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Commanders Message,

I hope everyone is ready to enjoy a little more daylight in the evenings. March is Women's History Month, a time to recognize the many contributions women have made throughout our nation's history. It is also an opportunity to honor the women veterans who have served our country, as well as the women who have sacrificed and supported our veterans and military families.

Zoom meetings are beginning to take place more frequently. Our next Detachment Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 31, 2026, at 6:00 PM via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact George Rice at saldetmaine@gmail.com for meeting information.

I continue to stress the importance of filling our District Commander positions. Please consider stepping up to be a voice for your district and help make the Sons of the American Legion stronger here in Maine.

Membership renewals continue to flow into headquarters. Please continue to make every effort to reach out to members who have not yet renewed, while also encouraging new members to sign up.

The Guitars for Vets program has been holding weekly gatherings at Squadron 21. It is great to see the camaraderie and fellowship happening through this program.

My Commander's Project, the POW/MIA Memorial Wall, continues to receive financial support. Thank you to the squadrons that have chosen to support this very worthy cause. As members of the Sons of The American Legion, we continue our mission of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Every membership renewed, every program supported, and every hour volunteered strengthens that mission. Thank you for your continued dedication and for all you do to support those who have served our nation.

Service, Not Self

All the Best,
Steve Doyle
Detachment of Maine

Membership Status:

As of March 6, 2026

2025 is at 2902 Members

2025 percent of year end goal is 100.48%

As March 3, 2026

We are #25 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 2390 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 84.36%



Target Date:

March 11, 2026
80% of 2026's
Membership

Squadron Planning

March

13 K-9 Veterans Day
15 American Legion Birthday
19 Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)
21 Rosie the Riveter Day
25 Congressional Medal of Honor Day
29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April

6 US entry into World War 1 (1917)
8 Membership Target Goal 90%

May

8 V-E Day (1945)
13 Membership Target Goal 100%
17 Armed Forces Day
23 National Poppy Day
25 Memorial Day
26 National Day of the Deployed

Let us know about your Squadron's upcoming events so we can fill this space.

Send in pictures and details of your Squadron's events.



BE THE ONE

**For more details on
the Be The One
campaign**

visit: betheone.org

**To reserve your spot
or for questions,**

email:

betheonedeptme@gmail.com

Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT)

No Cost LegionCare

Your valued status as a member of the Legion

Family makes you eligible for LegionCare.



Current members only are entitled to the \$5,000 No-Cost-To-You Accident Insurance Protection. If your membership was expired at any point, you will have to sign up again to receive coverage.



SQUADRONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Detachment of Maine held its first gun raffle in February. A Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm was purchased at Ames True Value Hardware and Supply in Wiscasset. One hundred and four tickets were sold. A drawing was held on February 28th at Squadron 86, Gray. Hoping to make this raffle a monthly event with a variety of guns. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support and benefit our veterans and their families. Congratulations to our first raffle winner.



Sons of The American Legion

As of March 3, 2026
SAL National
membership stands at
347,202 members.
This is 84.84% of the
yearly goal of
409,244 members

Maine reached 100.1%
with 2898 members for
2025

Membership = A B C
easy as 1 2 3!
Always Buddy Check

Continue to renew,
recruit and help us make
more history by reaching
105% for 2026.

Let's get it DONE!



Across the State of Maine, communities and veteran organizations continue the solemn mission of honoring Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. Each year on the third Friday in September, the nation observes National POW/MIA Recognition Day, remembering the service members who never returned home and reaffirming our commitment to account for them. Ceremonies are held throughout Maine—from memorial services at veterans' cemeteries to community gatherings hosted by organizations such as The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and AMVETS. These events often include the reading of names of missing service members, wreath-laying ceremonies, honor guards, and moments of silence to ensure that those who sacrificed are never forgotten.

The Sons of the American Legion in Maine proudly stand beside our veterans and their families in keeping the memory of these

heroes alive. Whether by participating in ceremonies, supporting POW/MIA remembrance events, or educating our communities, the Sons remain committed to the promise symbolized by the POW/MIA flag—"You Are Not Forgotten."

As we remember those who never returned home, the Sons of the American Legion proudly stand in support of our veterans and their families, reaffirming our commitment that the sacrifices of our POW and MIA service members will never be forgotten.

Squadrons across Maine are encouraged to participate in local remembrance ceremonies, display the POW/MIA flag, and take time to educate their communities about the importance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Through these efforts, we continue to honor those who served and keep faith with those who are still unaccounted for.

The American Legion Department of Maine (TALDOM) is celebrating the United States 250th Birthday in Legion fashion.....A MONSTER PARADE.

TAL DOM cordially invites every Post, Unit, Squadron, and Legion Rider member, if their Post is not doing a July 4th event, to join the Legion Family at the Thomaston, Maine parade. Thomaston annually hosts one of the largest parades in Maine on the 4th of July, they have a well-polished planning committee, full support of the town, and a massive amount of summer tourist cheering on the parade. They even have a website for the parade: <https://thomaston4thofjuly.org/>

The plan is not to segregate our Legion Family; we all walk together in support of veterans and America. There will be trailers for the non-walkers that want to join us. Our Rider family would trail on their bikes if they choose to ride. TAL DOM will be handing out small flags to spectators, we encourage your Post, Unit, Squadron and Chapter to bring their flags (Post, Unit, Squadron flag or American). Can you imagine the sea of flags when the Legion Family rocks Thomaston on July 4th?

The parade ends in front of American Legion Post 37 Thomaston, there is a chicken bbq, music, face painting, cotton candy, crafts, and more. Post 37 will be open and serving hot dogs, burgers and more. The Post will also have a Legion membership table and historical items on display to the public. Damariscotta, St. George, Camden, and Rockland Legion volunteers will join Thomaston members to make it a July 4th to remember. When the festivities end in Thomaston, American Legion Post 1 Rockland is hosting an AFTERPARTY!!!

Rockland will be serving food, cold beverages, and word on the street.... KARAOKE in the evening!!!! Avoid the fireworks traffic and chill at Post 1.

Make it a weekend on the coast, celebrate July 4th with the most patriotic group in Maine.

ALR, Auxiliary and Sons- please share with your officers and trickle down to members. I know I missed the Chatter. District Commanders-work your magic with Posts in your region. Share at meetings, newsletters, etc. It will be in the next Ledger and on Facebook soon.

If one person comes from each Post, that's 170 people. We understand that some Posts are having an event, some people are spending the day with family. Let's imagine only 80 Posts send 1 person, half of the Units send 1 person, half of the Sons send 1 person, etc. We will still have 100+ people representing the Legion Family. Poor Rockland....poor poor Post 1. They won't know what hit them. 😊

We only get to celebrate the 250th Birthday of America once. It's been a few years since the Legion Family has all been in a huge parade together. Spread the word and most importantly, hope you can personally join us.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY! SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

10:00 AM: Meet at the parade staging area at the town cemetery on Dwight Street.

11:00 AM: Parade Kick-Off

NOON: Head to WILLIAMS-BRAZIER American Legion Post 37 (10 Wendell Street-Thomaston)

2:00 PM: Afterparty at WINSLOW-HOLBROOK-MERRITT American Legion Post 1-Rockland (335 Limerock)

**OPEN INVITE TO LEGIONNAIRES, AUXILIARY AND SONS
LET'S HONOR OUR NATION TOGETHER!**

FMI-email Jason@mainelegion.org





Celebrate the nation's semiquincentennial by taking part in The American Legion's USA 250 Challenge. Your participation, whether as an individual or part of a team, helps honor our veterans and uplift communities nation wide while promoting physical fitness, mental wellness, and community service. Participants may engage in one, two or all three activities as an individual or as part of a team like an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron and/or an American Legion Riders chapter. For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive their choice of a USA 250 Challenge tech shirt. The proceeds will go to the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF).

Register Here
[www.legion.org/get-involved/
community-programs/usa250/
challenge](http://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/usa250/challenge)

SONS OF THE

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CSR Reporting

The online submission forms for this year's **CSR** is now active on MyLegion.org. Please make your squadron is aware. Should a squadron choose to submit their consolidated report using this method, it is recommended that they continue to work in "draft mode" until we get closer to the submission window (April through June).

If needed, CSR refresher training can be accessed from the Training Tuesday page. There was a session on this topic on May 27, 2025 and the video, PowerPoint and recap are available there.

Please feel free to reach out to mylegion@legion.org for any online submission issues. Thank you.

<https://mylegion.org/>



As your squadron completes its 2026–2027 elections, please remember to submit the

Squadron Officer and Directory Form

This ensures that your newly elected officers receive timely and accurate information from the Detachment. Elections for the Detachment of Maine Executive Board are currently underway. If you are interested in serving at the state level and trying something new, please submit a letter of intent so your name can be placed on the ballot. Elections will take place at the State Convention on June 13, 2026, at Jeff’s Catering in Brewer, Maine.

REPORTS

Several important reports will also be due soon:

Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR):

The CSR is one of the most critical documents a squadron completes. Information from all squadrons is compiled into a final report used by The American Legion, forwarded to the U.S. Congress, and utilized to apply for and verify awards at National Convention. Squadrons should report activities conducted between June 1 and May 31.

Squadron Data Report (SDR):

This report contains essential squadron contact information and is vital for both Detachment and National Headquarters. The completed SDR must be returned no later than April 15. Failure to meet this deadline may prevent members from renewing online through mysal.org and could result in renewal notices being mailed with incorrect information.

Thank you for all you do to support the Sons of The American Legion and the veterans, families, and communities we proudly serve.

BECOME THE LEADER YOUR POST NEEDS

The American Legion Department of Maine

The American Legion depends on strong, informed, and confident leaders. This training is your opportunity to strengthen your skills and join a network of legionnaires committed to excellence.

MARCH 20-22, 2026
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
5 VERTI DR, WINSLOW ME

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR YOUR POST
- STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS
- LEARN BEST PRACTICES FOR RUNNING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS AND MANAGING POST OPERATIONS
- GAIN INSIGHT WITH FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES AND SHARE IDEAS THAT STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION
- PREPARE FOR GREATER LEADERSHIP ROLES

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ALL POST OFFICERS
- FUTURE LEADERS READY FOR GREATER RESPONSIBILITY
- ANY LEGIONNAIRE COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING THEIR POST
- AUXILIARY AND SON MEMBERS (IF OPEN SEATS)

DAY ONE

This is the American Legion
Flow of Communication
Post Service Officer
Parliamentary Procedures
Elections and Constitution and By-laws
Saluting, Traditions and Ceremonies
Practice meeting

DAY TWO

What makes a Great Post
Servant Leadership
The Legion Family
Conflict Management
Risk Management
Organizational Life Cycle
Current Topics

DAY THREE

Public Speaking
Child and Youth Programs
Americanism
Understanding District and National
Consolidated Post Report
Legislative Issues



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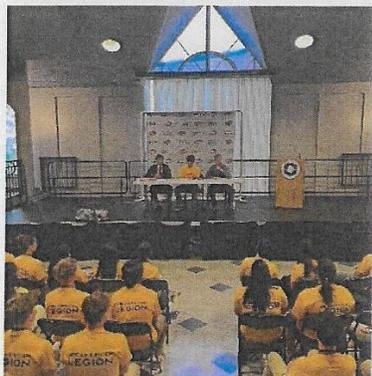


THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

DIRIGO STATE

COLBY COLLEGE * WATERVILLE, ME

JUNE 21-26, 2026



High School Juniors Can Apply!

Provides training in citizenship, leadership, and character development

- Debate current and future leaders
- Create your own legislation
- Learn the art of persuasion
- Focus on participation and personal experience
- Form a sense of individual pride in the community, state, and nation
- Delegate returns to the community a better citizen and display willingness to make a greater civic contribution
- Eligible to earn scholarships
- Opportunity to be in a Band or Chorus
- Life-long friends made
- \$400 per student traditionally sponsored by American Legion Posts, American Legion Auxiliary Units, businesses, and civic, faith-based, or fraternal groups

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**AMERICAN
LEGION
FAMILY**

2025–2026 National Membership Target Dates & Goals



- March 11, 2026 — 80%
- April 8, 2026 — 90%
- May 13, 2026 — 100%
- July 29, 2026 — 105%

(Delegate strength target,
30 days prior to the
National Convention)



NEC Report

Zoom meeting update:
Americanism

Child Wellbeing Foundation - donations are ahead of last year. Thank you to our squadrons who have mailed donation checks of \$1.00 per member to help this cause. April is Children and Youth Month. What is your squadron doing to recognize our children?

July 4th is our nation's 250th birthday. If your community is not having a parade, join our Legion family In Thomaston and Rockland for their festivities!

100th Anniversary of the Sons of The American Legion - It's not too early to be thinking about our 100th anniversary. It will be here before you know it.

Membership year 2031-2032 is all about the celebration. Our own Sanford Squadron #19 is one of the oldest active squadrons. Start compiling historical articles through scrapbooks and or videos to show where your squadron started and what it is doing now.

POW/MIA Memorial Wall

Commander Steve Doyle is proud to announce his Commander's Project for this year. Two years ago, his project focused on the restoration of the POW/MIA Memorial Wall at the Department of Maine Headquarters — a goal that was successfully completed thanks to the dedication and support of many across our organization.

This year, Commander Doyle's project is to support perpetual care for the POW/MIA Memorial Wall. This initiative will ensure that the memorial continues to serve as a lasting tribute to the brave service members who are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action — and to their families — reminding them that they are never forgotten.

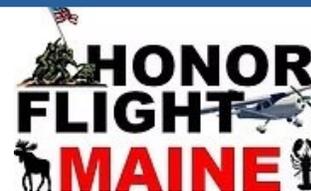
If your Squadron would like to make a financial contribution to this important project, please send your donation to:
Detachment of Maine
5 Verti Drive, Suite B
Winslow, ME 04901
Please write "POW/MIA" in the memo line of your check.
Your support helps preserve the legacy and memory of those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.



EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE

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A non profit organization dedicated to providing emotional and mental support to veterans and first responders through the use of future certified therapy dog(s). Members of our team have a diverse background which includes being trained in critical incident stress management and peer support, and we visit fire stations, police stations, hospitals, and veterans facilities to offer comfort and companionship to those who serve our communities



2026 Honor Flight Maine Dates:
Flights are all charter flights on Allegiant:

- April 10-12 Portland Jetport
- May 29-31 Bangor International Airport
- Sept 18-20 Portland Jetport
- Oct 16-18 Bangor International Airport

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF MAINE OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

In accordance with Article VI of the constitution and By-Laws of the Detachment of Maine, The Sons of the American Legion, the Fifty-Second Convention is hereby called to convene at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine, June 13, 2026.

The first business session will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026. All general business sessions of the convention will be held at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing Detachment Officers and District Commanders for the ensuing year; to elect delegates and alternates to the 2026 National Convention to be held in Louisville, KY; to receive reports of all Detachment Officers and standing committees; to consider the resolutions and actions of subordinate bodies and to transact any other business properly brought before the convention.

REPRESENTATION

Each Squadron is entitled to one (1) delegate for each twenty (20) members or less: two (2) delegates for each twenty one (21) to forty (40) members, etc. This also applies to electing alternates. May 14, 2026 is the cutoff date on membership strength. All Detachment Officers, District Commanders, and

REPRESENTATION cont.

Past Detachment Commanders, in good standing: shall be entitled to vote and have all the rights of delegates in the convention. These Officers and Past Commanders are delegates-at-large and must not be named as Squadron delegates. Alternate delegates are entitled to a seat in the convention, but will have the right to vote only in the absence of the elected delegates. The decision of the selection of alternate's delegates to represent absent delegates is a matter of decision within the respective delegations. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion, and guests are invited to attend the convention as guests but have no voice or vote unless delegates.

RULES OF ORDER

The rules of the procedure at the Detachment Convention shall be those set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.

MEETINGS

Registration shall be held at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2026 and the convention opening at 9:00 a.m. at Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine.

The Post-Convention DEC Meeting shall be held immediately following the close of Convention on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Convention Center. All Detachment Officers, District Commanders, and Past Detachment Commanders are expected to attend.

CREDENTIALS

Each Squadron will fill out the Delegates and Alternates Form listing the delegates and alternates elected to represent the Squadron. Delegates and Alternates must be preregistered with the convention in order to vote. A registration fee of \$10.00 for each delegate and alternate must be prepaid to The Detachment of Maine and received by May 14, 2026. Please send a check made payable to The Detachment of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Suite B, Winslow, Maine 04901.

ELECTIONS

All candidates for elective Detachment Office must file with the Detachment Adjutant, prior to May 14, 2026, a letter of intent to seek office and furnish a copy of DD-214 discharge papers, which makes them eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion. The ballots for the Detachment Convention will be pre-printed indicating those candidates who have filed for office.

VOTING

Delegates may get ballots upon check in at Jeff's Catering & Event Center on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Each delegate will go to the convention hall during the hours specified and secure ballots. No ballots will be issued after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Delegates will cast ballots immediately. Delegate's card, badge, convention registration, and your 2026 membership card must be displayed during voting. Ballot Boxes will close promptly at 9:15 a.m.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Uniform of the day during the convention sessions will be The Sons of The American Legion cap.

LAW AND ORDER

Order will be maintained at all times in the convention hall under the direction of the Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms. Delegates, Alternates, and members attending the convention are requested to give courtesy to all speakers and visitors to the convention.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

All of the Detachment Officers and District Commanders will be installed Saturday, June 13, 2026, immediately following the close of the Sons of The American Legion Convention, and will become members of the Detachment of Maine Executive Committee upon Department of Maine Executive Committee approval. This call is being sent to all officers on record. If new officers have been elected, please transmit this information to them.

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Adjutant
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If your Squadron has held elections for the upcoming year, please fill out the forms including emails for all your officers to ensure they get recognition and receive updates from Detachment.

[SQUADRON OFFICER AND DIRECTORY FORM](#)

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HIGH IMPORTANCE

**See You at the Detachment's
State Convention
SATURDAY
JUNE 13, 2026**

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'Til Next Time

Thank you for your continued
membership and dedication to
The Maine American Legion Family.