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## Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

**May 13, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**(Second Saturday due to**  
**Harrisburg Fire Expo)**

**Marguerite VFC**  
**Westmoreland County**

**138 Continental Drive**  
**Latrobe, PA 15650**

From Pittsburgh: Take Rt. 30 East from Greensburg. Make a right onto Village Drive and an immediate left onto Marguerite Rd. Follow for 1.7 miles and make a right onto Bernie Stone Road. Follow for 0.3 miles and then make a left to stay on Bernie Stone Road. The fire hall will be on your left.

## Convention Plans for August Convention in Arnold Underway

Our friends at Arnold No. 2 are working hard to plan a good convention for us in August this year. A full schedule of activities will be published in the July 2023 edition of *The Western Gazette*, but we wanted to provide you the following information to assist you in your planning:

**Dates:** The convention will run from Thursday, August 3, 2023 to Monday, August 7, 2023.

**Banquets:** The High Hatters banquet will be on Thursday, August 3. The Old Timer's Banquet will be at noon on Sunday, August 6. The awards banquet (awards and scholarship presentations) will be on Sunday, August 6 at 6 p.m.

**Battle of the Barrel:** Will be at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 5. Registration forms will be mailed with the July newsletter, with a July 31 registration deadline.

**Business Meetings and Election:** All business meetings and the annual election will be held Friday, August 4.

**Memorial Service:** The annual memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 6.

**Parade:** The parade will be on Saturday, August 5. Apparatus judging will be at 12 p.m., with the parade beginning at 6 p.m.

A list of hotels and group rates is published on the reverse side of this newsletter.

## Harrisburg Fire Expo

May 19 and 20, 2023 Harrisburg Farm Show Complex

Visit us at the show!!

## Dues Payment Deadline:

**July 31, 2023**

Both company and individual member dues are due at that time. Please be sure to make payment so that you remain eligible for membership benefits.

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## Convention Lodging Information

Arnold VFC No. 2 has arranged for the following special group rates for lodging. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel and informing them you are with the Western PA Firemen's Convention, or according to the directions listed below:

### **Quality Inn**

300 Tarentum Bridge Road  
New Kensington, PA 15068  
724-335-9171  
\$91.00 + tax per night  
Double Room - 2 beds  
July 3 cut-off date

### **Holiday Inn Express - Harmarville**

10 Landings Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-828-9300  
\$129.00 + tax per night  
July 7 cut-off date

### **TownePlace Suites - Harmarville**

2785 Freeport Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-423-1900  
\$189.00 + tax per night  
July 7 cut-off date

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel at 412-423-1900, then pressing 0 at the recording, and asking for the Western PA Fireman's Convention Block or via the online booking link:

[TownPlace Suites Booking Link](#)

### **Spring Hill Suites by Marriott**

3015 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd  
Tarentum, PA 15084  
724-274-1064  
\$154.00 + tax per night for a king bed  
\$174.00 + tax per night for 2 queen beds  
July 3 cut-off date

### **Hampton Inn & Suites - Harmarville**

2805 Freeport Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-423-1100  
\$189.00 + tax per night  
July 7 cut-off date

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