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**Commanders Message,**

Greetings Fellow Detachment Members, June is a busy time at most Posts with Memorial Day activities having just wrapped up and preparation underway for Flag Day ceremonies. The State Convention was an amazing success this year with, from what I have been told, the largest turn out of attendees in a very long time. It was a true statement to how strong the Detachment is and a sign of how it is still growing. We have a solid group of dedicated individuals and are always looking to add to the ranks. For those who do not know me, my name is Steve Amergian and I am a proud 14 year member of Squadron 86 in Gray, Maine. My grandfather answered the call to duty in 1942 and served in the Army until shortly after the conclusion of WW2. He was a proud veteran, husband, father & businessman until his passing. He served on the civic level as a member of the Portland City Council, Interim Mayor of Portland and Cumberland County Commissioner. As a Mason and member of Post 17 in Portland he devoted his free time to helping others and from his example I began my journey with Squadron 86. During my time with the Squadron I have held the position of Assistant Adjutant, First Vice Commander and Commander. Past Commander Doyle approached me a few years ago and told me of his plans for The Detachment and asked if I would fill the role of First Vice Commander. Until last Saturday, I have held that position and worked to learn & grow under his leadership. The Detachment is in a very strong position and it is an honor to be at the helm. My Commander's Project for the upcoming year is Guitars For Vets. This project provides lessons and instruction on the skills needed to begin playing guitar. Upon completion of the course the graduation present is the guitar the veteran has been learning on for the previous weeks. Each guitar costs roughly \$350 and, as ambitious as it sounds, I would like to raise \$17,500 in funds to provide 50 guitars for the program in the next 52 weeks. Any and all help in achieving this goal will be greatly appreciated at all levels! Thank you for taking the time to read this and learn about me as I continue to learn about all of you and this great organization that brings us all together. Many hands make light work and without the continued effort of almost 2,900 SAL Members in the State Of Maine, we would not accomplish what we continue to do. For God & Country and continually hitting 105% membership.

Thank you all.  
R. Stephen Amergian Jr.  
Commander  
Detachment Of Maine

**Membership Status:**

**As of June 17, 2026**

**We are #30 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships  
2026 is at 2753 Members  
2026 percent of year end goal is 97.18%  
2026 percent for retention is 82.73%**



**Target Date:**

**July 29, 2026  
105% of 2026's  
Membership**

## Squadron Planning

### June

25th Korean War started

### July

4<sup>th</sup> 250<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 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

27<sup>th</sup> Korean War ends 1953

28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://betheone.org)**

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

**email:**

**[betheonedeptme@gmail.com](mailto: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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

To our newest Squadron #34

**Maine Sons of The American Legion Squadron #34** is officially known as **Kinney-Melquist Squadron #34**, and it is located in **St. George, Maine**, specifically in the village of **Tenants Harbor**.



### The Dow-Lougee American Legion Post 115

held a Flag Day celebration. Scout Pack 53 Corinth and Troop 61 Dover Foxcroft held their bridging ceremony and then assisted with the Flag Retirement program led by Commander Roger Gray. Well done and well earned! Thank you to all who participated. A special thank you to WABI TV5, Fox ABC Maine, Darlings Ice Cream Truck, Poland Springs, Corinth Fire Department, Hosea Whitmore, Chad Perkins, the Community and the Dow-Lougee American Legion Post 115, Family for all the help, without you this day wouldn't have been successful!

### **Congratulations!**

Well done #115! This is a great example of serving veterans, their families and the community.





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# COMMANDER'S PROJECT

— ★ ★ ★ 2026 - 2027 ★ ★ ★ —

# GUITARS

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# VETS

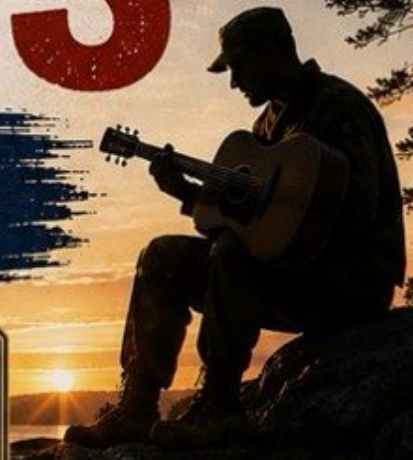
*Healing through  
music for our heroes*

SEND DONATIONS TO:

★ Detachment of Maine ★  
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— DETACHMENT COMMANDER —

# STEVE AMERGIAN





## 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

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As of June 17, 2026 SAL  
National membership  
stands at **399,581**  
members.

This is 97.64% 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.





# JUNE: PREPARE FOR JULY 1

*July In. December Out.*

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>CLEAN YOUR ROSTER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit membership list</li> <li>• Fix contact info</li> <li>• Identify non-renewals</li> </ul> <i>Bad data = lost members</i> 
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>BUILD YOUR TEAM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assign Membership Chair</li> <li>• Create outreach team</li> <li>• Set weekly check-ins</li> </ul> <i>Membership is a team effort</i> 
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>START OUTREACH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call/text members</li> <li>• Reconnect first, don't sell</li> <li>• Mention July 1</li> </ul> <i>People renew for relationships</i> 
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>FINAL PREP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan July kickoff</li> <li>• Set communication plan</li> <li>• Pre-announce renewal</li> </ul> <i>Be ready for Day 1</i> 

JUNE CHECKLIST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>ROSTER CLEANED</b>
	<b>TEAM ASSIGNED</b>
	<b>OUTREACH STARTED</b>
	<b>JULY EVENT PLANNED</b>
	<b>MEMBERS INFORMED</b>

**JULY 1** ★  
NEW MEMBERSHIP  
YEAR BEGINS

**JULY IN.**  
★★★  
**DECEMBER OUT.**

**DECEMBER 31** ★  
MEMBERSHIP  
EXPIRES



**STAY ACTIVE.  
STAY INVOLVED.**



**HONOR DOES NOT EXPIRE.  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT EITHER.**



**TOGETHER, WE GROW.  
TOGETHER, WE SUCCEED.**

### FINAL REMINDERS

- ① Renew Early: [legion.org/SAL-renew](http://legion.org/SAL-renew)
- ② Ensure every member has updated telephone and email contact information

### LEADERSHIP REMINDER

June sets the tone.  
Structure in June leads to success in July.





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](https://FlyingFlagsForHeroes.org) or use the QR code to access the reporting section of the website directly.



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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.



## 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).



## NEC REPORT CONTINUED

### **Convention and Meetings**

Organizing Things to Do list while at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in August.

Website is almost ready.

### **100th Anniversary Committee**

Continues to plan for the Sons of The American Legion 100th anniversary 2032.

Deciding on what

memorabilia will be available to sell. Looking for squadrons to submit their history.

### **Children and Youth Committee**

Continue planning for a Children and Youth activities room at National Convention in Louisville in August. Focus on flag history and etiquette. Working on a flyer to promote this event.

### **Child Wellbeing Fund**

Donations are up from last year and the Sons donation represented 63% of all donations for the year. We finished with \$321,104, 79 cent/member. While short of our goal of \$1/member. Thanks to everyone for the great job that you do in supporting CWF. It cannot happen without you.

### **Americanism Committee**

Continues to discuss our 250th birthday celebrations throughout the country.

Thanks to the squadrons who have sent me the number of flags placed on veteran's cemetery plots for Memorial Day. Please send me the number of flags your community placed so I can send in a total to National for their Flying Flags for Heroes Project.

### **Veteran Education and Employment Committee**

Working on a new trifold brochure, waiting for approval

Also attend other regional NEC zoom meeting to gain ideas and hear success and failure stories to determine if Maine might benefit.

George Rice  
NEC



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PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

★ 2026-2027 ★



WREATHS  
*across*  
AMERICA

BOOTHBAY  
VETS



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

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT  
STELLA TRAHAN



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[SAL SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP 06/04/2026](#)

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[FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROS](#)

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](#)

[LEGION LEADERSHIP LEDGER 06/04/2026](#)

[THE MAINE LEGIONNAIRE](#)

**HIGH IMPORTANCE**

**Submit Your Squadron's  
CSR  
by July 1st**

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**'Til Next Time**

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