



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**Convention Committee Meeting**  
**January 2026**  
**MCLPA Headquarters**

16 Jan 2026

**Meeting was called to order by Karen Mastriania.**

**Roll Call of Committee Members**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance?</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Committee chair	Karen Mastriania	y	
	Mike Mastriania	y	
Committee Vice Chair	Victoria McCoy	y	
Commandant/Program Book	Jim Diamond	y	
Sr. Vice Commandant	Doc Hockenbury	e	
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joel Sofranko	y	
Judge Advocate	Jacob Bertin	y	
Paymaster	Peggy Hodgden	y	
Adjutant	Jim Casella	y	
Northeast Region Liaison	Faith Hartman	y	
	Scot Hartman	y	
Auxiliary President/Committee Member	Tammy Rivera	y	
Public Affairs Officer	Jeff Line	y	
Asst. Public Affairs Officer	n/a		
Protocol Officer/Lunch Committee	Lisa Solarczyk	e	
Credentials Chair/Lunch Committee	Phil McCoy	e	

Others in attendance:

Pack Leader	Ed Erb
Dist 5 Vice Commandant	Gary Anspach
Web Sgt	Dave Brady
	Rose Sota

**Opening Remarks**

- Commandant – Thank you
- MCLA President Rivera – Thank you
- Committee Chairperson Karen Mastriania
- Committee Vice Chairperson Mike Mastriania – no report
- Minutes
  - **Motion to accept previous meeting minutes – SVC Diamond**



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- **Second – Paymaster Bertin**
- **Motion passed**

**2026 Convention — Kalahari Resort & Conference Center**

- Hospitality Room: Northeast Detachment, Thursday night only; snacks provided; beverages are individual responsibility.
  - NE Detachment is doing fund raising.
  - NE Det will need a small games of chance for Monroe County – JA Sofranko will check into this.
  - No outside food or drinks are allowed at Kalahari. Need to estimate \$400 for finger foods.
- Lunches: 2 days
  - Commandant will check with hotel to see if bag lunches are available
  - Hoping to keep the cost under \$10
  - Faith Hartman is fundraising and hopes to be able to provide gift cards for members
- Raffles: 2 free nights / Visa gift card; drawing in May
  - So far 30 out of 100 tickets sold. After all 100 are sold, will pull the winner and then start another raffle
- Friday Night Banquet:
  - Sample menu pending from Commandant Victoria McCoy
  - Cost: \$60.00 per person (\$75.00 at the door)
  - Link is up on PAMCL to register for room. First night will be charged automatically when you make reservation.
- Breakfast: \$8000.00 needed
- Ads for Convention book
  - Fillable ad form will soon be available.
  - **Commandant McCoy made motion to price the ads for the convention at \$75 for ½ page and \$150 for full page.**
  - **Second by Mike Mastriania**
  - **Motion passed**
  - **Commandant made motion to have a separate form available for corporate sponsors and to set levels at \$500 for bronze, \$1000 for silver, and \$2500 for gold sponsor**
  - **Second by Mike Mastriania**
  - **Motion passed**
  - All forms will be released at same time

**Quarterly Lunches**

- **Fall 2025:** Hot dogs, beef BBQ, sides – MCLPA done
- **Winter 2026:** Annual Chili CookOff – MCL Dept / MCLA



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- **Spring 2026:** Hastings Ladies Auxiliary Sides – Keystone Unit

### **Hospitality Room**

- **Fall 2025:** Pink Party – Jim Diamond, Karen Mastriana, Tammy Rivera
- **Winter 2026:** Keystone Headquarters – subs, chips, raffles
- **Spring 2026:** MCLA Dept of PA – St. Patrick’s day

### **Lunch Committee Raffle**

- **Fall 2025:** Roadside Emergency Kit
- **Winter 2026:** 50/50
- **Spring 2026:** Open for suggestions – Maybe outdoor table and chairs?

*Items should be small enough to carry home but large enough to encourage ticket sales. This raffle should not take precedence over the MCLA 50/50.*

Karen Mastriana is checking on a bench from Tractor Supply for the Convention.

### **2026 Convention — Contract Signed**

#### **Kalahari Resort**

**Dates:** June 17–21, 2026 – this is our second “shortened” convention

- Rooms available 2 days before and after
- Up to 4 waterpark passes per room
- Resort fee of \$44.99 per room per night has been waived

### **Room Rates**

<b>Rate</b>	<b>Room Type</b>
\$199.00	Single (up to 4 occupancy); 5+ add \$50.00 per person
\$299.00	Two Bedroom Suite
\$599.00	Three Bedroom Family Suite
\$799.00	Three Bedroom Penthouse Suite
\$1250.00	Five Bedroom Suite

Guest room rate valid until **May 18, 2026** or until block is filled.

### **Additional Notes**



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- Hospitality Suite: Any detachment may host; 2 nights needed; no outside food
- Convention Lunches: No outside food in common or function areas
- Theme Party: **SAFARI**
- Restaurants available in lobby
- Mobility scooters available
- Door key is a bracelet
- Cashless system; credit/debit or reloadable card
- Kiosk available in pool area

**Quarterly Meetings**

**Location:** Best Western Hotel near Holiday Inn Grantville/Hershey

- Room Rate: \$92.00 + taxes/fees
- Complimentary hot breakfast
- Indoor pool
- 24hour coffee station
- Rooms include microwave, mini refrigerator, pullout loveseat

**Meeting Dates**

- March 13–14, 2026

**2027 Convention**

- Bids needed!!
- Contact Karen or Mike Mastriana
- Criteria available
- Karen will check with Chris Grisman (Helms & Briscoe) regarding location

**Announcements**

- Next Convention Committee Meeting: **March 13 at 1400** (during Department Spring Meeting; time subject to change)
- Northeast Division Conference: **May 15–16, 2026**

**Meeting Closed**