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Commanders Message,

As I complete my third year serving as your Detachment of Maine Commander, I am truly grateful for the members who have supported and stood beside me throughout this journey. The phrase “we’ve come a long way” could not be more fitting when reflecting on the growth and progress of our state squadrons.

My Commander’s Project—ensuring the perpetual maintenance and repair of the POW/MIA Memorial Wall at Headquarters in Winslow—has not only met, but exceeded my expectations. This success is a direct result of the generosity, dedication, and commitment shown by our squadron members across the state.

As I conclude my term, I leave you with this thought: take a moment to talk to the person next to you. They may be searching for a place to share their talents, their passion, and their desire to serve. Invite them to be part of something bigger—helping veterans and their families through the Sons of the American Legion.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

All the Best,
Steve Doyle
Detachment of Maine

Membership Status:

As of May 7, 2026

We are #35 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 2649 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 93.51%

2026 percent for retention is 80.79%



Target Date:

May 13, 2026 100%
of 2026’s
Membership

Squadron Planning

June

2nd Legion Baseball Lou Gehrig Day
6th D-day
13th 52st Annual State Convention
Brewer, Me
14th Flag Day
14th U S Army Birthday
21st - 25th Dirigo State Colby
College, Waterville
25th Korean War started

July

4th 250th 4th of July
5th Gold Star Spouse Day
9th National Former POW Recognition Day
14th Air Force Reserve Birthday
22nd Earth Day
23rd Army Reserve Birthday
27th korean war ends 1953
28th World War I begins 1914
30th Military Brat Day

August

2 Invasion of Kuwait 1990
4 Coast Guard Birthday
7 Purple Heart Day

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:

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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 another gun raffle in April. A Colt King Cobra 4" barrel was purchased at Ames True Value Hardware and Supply in Wiscasset. One hundred and four tickets were sold. A drawing was held on May 1st at Squadron 86, Gray. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support and benefit our veterans and their families. Congratulations to our third raffle winner. Check with a DEC member to purchase tickets for next months raffle.

Sons of The American Legion

As of May 7, 2026 SAL National membership stands at **387,576** members.

This is 94.71% of the yearly goal of **409,244** members

**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!

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 **National Americanism Commission** of the **Sons of The American Legion (SAL)** has adopted ongoing support of the *Flying Flags for Heroes* program through SAL Resolution VI, approved during the Spring NEC 2022 meetings.

The purpose of the *Flying Flags for Heroes* program is to inspire genuine patriotism within our communities while promoting national pride in our country, its flag, our military, and our veterans throughout the entire American Legion Family.

Reporting the flag placements of your Post, Squadron, Unit, or Chapter prior to **August 8, 2026**, will assist the Commission in achieving its goals of 1,000,000 flag placements and 100% Detachment participation before the 54th SAL National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

For additional information, visit FlyingFlagsForHeroes.org or use the QR code to access the reporting section of the website directly.



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POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Those who have served, and those currently serving the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace always has been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation, and internment.

Before we begin our activities this evening, we will pause to remember our prisoners of war and missing in action.

We call your attention to this small table, which occupies a place of dignity and honor near the head table. It is set for one—symbolizing the fact that our armed forces personnel are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families tonight, so we join together to pay our humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her oppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of our missing comrades' families and friends who keep the faith while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted; they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty; they are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifice.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families



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)

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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/>

Personalized Memorial Bricks



SAL members,

This is being forwarded for the Leading Candidate for National Commander – Thomas “Thom” Skelley (TX).

To help preserve “the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all wars,” I am humbly asking for your participation in the Bricks of Honor Project.

These personalized bricks will serve as a lasting tribute to the men and women of our military who gave us our eligibility in the Sons of The American Legion. Each brick may be personalized with your service member’s name, rank, branch of service, and dates of service. The bricks will be placed in the northeast quadrant of the circle surrounding the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis and will include a certificate of placement.

An official dedication ceremony is planned, hopefully in conjunction with our Fall 2026 NEC meetings.

Available options include:

\$125.00 – Memorial Brick to be placed on the Circle

\$175.00 – Memorial Brick on the Circle and a Souvenir Brick (shipped to the certificate address)

\$50.00 – Souvenir Brick only (3" x 1.5" x .5")

Please visit bricksofhonor.org for more information.

When completing the order form, please enter the code SAL 2026 in the Additional Requests section to ensure your order is placed in the correct quadrant.

The deadline to order is Flag Day, June 14.

As a courtesy, the Indiana War Memorial Foundation has waived the requirement for proof of military service.

This opportunity is open to all American Legion Family members, so please share this request with your Post, Unit, Squadron, and Chapter.

Thank you for helping honor those who served.

Thank you,



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.

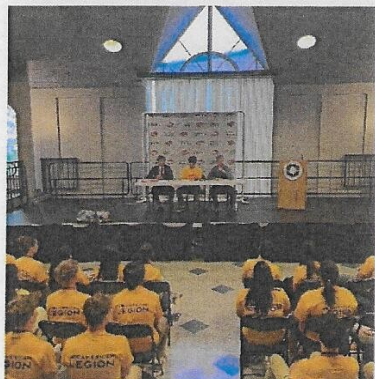


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NEC REPORT

During the just completed spring meetings, the National Emergency Fund Committee met and let us know they are amending the NEF Trust to allow SAL members to apply for NEF grant. See below for more information.

SAL eligible for NEF grants

The National Emergency Fund (NEF) NEF Trust Committee is in the process of amending the trust to allow SAL members to apply for National Emergency Fund grants.

Members of the Sons of The American Legion are eligible to receive grants from The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF).

The NEF Trust Committee met May 4 during the Spring Meetings in Indianapolis to amend the trust to allow SAL members to apply for NEF grants.



While application forms and information on Legion.org are in the process of being updated to reflect the change, effective immediately, SAL members can apply for an NEF grant if they meet the necessary qualifications.

Similar to individual Legionnaires, SAL members may qualify for an NEF grant of up to \$3,000 if:

- They have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. If emergency/disaster shelters are available, and the applicant chooses not to stay at a shelter, their reason must be included in the application.
- The SAL member must be active at the time of the disaster and at the time of application.

NEF grants are not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet the most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster. They also do not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.,) equipment or vehicles.

For more information, go to [Legion.org/Emergency](https://legion.org/Emergency).

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.

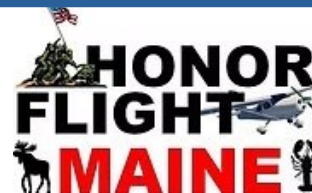
If your Squadron would like to make a financial contribution to this important project, please send your donation to:
Detachment of Maine
5 Verti Drive, Suite B
Winslow, ME 04901
Please write "POW/MIA" in the memo line of your check.
Your support helps preserve the legacy and memory of those who have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

- 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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Detachment of Maine
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.