

National Convention Committee Updates

General information if you would like to read about the 50th National Convention

Good morning Gentlemen,

Two quick Items for today regarding the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee

- Some more facts/thoughts about Milwaukee.
- The notes from the Latest National Convention Committee Meeting held on Jan 27th

First, on the facts/thoughts about Milwaukee....

While the State of Wisconsin (or at least most of us) are in mourning due to the Packers loss last weekend, there are lots of sports related activities in Wisconsin. Major Sports teams include the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Milwaukee Bucks. The Packers/Bucks will not be playing but each one has some great venues at their home stadiums which are operating year-round if you want to visit them. And the Brewers are playing at home Convention Weekend. They play the Chicago Cubs on Fri/Sat/Sun and the Pittsburgh Pirates Mon/Tues/Wed. There are rumors going around of an effort of trying to have a Legion Night at the Brewers Game on Monday night (I will try to confirm and share at the Spring Meetings).

But there are also many other great venues to consider. Milwaukee does have a Hockey Team (Admirals) and Soccer Team (Torrent). There are many golfing opportunities including several PGA level courses which have been used for multiple PGA tournaments. For racing Fans there is the Milwaukee Mile (west side of Milwaukee) and Road America (about 1.5 hours north of Milwaukee in Elkhart Lake). The Pettit Ice Center is open year round (I believe) and is the home of the US Olympic Speed Skating Team). There is also the Northwoods Baseball League which includes two local teams (Kenosha Kingfish and Lakeshore Chinooks). And finally do not forget the Great Lakes is a great fishery with lots of charters out of Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine. Typically a great time with the opportunity to reel in a 20+ lb fish. The key species targeted include multiple Trout and Salmon varieties. Most charters are set-up to handle 2-6 customers per vessel for a 4, 6, or 8 hour fishing experience.

Do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information on these venues/opportunities.

Second, here are some of the notes from our last meeting. Planning is moving along as planned; I am looking forward to sharing more details in future emails and at our Spring Committee and N.E.C. Meetings!!!

- Convention Pin
 - Basic design is complete, will have a tie into the 50th Commemorative Coin
 - Will be working with Ken George to ensure the best contact is made at Emblem Sales, have them complete a proof then order.
 - Plan is to order 1500 pins. Each delegate will receive one free of charge, rest will be sold to try to offset the costs of the order. Will keep \$\$ reasonable. Wisconsin is honored to be hosting this convention, providing a pin for each delegate is our way of showing our appreciation.
- Fri Night Social
 - Had a nice plan/venue started, but has hit a major road block (venue is already reserved by a different group)
 - Will have to “start over”, now thinking about having something much simpler. Maybe just reserving a room at a local establishment (no busing would be needed/set-up) or a Fri Night Hospitality Suite
 - Discussion with the people on the call, summary is this is always a great activity to sponsor but:
 - There always seems to be a lot of other conflicting activities
 - With the 50th Commemoration Banquet on Saturday having anything that is doing to be costly (say over \$25) may not be well attended
 - Busing Costs, in general, for the 2022 Convention has become quite costly and is going to be push costs for anything not right downtown costlyWhich did lead to a general consensus that “thinking simpler” is likely the right path forward for the Friday Night Social....will be taking that back to the Detachment of Wisconsin
- Youth Academy Event – in conjunction with the C&Y Committee
 - Plans are being developed for the Youth Academy to visit the 128th Refueling Wing on Saturday.
 - Request has been made for Transportation, will also need to work through the logistics of permission slips and background checks
 - Also will need to ensure this is properly coordinated with the timing of the 50th Commemorative Banquet and the general flow of the Convention.

- Two key activities the C&Y Committee is looking to complete is a tour/presentation by the 128th and The 10 Ideals.
- Other Activities to note:
 - 50th Commemoration Committee continues to move forward with their plans which includes
 - Commemorative Coin
 - Sat afternoon Banquet
 - History Book
 - History Wall
 - The Department of Wisconsin is setting up a “Legion Family Afternoon” at the War Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon
 - This is about 6 blocks from the convention center (NE) right on Lake Michigan
 - Will have a reserved seating area and also a just show up option.
 - More to come, should be a great activity for people who are staying in Milwaukee Sunday Night to attend

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