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Greetings fellow SAL Members!

As I write this on the Monday night of Labor Day, our summer has come and gone far too fast. We have all enjoyed what the warmest months of the year have to offer and now we start anew!

Membership renewal should be in full swing and as dark draws earlier and familiar faces we haven't seen for a while emerge remind them, renew before the end of 2026. Some Squadrons struggle with retention, some with new members...

Try hosting a Football Potluck or Crockpots on a Sunday. Offer an Early Bird discount for signing up before Veterans Day. Have a Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day @ your Post and encourage your members to be present. Chili/Chowder Cookoffs & Contests are a great way to engage and involve members old & new. Whether your Squadron has 5 or 500 members, we are crucial to the survival of every American Legion Post in the State of Maine. Fall Conference is coming up at the end of September, see the additional information provided in the newsletter. I encourage all that have never attended a State meeting to show up to see & experience the next level of this organization. Every single member of The Sons Of The American Legion dictates what the next move is at the Detachment level. Ask questions, talk to a District Commander... Ask what a District Commander is... Keep us growing... Let us know where to go... We are heading there and desire your direction.

R. Stephen Amergian Jr.
Commander
Detachment Of Maine

Membership Status:

As of September 8, 2026

We are #25 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 2811 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 99.22%

2026 percent for retention is 89.29%

We are #53 out of 55 Detachments for 2027 Memberships

2027 is at 155 Members

2027 percent of year end goal is 5.46%

2027 percent for retention is 3.67%



Target Date:

October 14, 2026
35% of 2027's
Membership

New year. New leadership. Still one Legion Family.

**Meet the newly elected leaders of The American Legion,
American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.**

Jay Bowen of the Department of Colorado American Legion

**Dr. Coral May Grout of the Department of Massachusetts
American Legion Auxiliary**

**Thom Skelley of the Detachment of Texas Sons of The
American Legion**

**Together, they're ready to lead, serve and strengthen the
Legion Family.**



Squadron Planning

September

7 Labor Day
9 SAL Membership target of 25%
11 Patriot Day
16 American Legion Day
17 Constitution Week
18 Air Force Day
18 POW/MIA Recognition Day
27 Gold Star Mothers Day

October

13 US Navy Birthday
14 SAL Membership target of 35%

November

2 Invasion of Kuwait 1990
4 US Coast Guard Birthday
4 Election Day
7 Purple Heart Day
11 Veterans Day
14 V-J Day
16 American Education Day
27 American Legion Blood Drive

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.





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DETACHMENT OF MAINE
COMMANDER'S PROJECT

— ★ ★ ★ 2026 - 2027 ★ ★ ★ —

GUITARS

★ FOR ★

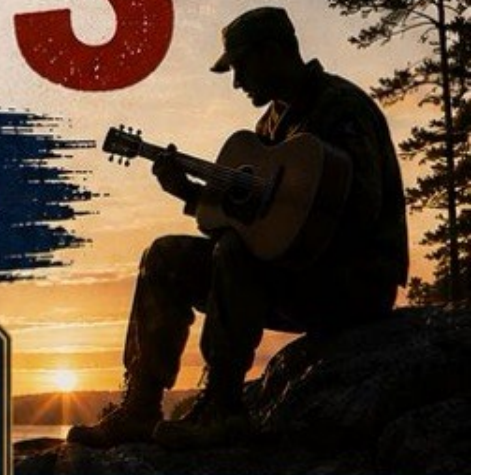
VETS

*Healing through
music for our heroes*

SEND DONATIONS TO:

★ Detachment of Maine ★
5 Verti Drive Suite B
Winslow, Me 04901

— DETACHMENT COMMANDER —
STEVE AMERGIAN





DEPARTMENT of MAINE

COMMANDER MICHAUD ANNOUNCES

2026-2027 PROJECT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE - CAMP TALL PINES.

"We are focused on raising funds to maintain the American Legion Cabin at Camp Tall Pines, support a new generation of campers, and highlight the importance of supporting the athletes of Special Olympics of Maine", Michaud announced.

The American Legion's Fourth Pillar is Children and Youth.

This Pillar is specifically dedicated to promoting the well-being of young people. Under this umbrella, The American Legion serves as a proud supporter and generous sponsor of the Special Olympics through volunteer efforts, fundraising events (such as the Lobster Dip), and financial contributions.

Special Olympics of Maine was deeded property on Lower Range Pond in 1993. They created Camp Tall Pines, 5 ½ acres of beauty to offer year-round vacationing experiences to persons with intellectual disabilities. It is a traditional summer camp complete with cabins and waterfront activities. In fact, one of the cabins was provided by the Legion Family.

SOME OF THE PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MAINE:

- 19 Olympic style individual and team sports
- Unified Sports
- Special Olympics College Club
- Young Athletes Program
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Lobster Dip
- Golf Competitions
- Camp Tall Pines

Commander Michaud asks that all donations be made to "Department of Maine" with "Special Olympics" put in the memo line. An announcement will be made of the total contribution at the 2027 State Convention.

You can also visit: MaineLegion.org, click "donate", and choose from the drop down menu "Commanders Project", to make a personal donation.

Your financial support will fund year-round sports training, health screening, and leadership programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

Contributions to the Commander's Project will cover vital expenses like equipment, transportation, uniforms, and ensure no one is left on the sidelines.

Contributions to Special Olympics of Maine will also help fund The American Legion cabin at Camp Tall Pines and ensure our name proudly continues to support Maine children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Commander Michaud asks your Post, Squadron, Unit, or Chapter to support this worthy endeavour.



AMERICAN LEGION

Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT



2026-2027



REMEMBER

HONOR

TEACH



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

BOOTHBAY
VETS



HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES
Remember. Honor. Teach.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

STELLA TRAHAN



National Executive Committee Report

NEC REPORT

A Look Back at the National Convention

The Sons of The American Legion National Convention was held recently in Louisville, Kentucky, and provided many opportunities to learn, connect, and represent the Detachment of Maine. Throughout the week, members had opportunities to attend training sessions, participate in committee meetings, and join The American Legion Family at events and activities.

One of the highlights for me was walking across the stage representing the Detachment of Maine to accept a National Child Well-Being Foundation Certificate of Recognition. It was a proud moment for Maine and a wonderful reminder of the difference our members make through their support and service.

Another memorable moment came when American Legion Auxiliary National President Pam Ray spoke to our group. She shared a story from her year on the road that especially stood out to her. While visiting Maine, the Legion Riders escorted Madame President Pam from one post to another. She was invited to ride on a motorcycle, and before she climbed aboard, the Sons made sure she had chaps, a helmet, and—most importantly—a jacket to wear. It was a simple gesture, but one that demonstrated the hospitality, care, and camaraderie that make the Legion Family special.

Many of the committees also presented reports highlighting the significant amount of money raised and the countless volunteer hours contributed by our members. This information is important because it is used in legislative efforts and helps demonstrate the need for funding for programs that serve our veterans.

There was, however, one disappointing statistic: only 42% of squadrons reported their year-end CSR reports.

These reports matter. They tell the story of what our squadrons are doing for veterans, their families, and our communities. Accurate records and timely reporting help ensure that our collective efforts are recognized and that veterans receive the services they deserve.

Let's all do our part. Keep accurate records, complete your year-end CSR, and send your reports to headquarters. What each squadron does matters—and when we report it, we help show the true impact of the Sons of The American Legion.

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**
AUXILIARY
2026-2027
Welcomes

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

CORAL MAY GROUT

★
TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

September 11–September 13, 2026

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MEET & GREET CASUAL DINNER

Join us for an evening of fellowship, conversation and learn about the National President's mission for 26–27.

 **Corinth American Legion Post**
Corinth, Maine

5:00 p.m. Social

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

Attire business casual.

Dinner will be pot luck by donation.

RSVP by September 9th

RSVP to Tammy Gray

Email: tbird9865@gmail.com

Phone: 207 951 0539

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**TRAVELING TO
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

10:00 a.m. Woody Williams Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Unveiling Ceremony and museum tour. Columbia Falls, Maine

Spending the day with Wreaths Across America supporting our veterans and communities.

Must have RSVP'd by August 14th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

 **Post 75 Old Town**
Old Town, Maine

5:00 p.m. Social

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

An evening of celebration, reflection, camaraderie and learn about the National President's mission.

Attire business casual. Dinner is potluck by donation.

RSVP by September 9th to Laura Anderson

Email: harley0213@aol.com | Phone: 207 949 4765



★ *Honoring Veterans, Supporting Communities.* ★

VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Alden M Gayton American Legion Post 31
426 Washington St N, Auburn, ME

SEPTEMBER 11th - SEPTEMBER 13th



**SELF-CONTAINED
OVERNIGHT
CAMPER PARKING**
(Fri & Sat)

\$35 PER CAMPER
(includes 2 FREE Sunday
Breakfast Vouchers)

\$30 PER CAMPER
(includes 1 FREE Sunday
Breakfast Voucher)



FOOD

ALL 3 DAYS!

Breakfast on Sunday



**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday



LIVE MUSIC

Friday & Saturday



NFL FOOTBALL

Sunday



JOIN US TO HONOR OUR HEROES!
MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED!

Stop by the Post for more information or call 207-754-6195

Made with AI

DOW-LOUGEE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

TOLL BOOTH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

10AM – 2PM



Come Out and
SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS!

★ ★ SUPPORT OUR VETERANS! HONOR THEIR SACRIFICE. ★ ★

CAR SHOW



Honor Flight Maine is dedicated to transporting Maine's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials at no cost to them.

★ ★ SATURDAY ★ ★
SEPTEMBER 19TH
2026

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

★ **WINDHAM MALL** ★



★ BENEFIT FOR ★



HONOR FLIGHT MAINE



AND

GRAY LEGION
POST 86, GRAY, MAINE



AWARDS FOR
TOP CAR IN
4 CATEGORIES



ALL MAKES
ALL MODELS
ALL YEARS

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



TONY DiCENTES

5TH ANNUAL

SCHOLARSHIP

Motorcycle Ride

★ SEPTEMBER 19TH ★



REGISTRATION
AT 9:00 AM



KICKSTANDS UP
AT 11:00 AM

*Riding for a
Stronger
Tomorrow*



970 Central Street,
Millinocket, Maine



ORGANIZED BY
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS





— ★ 2026 ★ — AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



POST 20 BRUNSWICK LEGIONNAIRES

9:15 START



POST 21 BATH AUXILIARY

9:00 START



**POST 202 TOPSHAM
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

9:00 START



There will be coffee, donuts, fruit available at each location.



There will be an optional bag lunch prepared to be delivered to each location.

ACCOMMODATION



Rodeway Inn
287 Bath Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207-261-1223

- 2 Full Beds kitchenette \$150.00 plus tax
- 2 Queen Beds with kitchen \$199.00 plus tax
- Breakfast included



Wiscasset Woods Lodge
596 Bath Road
Route 1 Wiscasset
207-882-7137

- Cottage \$245.00 plus tax
- Room \$195.00 Plus tax
- Both have microwave. Mini fridge
- Breakfast not included



Best Western Plus
71 Gurnet Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207-725-5251

- Room \$134.00 plus tax
- Breakfast included

★ These are all under The American Legion as a group rate.
THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AT EACH LOCATION. ★



JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION *Family*

★ TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT VETERANS, STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES,
AND HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE WHO SERVED. ★



AMERICAN LEGION

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Advocate for veterans
- ★ Support active duty military and families
- ★ Provide assistance to veterans in need
- ★ Promote Americanism in our communities
- ★ Honor our fallen heroes and their families

WHO CAN JOIN?

Honorable discharged veteran and anyone presently serving in the military.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Support veterans, military, and their families
- ★ Volunteer in our community
- ★ Promote patriotism and Americanism
- ★ Honor our fallen heroes and support their families
- ★ Fundraise to support local and national programs

WHO CAN JOIN?

Spouses, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and granddaughters (including adopted) of veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Support veterans and their families
- ★ Participate in community service
- ★ Promote patriotism and honor our heritage
- ★ Support youth programs and scholarships

WHO CAN JOIN?

Sons, stepsons, grandsons, and adopted sons of members of The American Legion, or sons of veterans who are eligible for membership.



ONE NATION.
ONE MISSION.
ONE FAMILY.

JOIN TODAY!

Be Part of Something
BIGGER
THAN YOURSELF!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Service ★ Community ★ Veterans

Buddy Check

“ABC-EASY AS 1, 2, 3”

1

Always

Recruit **1 NEW**
Legion member



2

Buddy

Recruit **1 NEW** member &
renew **1** member
(2 members total)



3

Check

Recruit **3 NEW** members each;
Legion, AUX & SONS
(9 total)



More Members...
STRONGER TOGETHER!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM

Welcome • Educate • Engage • Lead

*Every new member deserves a connection.
Every experienced member can be a mentor.*



OUR PURPOSE

Welcome, educate, and engage new SAL members by helping them understand our mission, structure, programs, and traditions while encouraging lifelong involvement and leadership.



THE ROLE OF A MENTOR

A mentor is an experienced SAL member who provides guidance, information, encouragement, and support.

A Mentor Will:

- Personally welcome the new member.
- Introduce them to officers, committee chairs, and fellow members.
- Explain the Squadron's history, mission, and activities.
- Explain the relationship between the SAL, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders.
- Encourage participation in veterans support, community service, and youth programs.
- Stay connected throughout the first six months.



OUR OBJECTIVES



Strengthen member retention and participation.



Foster personal growth and leadership within the organization.



Build continuity and preserve the traditions and values of the SAL.

Pride • Heritage • Service



IMMEDIATE SQUADRON ACTION PLAN FOR NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



FIRST 7 DAYS – INITIAL INVOLVEMENT

- ☐ Issue personalized welcome from Commander, Adjutant, or Membership Officer.
- ☐ Provide New Member Orientation Packet immediately.
- ☐ Assign a trained mentor within 72 hours.
- ☐ Add new member to all Squadron communication channels.
- ☐ Invite them to the first event: fundraising dinner, ceremony, community service, etc.



FIRST 30 DAYS – ORIENTATION & CONNECTION

- ☐ Conduct formal Orientation Briefing.
- ☐ Explain mission, structure, programs, and opportunities.
- ☐ Introduce new member at the next Squadron meeting.
- ☐ Complete the New Member Intake Form with the member.
- ☐ Help them join a Squadron committee or project.
- ☐ Mentor attends event or meeting alongside new member.



SUGGESTED MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS

A mentor should have:

- ✓ Minimum one year of active SAL membership.
- ✓ Demonstrated understanding of SAL programs and values.
- ✓ Willingness to dedicate time and attention to new members.
- ✓ Positive communication skills and enthusiasm for the organization.



RECOMMENDED NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION PACKET

Consider including:

- Welcome Letter from the Squadron Commander
- SAL Membership Card & explanation
- Brochure: "Why We Belong"
- Detachment and Squadron Contact List
- Calendar of Events and meeting schedule
- Volunteer Opportunities form
- Squadron Handbook



EVALUATION & RECOGNITION

Each squadron should review the success of the mentoring program annually. Recognition may include:

- Mentor of the Year
- Member of the Year
- Detachment recognition
- Highlights in newsletters



RESOURCES

SAL National Headquarters
<https://www.legion.org/sons>

American Legion Basic Training
<https://register.legion.org/alei>

American Legion Publications
<https://www.legion.org/publications>

Training Tuesday
www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays



**DON'T JUST ADD A MEMBER —
BUILD A MEMBER.**
Connect them. Involve them. Mentor them. Keep them.

★ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ★
Pride ★ Heritage ★ Service



DETACHMENT OF MAINE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MONTHLY GUN RAFFLE

Supporting Our Mission to Serve Veterans, Military Families, and Our Communities

Contact Your DEC Officer for Tickets

Firearm Provided By:

Purchased from Ames True Value Hardware, Wiscasset, Maine

Important Information

- Winner must comply with all federal, state, and local firearm laws.
- Background check required.
- Winner must travel to Wiscasset, Maine, to complete transfer and pick up the firearm.
- Must be legally eligible to possess a firearm.

Every Ticket Helps Support

- ✓ Veterans Programs
- ✓ Youth Activities
- ✓ Americanism Programs
- ✓ Community Service Projects
- ✓ Sons of The American Legion Charitable Efforts

Thank You for Supporting the Detachment of Maine Sons of The American Legion

HELP A VETERAN IN NEED.

A local Bath area veteran needs financial assistance upgrading his bathroom to accommodate his physical needs.

\$2,000 is needed to complete the project.

ANY DONATION AMOUNT WILL HELP.



Checks can be mailed to: Detachment Of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901.

Call Steve Doyle for information: 207-443-6782

SONS OF THE



September 8, 2026

SAL National
membership stands at
59,745 members.

This is **14.55**
% of the yearly goal of
410,666 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 2027.

Let's get it DONE!

With over 400,000 members, the Sons of The American Legion proudly carry more than 400,000 unique stories — each one rooted in honor, service, and the veterans whose sacrifice made our membership possible.

At The American Legion National Headquarters, we want to share those stories.

Tell us why you joined.
Tell us what makes your squadron stand out.
Tell us what makes YOU proud to be a Son.

Your story matters. Your service matters. And together, we show the nation what it means to “Honor Their Service.”

Drop your story below and help us highlight the incredible work happening across the SAL.



Announcement

Your Sons of the American Legion membership card is more than identification — it represents your place in a worldwide brotherhood dedicated to service, patriotism, and honoring our veterans. Your legacy starts now. Don't wait, join the Sons of the American Legion today and be part of something bigger than yourself. As part of the The American Legion family, the largest veterans service organization in the world, you'll honor the past while making a real impact today.

CLICK ON LINKS

[SAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

[SAL MEMBER DATA FORM](#)

[CSR FORM](#)

[SAL SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP 09/03/2026](#)

[DETACHMENT OF MAINE FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

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](#)

[LEADERSHIP LEDGER 09/03/2026](#)

[THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE](#)

**HIGH IMPORTANCE
2026
AMERICAN LEGION
FALL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
SEE FLYER ABOVE**



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Maine
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'Til Next Time

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