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## Commanders Message,

Our monthly gun raffles are officially up and running! Funds raised from these raffles go directly toward supporting our mission—serving veterans and their families. Thank you to everyone who continues to participate and contribute to this important effort.

Now is the time to take action. Reach out to members who have not yet renewed for this year—make the call, send the message, start the conversation. Let them know they matter and that there is a place for them here. Your outreach could be the reason they come back.

The deadline for submitting your Letter of Intent for State Officer and District Commander positions is fast approaching. Don't wait—step up and put your name forward. Our organization depends on strong, committed leaders, and that starts with you. Let's work together to ensure we have a full ballot and representation in every district.

Talk to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Ask if they have a family member who has served. If they do, invite them to learn more about what we do and the benefits of belonging to this organization.

Volunteering isn't just about giving your time—it's about being part of something bigger. It's about making a real difference in the lives of veterans and their families. And in doing so, you may find it enriches your own life in ways you never expected.

Get involved today. Support the raffles, reconnect with members, and consider taking that next step into leadership. Every action you take strengthens our mission and directly impacts the lives of veterans and their families. Let's finish this year strong—together

All the Best,  
Steve Doyle  
Detachment of Maine

## Membership Status:

As of April 6, 2026

We are #24 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 2559 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 90.33%



## Target Date:

April 8, 2026 90%  
of 2026's  
Membership

## Squadron Planning

### April

Children and Youth Month  
5th Gold Star Spouse Day  
9th National Former POW Recognition Day  
14th Air Force Reserve Birthday  
22nd Earth Day  
23rd Army Reserve Birthday  
30th Military Brat Day

### May

9th Testimonial Dinner Oakland  
15th National Peace Officers Day  
21st Armed Forces Day  
25th Memorial Day

### June

2nd Legion Baseball Lou Gehrig 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

# 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.

LEGION FAMILY:  
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR LEGIONCARE  
UP TO \$5,000.00  
NO-COST-TO-YOU ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROTECTION  
For Online Activation Visit: [TheLIT.com/LegionCare2](http://TheLIT.com/LegionCare2)

*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.*



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.



## SQUADRONS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Detachment of Maine held another gun raffle in March. A Henry Rifle was purchased at Ames True Value Hardware and Supply in Wiscasset. One hundred and four tickets were sold. A drawing was held on March 28th at Squadron 86, Gray. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support and benefit our veterans and their families. Congratulations to our second raffle winner. Check with a DEC member to purchase tickets for next months raffle.



## Sons of The American Legion

As of April 6, 2026 SAL National membership stands at **371,598** members.

This is 90.80% 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.

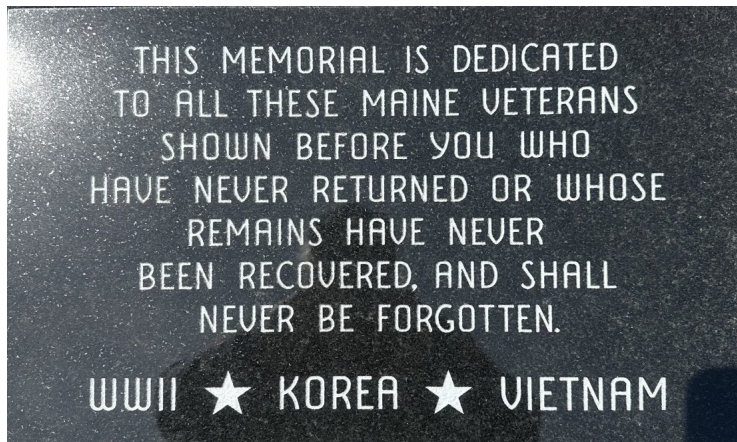
**Let's get it DONE!**

## POW/MIA Memorial Wall A Place of Reflection and Remembrance

The POW/MIA Memorial stands as a solemn and powerful tribute to those who have not yet returned home. Dedicated to Maine veterans who remain missing or whose remains have never been recovered, this space reminds us of the enduring cost of freedom and the sacrifices made in service to our nation.



At the heart of the memorial, a simple yet profound message reads: "The families of the missing will never forget." This sentiment echoes the mission behind honoring our POW/MIA service members—not only to remember them, but to continue the commitment to bring them home.



Etched in stone are words that speak to both loss and remembrance—ensuring that these heroes will never be forgotten. The memorial honors those from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War—conflicts that left families waiting and searching for answers that, for many, have yet to come.



As we pause at this memorial, we are reminded that remembrance is not passive. It is a responsibility. We encourage all members to take a moment to reflect, to share the stories of those who served, and to support efforts that ensure no one is left behind.

**Let Us Never Forget.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.



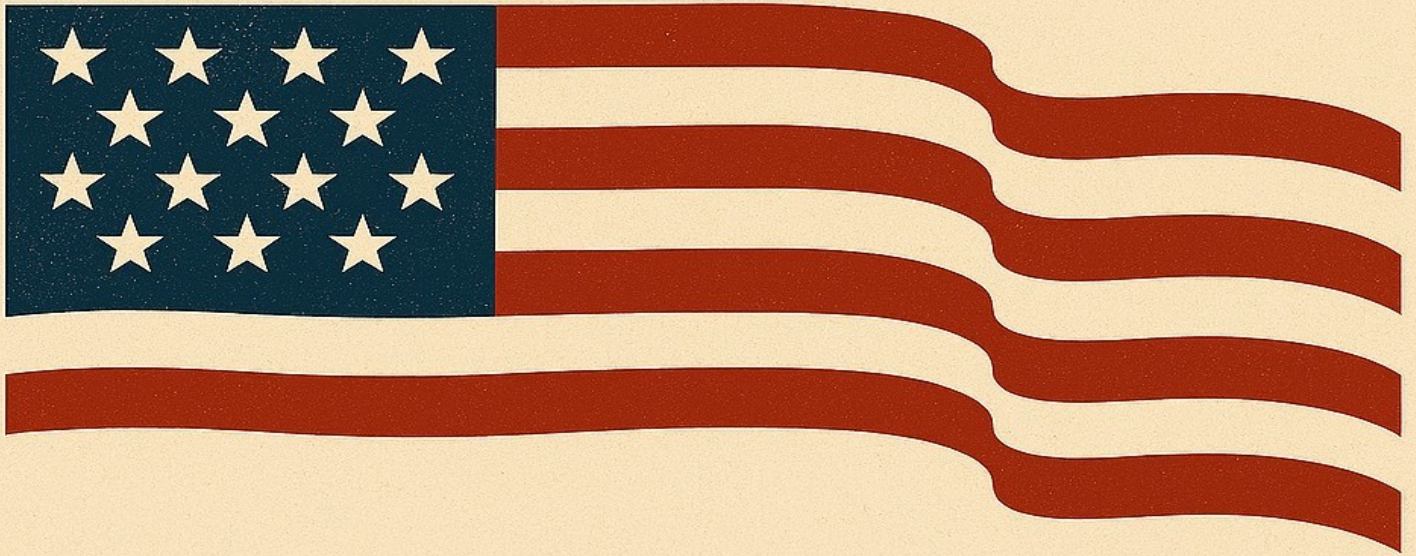
**A Call to Honor Before Memorial Day**  
As we approach Memorial Day, we are reminded of the true meaning behind this sacred day of remembrance—to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. One powerful way we can pay tribute is through the Flying Flags for Heroes initiative.

This year, we encourage every Squadron to take part by placing American flags on the gravestones of our fallen heroes in local cemeteries. This simple yet meaningful act creates a visible reminder that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten. Rows of flags standing proudly not only honor those who served, but also inspire communities and younger generations to reflect on the cost of freedom.

Squadrons can coordinate with local cemeteries, municipalities, or veterans' organizations to organize a flag placement day in the weeks leading up to Memorial Day.

Consider making it a community event—invite members, families, and volunteers to participate. It's an excellent opportunity to strengthen community ties while fulfilling our mission of service. Take time as you place each flag to pause, read a name, and remember a story. Each marker represents a life given in service to something greater than oneself. After your Squadron completes its flag placement, take a group photo or a picture of your display and share it with National Headquarters. Your efforts deserve to be recognized and can inspire others across the country to participate. Let us come together in unity and purpose. Through Flying Flags for Heroes, we ensure that those who served are honored with dignity, respect, and gratitude.

**Honor them. Remember them. Never forget.**



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER

**HONORING OUR 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP**

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LEROY MCKENZIE**

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LINDA JACK \* DETACHMENT COMMANDER STEVE  
DOYLE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**

**OAKLAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 51**

**SOCIAL HOUR: 4:30-5:30 PM \* DINNER: 5:30-6:30 PM**

**PROGRAM: 6:30-7:30 PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT: 8 PM THE ROY HUDSON BAND**

**ALL-AMERICAN DINNER TO HONOR AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY  
HOT DOGS, BURGER, BBQ CHICKEN, SALADS, CHIPS, CORN BREAD,  
BEANS, AND DESSERT**

**TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON**

**(ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY) RSVP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

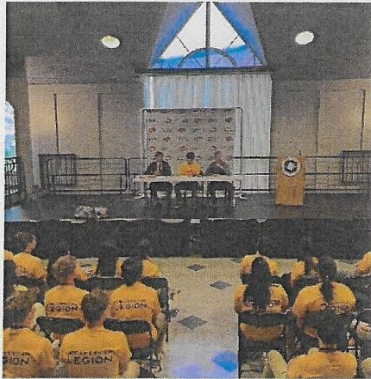
**MAIL CHECKS TO: AMERICAN LEGION POST 51, ATTENTION: TESTIMONIAL,  
PO BOX 94, OAKLAND, ME 04963**



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

207-873-3229

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FAMILY**

## 2025–2026 National Membership Target Dates & Goals



- 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 meetings involving the Southeast, Central, Midwest and Northeast NEC members discussing membership successes and failures. Concern for retaining our members has been a major focus

Also attended:

Finance, Internal Affairs, Children and Youth, 100th Anniversary, Media, Training and Development and Veteran Education zoom meetings. Each of these meetings covered a variety of ongoing topics. As these topics get finalized I will provide more information.



April is Children and Youth Month—a time to recognize and support the strength, resilience, and sacrifices of our military children. These young heroes face unique challenges, from frequent moves to long separations from loved ones serving our country. Let's come together to ensure every military child feels seen, supported, and appreciated—not just this month, but all year long.

## 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.

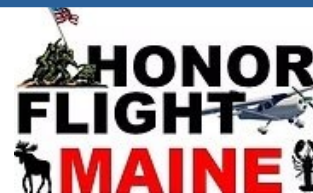
If your Squadron would like to make a financial contribution to this important project, please send your donation to:  
Detachment of Maine  
5 Verti Drive, Suite B  
Winslow, ME 04901  
Please write "POW/MIA" in the memo line of your check.  
Your support helps preserve the legacy and memory of those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

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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.

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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.