

## **CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

I wish to invite you all to attend the Convention Committee meeting on Friday March 15th at 1400. Your vote matters and your input is instrumental in ensuring we are meeting the needs of our membership.

## **SPRING QUARTERLY:**

The hospitality room on Friday night will be hosted by "Military Pets Share". Please visit the room and learn more about their amazing non-profit organization that supplies pet food to Veterans with animals. Please stop in, socialize, and grab a bite to eat before getting your rest.

1. Snacks and beverages provided by the MCL Department of PA.
2. Food will be provided by Mission BBQ of Harrisburg
3. Lunch on Saturday will be hosted by the MCLA of PA
  - ❖ a. Snacks, beverages, coffee, etc. will be provided by the MCL Department of PA.
  - ❖ b. Food will be donated by the Hastings family – hoagies and fixings
  - ❖ c. Side salads and sweets are being provided by the MCLA of PA
  - ❖ d. Suggested donation is \$5.00. If you can offer more, please do, if you cannot afford any donation do not go without lunch. The afternoon session wants you to be healthy and charged up to get your information. All donations go to help the MCLA of PA.

3. Convention committee meeting has a LOT to cover. Please note all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend as we need input, volunteers and your help.

## **2024 CONVENTION:**

**1. WE STILL HAVE NO CONFIRMED VOLUNTEERS TO HOST THE HOSPITALITY ROOM.**

2. Advertisements are needed for the convention book. Please put one in for your Detachment, Pound or Unit and also continue to solicit commercial advertisements. **Reminder:** Commercial ads help gain revenue not only for the Department, but also for your Detachment.

3. Registration forms are now available on the Department website.

4. MCL National Junior Vice Commandant Russ Miller will be one of our VIP guests. More guests will be announced as they confirm their attendance.

5. We will have a banquet menu, costs & registration posted on the website once it becomes available.

## **FALL / WINTER / SPRING QUARTERLY:**

1. We have secured a new billeting option for you when you attend the quarterly meetings. We have secured discounted rooms at the Best Western Hotel (just past the Holiday Inn) in Grantville. Details about the hotel will be discussed at the meeting.

2. We need more Detachments and members to volunteer to host the Hospitality Room for our quarterly meetings. The new venue will now allow for crockpots and other items that plug in. This will allow a lot more options as to what you can bring (chili, mac & cheese, etc.). This is also an opportunity to socialize while raising Detachment funds through donations (raffle baskets welcomed).

**2025 CONVENTION:**

1. During the winter meeting the vote to move forward with pursuing a contract with Hilton Conven on Center in Scranton was voted on and accepted. Commandant Henry and I are working to get those fine details of the contract negotiated.
2. This will be the 250th anniversary of our beloved Corps AND the Navy. We hope this convention will be one of our biggest.
3. Anyone willing to host this hospitality suite should be made aware of the anniversary and work to make this social me a huge success.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON** is still needed for this position. Currently I (SVC McCoy) am doing this job, but it should be that my full-time commitment be to my SVC duties, as they take precedent. Please speak with Commandant Henry if you are interested in learning more about the position. The chairperson position will be assigned by her.

In closing, there are many new things coming to the Department and again, we welcome feedback and new ideas that will make our quarterly meetings and annual conventions a huge success. Hope to see you all at the Spring Meeting.

Semper Fidelis!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria McCoy  
Conven on Committee Chair (Interim)