fi,

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