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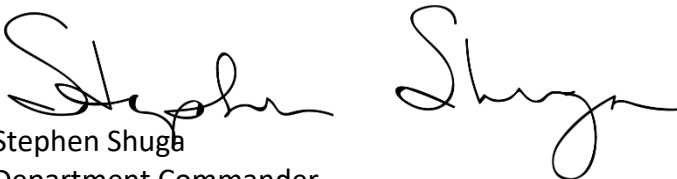
Dear Legionnaires,

Your concerns about the 2017 Department Convention at Marriott's Orlando World Center have been heard. Since convention ended, there have been several meetings held between hotel management, Department & Auxiliary staff, Auxiliary's Legion Liaison, and members of the Time & Place Committee to address these concerns. Per the five-year contract, we are obligated to address all concerns with the hotel and allow them to address the issues.

The World Center has agreed to attempt to house all Legionnaires in the East and South towers (two towers closest to the lobby), add handicap parking spaces, add additional food options to include "grab and go" concession in the convention area, and add (and advertise) food specials within the hotel to accommodate Legionnaires. The largest complaint by far was the distance to the convention area. This has been addressed by hotel management by moving the convention hall from previous location to the first and closest convention area located just off of the lobby at the bottom of the escalators. In order to make this happen, the convention dates for 2018 would need to be adjusted by one week and would take place from July 5th through July 8th. Department is awaiting receipt of the contract addendum to be provided by hotel management and this information will be provided to the Time and Place Committee for consideration and presentation to the Executive Committee at Fall Conference.

The information contained in this letter is not official until all contracts have been reviewed and executed and the information has been presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

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Stephen Shuga
Department Commander