



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**Convention Committee Meeting January 2025**  
**MCLPA HQ Building 3-95 Lower Deck**  
**Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA**

**17 Jan 2025**

**1405 - Opening Ceremony** -Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Mastriana in the Lower Deck Board Room.

**Chair - Roll Call of Committee Members**

Committee Chair and Pack Leader - Mike Mastriana  
Committee Vice Chair - Karen Mastriana  
Commandant/Program Book - Diana Henry  
SVC McCoy  
JVC Diamond  
JA Sofranko  
Adjutant Cook  
Paymaster Sipe - excused  
Auxiliary President Rivera  
Public Affairs Officer Taylor, absent  
Protocol Officer Solarczyk  
MCLA Lunch Committee Knapp, absent  
Credentials Chair and Lunch Committee - Phil McCoy  
Others in Attendance -Jacob Bertin, Rick Sylvia, Carol McIntosh, JRPDC Brady.

**Opening Remarks**

Madam Commandant - thanks to everyone for being here.  
MCLA President Rivera - hello to everyone. Hospitality room has been set up. Excited for the chili cook off.  
Committee Chair Mastriana- Will get better as we go. Growl tonight.  
Committee Vice Mastriana - Thank you all for being here during the first meeting.

**Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to accept the minutes from the previous Convention Committee meeting in Oct 2024. Correction - program book - the name is Diana Henry. Motion made by Jacob Bertin to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Commandant Henry made the second. Motion carried.

**Quarterly Lunches: Sub-Committee Report**

Winter Quarterly - Chili cook off. Texas Roadhouse bringing rolls and doing the judging.  
Spring Quarterly - locked in - Hasting's girls are bringing sandwiches and Auxiliary to fill in the sides.

**Hospitality Room Hosts**

Provide food, donations, drinks, etc.  
Winter Quarterly - MODD Pack of PA.  
Spring 2025 - MCLA of PA.

**Lunch Committee Raffle**

Winter 2025 - 50/50 cash.  
Spring 2025 - TBD. Possibly a grill.



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Ideas are always welcomed. Items should be small enough for the member to carry back home but large enough for ticket sales. Cannot take precedence over the MCLA 50/50 raffle and should always be encouraged as an addition to all other raffles.

**2025 Dept. Convention - Signed Contract**

Penn Harris Hotel 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. June 26-29, 2025.

Contracts are officially signed. Occupancy - charges are per person due to breakfast voucher.

Need to speak with Katee Brown at the hotel to discuss setting up the banquet for Friday night and then re-setting back up the same room for the meetings the next day.

Hospitality - Host TBD. Shortened convention, need to be hosted only 2 nights. One short night, and 1 longer night.

Theme party will be Thursday night - 1970's Woodstock theme. Best 70's outfits. Nice restaurant and bar in the lobby. Asked Mike Mastriana if Peggy Hodgden's can DJ for the party?

Given gift cards by JVC Diamond, to cover 2 12 packs of Pepsi.

Attire for the banquet is business casual, not formal, buffet style. Commandant will make table signs that say "reserved" for designated guests and leadership.

Possible guests- National President Dotty Sanning and National Pack Leader Chief Jones. Commandant Henry has not sent her invitation - did come up with a name, Dennis Tobin.

How does the League want to work the breakfasts? Spouses are not obligated to be covered for breakfast vouchers. Grant possibility to cover breakfast expenses.

A la carte requests available to vegan/vegetarian guests for particular dietary needs, around the same cost as the standard menu item. Total meal cost just under \$54, our price will be roughly \$60 to also cover the bartender.

**Quarterly Meetings**

Discounted rooms secured and larger hospitality suite at the Best Western. Next quarterly meeting date - March 14-15, 2025. With no objections from the Convention Committee, will be re-visiting a new contract for the next fiscal year. Commandant Henry made a motion to renew the contract with Best Western for 2026, Lisa Solarczyk made a second. Motion carried.

**2026 Dept. Convention**

Bids are needed! Speak with Chairman Mastriana if able to host Department Convention. Jim Cossella to discuss with the Hilton in Scranton.

Motion by SVC McCoy to accept the forms with the pen changes that were discussed and second by Lisa Solarczyk. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

- Next convention committee meeting will be during the Dept. Spring meeting on March 14th at 1400 (time subject to change - see updated agenda when available).
- Lisa Solarczyk might be able to get some cases of Coca-Cola donated.

**Closing Ceremony:** Meeting was adjourned at 1514 hours by Committee Chair Mastriana.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA