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Welcome to the 139th Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at mainelegion.org under "News & Events" or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Dept. HQ via email at:

legionme@mainelegion.org

106th Annual State Convention June 6-7, 2025

Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, Maine 04412

[Electronic Form Submission & Payment Link](#)

Note: Please remember to email the form to Department if paying online.

[Member/Guest Registration Form & Elected Post Delegate/Alternate Form](#)

Your name should only appear on one form.
Fee/person is \$10.

[Tentative Agenda](#)

[30 Days Prior to State Convention - 2025](#)

[Entitlement to Delegates & Alternates](#)

[Click Here for Hotel Registration
at Holiday Inn, Bangor](#)

[Click Here for More Information on State Convention](#)



Upcoming Holiday

American Legion State Headquarters will be **closed** on **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

Maine American Legion Baseball



Teams may begin online registration for the 2025 season.

[Full Registration is Open
for the 2025 American
Legion Baseball Season](#)

For more information please visit:
baseballmaine.com

Register online at: legion.org/baseball

Teams registered after May 15 may be subject to a department late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Maine Senior State Championship:

July 26 - 30/31, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

Maine Junior State Championship:

July 31 - Aug. 4/5, Mansfield Stadium, Bangor

Northeast Senior Regional Tournament:

Aug. 6-10, Manchester, NH

Northeast Junior Regional Championship:

Aug. 9 - 11*(Approx. dates) TBD, MA

SR World Series: Aug. 14 - 19, Shelby, NC

For more information, please contact:



Scott Bishop, Chairman
Phone: 207-745-0555



Email: chairman@mainelegionbaseball.org

Military Appreciation Month Deals and Discounts

Discounts for Memorial Day and Beyond

[Click Here to View Military
Discounts & Details](#)



**MEMORIAL
DAY**
Remember & Honor

Thank You Message

FROM DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

I want to thank all those that attended Testimonial. It does mean the world to me that you were all there.

A huge thank you to Julie Flynn, you are a gem! You didn't even flinch when I asked you to do my testimonial. You made the night both funny and meaningful. I really appreciate you so much. You have been a huge asset to the Department, and I am proud to call you my friend. I cannot wait to see what is up and coming for you.

A special thank you goes out to Carol and Don Roach for all you did for the event! From the set up, to the music, the table settings, and the decorations, you seriously outdid yourselves. I appreciate you both so much for all you have done. You certainly went above and beyond for me and for this event! Thank you so much.

Thank you Post 31 and to Jen Lane for all your support and hospitality for the event.

I want to update and thank you all for the support you have given to this year's American Legion Family Project, Mission Working Dogs. The Department of Maine family has supported this project wholeheartedly. I appreciate the Dept. President Stasi Brule and the Detachment Commander Steve Doyle for joining me in this journey to support Mission Working Dogs. I am unsure of the combined total for our project, but I know we are well over \$40,000. We are looking into sponsoring the cabin, possibly sponsoring at least 3 dogs, and more. Just incredible progress.

Thank you for the beautiful gifts of flowers and more. Thank you to all who donated towards the gift card, it was an incredible gift that I appreciate so much.

I look forward to seeing you all at the convention!! Until then please take care and remember that you MATTER!!

- Department Commander Tricia Thurston



Legion Family Department Testimonial Celebration held at Auburn Post 31 on Sat., May 10. Left to right, Department Auxiliary President Stasi Brule, Department Commander Patricia "Tricia" Thurston, and Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Steve Doyle.

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Please note that the annual dues for Past Commanders Club are \$5.00 per member. [Click Here](#) or visit www.mainelegion.org under Forms/Application to download an application. **If you haven't paid your Past Commanders Club dues yet, please do so today!**

[See Page 8 for PCC Form](#)



COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2024-25

Department Commander Tricia Thurston asks that each Post and Legionnaire support her goal!

Mission Working Dogs

Their MISSION: To improve the lives of their community members who are living with a disability by providing them with properly trained service dogs to help them live more independently despite a physical disability and by providing therapy dogs which will bring mental well-being to the people of Maine such as those in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools.

Their VISION: At Mission Working Dogs, we train purpose-bred dogs to aid individuals with disabilities so that the handler can live a life to the fullest and more independently.

Their GOAL: Service dogs can assist those with physical disabilities such as mobility impairments by fetching dropped items, opening doors, and turning on and off lights. They can also help individuals with PTSD by learning to recognize an increase in anxiety, carrying medications, and providing deep pressure therapy to calm or redirect the handler. Dogs working as facility dogs are often trained to recognize a patient's affected side in the case of a stroke and to approach on the side the patient is able to pet with or throw the ball. Patients are able to work on fine motor movements in petting or caring for the dog as well as gross motor skills playing fetch with a dog that's able to bring the ball exactly to where the patient needs, such as on a side table or directly into their hand, rather than on the ground or trying to play tug with it inappropriately.

Their PLAN: Service dogs are generally trained for approximately two years and undergo a wide range of assessments on their physical health, temperament, and tasks or skills to make sure they can properly support their handler throughout life.

Donations can be made to **The American Legion Dept. of Maine, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727**



Please place in the memo line of the check: Commander's Project 2024-2025

If you would like to donate with a Debit or Credit Card, please call 207-873-3229 or visit: www.mainelegion.org and click on the DONATE button.

Did You Know You Can Pay Your Labels Donation Online?

Donations for 2025 Labels can be made on our website by [Clicking Here](#), scanning the QR code with your phone, or by visiting www.mainelegion.org and clicking on the "Donate" button. **Please be sure to notate "Labels" in the notes so we can identify your donation.**

Thank you!



★ ★ DONATIONS ★ ★

The American Legion Department of Maine

Commander's Project "Mission Working Dogs"

Various People (Post 24 MWD Fundraiser).....	\$2,175
Bethel Lodge #30 Masons.....	\$1,000
District 16 - Southern Aroostook County.....	\$300
Susan Richard.....	\$100
Jo Chapman.....	\$50

VA&R Special Vet Aid Program Fund

James Nelson.....	\$50
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Thank You!

106th National Convention

Tampa Bay, Florida
August 22 – August 28, 2025

[2025 National Convention Reservation/ Registration/Banquet Form](#)

Find a printable Registration Form on [Pages 12-13](#)

For more information, please visit the
[National Conv. Page](#) under NEWS & EVENTS at
www.mainelegion.org

For any questions or concerns, please contact:
convention@legion.org



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
DIRIGO STATE

Colby College
4000 Mayflower Drive, Waterville 04901
Sunday, June 15, 2025 - Friday, June 20, 2025
Registration: Sunday, June 15 at noon
Graduation: Friday, June 20 at 3:00 pm

Cost per student is \$400

[2025 Dirigo State Application Packet - Fillable](#)

[2025 Dirigo State Poster](#)

For more information, please contact: Dirigo State Director,
Matthew Leclair 207-693-7389 | dirigostateme@gmail.com
or Dept. Adjutant, Jason Hall 207-522-5471 | jason@mainelegion.org

District Meetings

Be Connected · Be Heard · Be Informed

JUNE 2025

District 3 – Androscoggin: June 16, New Auburn Post 153, 6:30PM

District 8 – Sagadahoc: June 1, Brunswick Post 20, 6PM

District 12 – Hancock: June 10, Bucksport Post 93,
Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM

Attention Adjutants & Commanders:

If your Post has not done so already,
**please fill out the Annual Post Data
Report form and mail it back to
Dept. HQ ASAP**, or scan & e-mail it to:
legionme@mainelegion.org.

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR),
Post Officers Form, Notification of Post/
Squadron Commanders & Adjutants
Form, and instructions relating to submission
information and deadline requirements were mailed to Posts.
Please return to Dept. HQ as soon as possible.

For more information, please call Department HQ at 207-
873-3229. Thank you for your prompt reply!

[Click Here to View the Status of Your
Post/District Report and Form Submissions](#)

Dues Reminder

**Please pay your 2025 membership dues
ASAP** to ensure continuous years are
reflected for new 2026 cards. [Click Here](#)
or Scan the QR Code with your phone to
renew online.



**LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR NAME LISTED IN THE
ANNUAL CONVENTION YEARBOOK!**

**Show Your Support to Maine Veterans
by Donating Today & Make Your Name
Part of American Legion History**

DONATE \$25
Receive **NEW**
Challenge Coin &
Name in
Yearbook

DONATE \$50
Receive **NEW**
Challenge Coin,
Lobster Lapel Pin &
Name in Year-
book

DONATE \$100
Receive **NEW**
Challenge Coin, Lobster
Lapel Pin, Name in
Yearbook, & 2025
Convention Yearbook



NEW! Maine American Legion BE THE ONE Challenge Coin,
left, and Maine American Legion Lobster Lapel Pin, right.

Show your support to Veterans in the state of Maine! Become
a sponsor today by donating to the Maine American Legion
Convention Yearbook Program and make your name part of The
American Legion history! Your name will be listed in our 2025
Maine American Legion Yearbook made available in print and
online in digital format by visiting www.mainelegion.org.

To donate with Debit/Credit Card, click the button below, or
simply scan the QR code with
your phone. You may also visit
www.mainelegion.org and
click on the Maine American
Legion Convention Yearbook
Donations Welcomed button.

For more information, please call 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email
rachael@mainelegion.org.



Attention Legion Posts!



MAINE

Department of the Secretary of State
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions

An annual report is required to be filed every year in order to maintain a good standing status. **The legal filing deadline is June 1st.**

Annual Reports for the following entities can be filed online at [Annual Reports Online](#).

- Business Corporations
- Nonprofit Corporations
- Limited Partnerships
- Limited Liability Companies
- Limited Liability Partnerships

If you prefer to file your annual report on paper you can create your own preprinted report by selecting this link: [Paper Annual Reports](#).

Is Your Post Utilizing Its' Sales Tax Exemption?

All Legion Posts in the state of Maine qualify for Sales Tax Exemption. If your Post currently does not have a Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, please call Dept. Headquarters for assistance at 207-873-3229 so we can send you a packet containing detailed instructions on how to obtain this status.



DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

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Squadron Forms/ Applications

[Print a SAL Membership Application](#)

[Squadron Officers Form](#)

[Consolidated Squadron Report - fillable](#)

[Annual Squadron Data Report - fillable](#)

[Click Here for the Latest Membership Report](#)

****Attention District Commanders and Post Adjutants****

[MyLegion.org](#) training lessons are available at State Headquarters.

If you are interested in learning how to use the site, please call The American Legion, Department of Maine Headquarters at 207-873-3229 Ext. 2 or email rachael@mainelegion.org to set up an appointment. Training lessons last between 1-2 hours.

District Awards

American Legion Jacket: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by Dec. 31, 2024.

American Legion Ball Cap: Awarded to District Commanders who reach 100% by March 12, 2025.

NEW Highest District Overall Membership Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250): Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership percentage 30 days prior to National Convention (July 24, 2025).

NEW Highest District Overall Membership Renewal Percentage (1st Place - \$500 | 2nd Place - \$250): Awarded to District Commanders who reach the highest overall membership renewal rate 30 days prior to National Convention (July 24, 2025).

For more Information [Click Here](#) and find: **2024-25 Membership Goals & Awards Manual**

Membership **IMPACT** Reports

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit: www.legion.org/about/reports or www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact

★ Attention: District Commanders & Adjutants ★

**District Meeting Calendar
Form Available Online!**

[Click Here](#) or visit:
www.mainelegion.org
under Forms/Application



Warrant Templates All Post/District Officer Positions

Available online at: mainelegion.org
or go to: www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php

It's fast and easy!

Q. What is the original name of Memorial Day and when did it become an official holiday?



~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

Thank you VETERANS

A SPECIAL DISCOUNT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE AND SACRIFICES

Buy One, Get One **40% OFF** MINIMUM OF 4 + Take An Extra **\$200 OFF** MINIMUM OF 4 + An Additional **\$300 OFF** MINIMUM **Military Discount** for those who've served

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MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 4 - INTEREST ACCRUES FROM PURCHASE DATE BUT IS WAIVED IF PAID IN FULL WITHIN 12 MONTHS

CALL BY MAY 31 to schedule a FREE consultation.

855-993-5147

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Honor Flight Maine will be hosting three charter flights in 2025:

- Flight #1 from Bangor International Airport will be April 25-27th.
- Flight #2 from Portland International Jetport will be June 27-29th.
- Flight #3 from Portland International Jetport will be September 5-7th.
- Flight #4 from Bangor International Airport will be October 10-12th.

All Maine Veterans interested in going on a trip should go to HonorFlightMaine.org to apply. The site also contains applications for those wishing to be Guardian for a Veteran and for Volunteers. Honor Flight Maine is an all volunteer organization.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) No Cost LegionCare

Your valued status as a member of the Legion Family makes you eligible for LegionCare.

NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR STATE

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

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.

[Click Here To Learn More and Sign Up](#)

Donate to the National Commander's Campaign (Dan K. Wiley)

Donations for the 2025-26 National Commander's Campaign are greatly appreciated! Scan the QR code with your phone or [Click Here](#) to make a donation. On the donation page, please choose "Other" from the "Use this donation for" dropdown menu and notate "National Commander's Campaign" under the notes. Thank you!



[See the Letter on Page 7 for More Information.](#)

American Legion Cribbage Boards

Get your American Legion Cribbage Board in time for the holidays!

Purchase yours today at:

The American Legion
Department of Maine
Headquarters, 5 Verti Drive
Winslow, ME 04901-0727

\$30/each - Pickup Only
Proceeds Support Warren
Post 218 Members



FRONT



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Wellcare Delivers the Coverage You Need and More



Wellcare is honored and excited to be the exclusive Medicare Advantage partner to The American Legion. Wellcare Medicare Advantage plans work alongside your VA coverage to give you more of the things you both want and deserve. More access. More benefits. More support. With clear answers to every question you may ask, and a willingness to help in any way we can. It's more of everything you need with no extra costs.

If you have Medicare and Medicaid, limited income, recently lost employer coverage, are turning 65 or you've just moved, you may be eligible for one of many qualifying events that allow you to enroll now.

For straight answers and help evaluating your coverage options, call 877-880-8196 (TTY: 711) 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 7 days a week, scan the QR code or [click here](#).



USAA is proud to be the Preferred provider of Insurance and Financial Services to The American Legion. Please visit usaa.com/legion or call 877-699-2654.

Standard Operating Procedures From The Post Adjutant's Guide & MyLegion.org Instructions

How to Add Email Address on mylegion.org

Home > My Account > Contact Information

1. Log in to your MyLegion account at www.mylegion.org

i. No account - Register an account

2. Click "My Account" from MyLegion Home

3. Go to MY INFORMATION "Contact Information"

4. "Add New Email Address"

5. Enter Email location and address and "Save"

i. Check Boxes (Optional)

i. Set as Main Email Address - UN and PW retrieval are sent to Main Email

ii. Include in Print Directory

iii. Include in Web/Mobile Directory

iv. Use for Digital Subscriptions

How to Add Phone Number on mylegion.org

Home > My Account > Contact Information

1. Log in to your MyLegion account at www.mylegion.org

i. No account - Register an account

2. Click "My Account" from MyLegion Home

3. Go to MY INFORMATION "Contact Information"

4. "Add New Phone Number" Enter phone type, location, number, and optional preference boxes.

i. Set as Main Phone Number

ii. Do Not Call

iii. Include in Print Directory

iv. Include in Web/Mobile Directory

How to Purchase a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership Through Your MyLegion Account

Home > Membership > Renew Membership

1. Log in to your MyLegion account at www.mylegion.org

i. No account? Register an account.

2. Click "My Account" from MyLegion Home

3. Select "Renew Now" button from TAL Membership Summary

i. Amount due appears in MY ORDER BALANCE "Pay Now." Follow the link to Renew from the Pay Balance page.

4. Review membership information and save any updates.

5. Review membership details and select PUFL preference. (Full purchase or Time Pay)

6. Pay Now

How to Download Legion Brochures on mylegion.org

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Brochures

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile

2. Go to "Brochures" from the left MY VIEWS menu

3. Click on the brochure title to open as a PDF. Save or Print.

How to Download Legion Officer Manuals on mylegion.org

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Officer Manuals

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access

Group Profile

2. Go to "Officer Manuals" from the left MY VIEWS menu

3. Click on the manual title to open as a PDF. Save or Print.

How to Download Legion Speeches on mylegion.org

Home > My Views > Group Profile > Suggested Speeches

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile

2. Go to "Suggested Speeches" from the left MY VIEWS menu

3. Click on the speech title to open as a PDF. Save or Print.

Post Service Officer Training

Presented by Department Service Officer Carl Curtis



Join us for training, free of charge, to learn more about the benefits afforded to veterans and dependents and to learn how to serve as valuable resources to veterans in your community.

Training Dates:

- Saturday, September 20
- Tuesday, October 28
- Saturday, November 15

[Click Here For More Info & View Training Flyer on Page 9](#)

Training Tuesdays

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

[Click Here to Watch Previously Recorded Sessions](#)

BE THE ONE

2025 TRAINING

August 16 | October 18 | December 20

Where: Dept. of Maine Training Room

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901

For more details on the Be The One campaign

visit: betheone.org

To reserve your spot or for questions, email:

betheonedeptme@gmail.com

MILITARY TRIVIA

A. After the end of the Civil War in 1865, the beginnings of Memorial Day lay in a celebration called Decoration Day, as community members, including those in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a union veterans organization, visited the graves of the fallen union soldiers in their hometowns and decorated them with flowers. Memorial Day did not become an official holiday until 1968.



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December 5, 2024

To Our Fellow Legionnaires:

As you may be aware, each year we request donations to give to the leading candidate for the position of National Commander of The American Legion. The individuals do a lot of traveling and have expenses that they may need assistance in covering.

Each department donates to this cause, and we are not the only ones to do so. The many departments also supported our own Tony Jordan when he was campaigning for National Commander and it is only right that we, the Department of Maine, do so also.

This year, I am asking those who are listed in the National book and have received appointments or reappointments to any of the National Committees or Commissions to donate at least \$75.00 to help defray the cost of seeking that position. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you are capable of and inclined to do so you may donate a larger amount.

This year, the leading candidate is Dan Wiley of Kansas for the year 2025-2026. He is presently scheduled to attend our Department Convention in June 2025.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the Department of Maine Headquarters at **5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901**, and earmark your check or money order to the "National Commander's Campaign"

Thank you and let us make this one a great one.

Lloyd Woods
National Executive Committeeman

Anthony G. "Tony" Jordan
Past National Commander



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THE AMERICAN LEGION

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

It is with great pride and pleasure that we the membership of Post # _____ submit the names of all our living Past Commanders for membership to the Past Commanders Club. Along with the names, we have enclosed the annual dues of **\$5.00** per member with the understanding that this will continue to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships. The recipient must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a member of The American Legion.

Membership in the Past Commanders Club goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Post Adjutant

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SUBMIT TO:

The American Legion, Dept. of Maine
5 Verti Drive
Winslow, Maine 04901-0727

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PAST COMMANDERS CLUB**

Past Commanders Club form is also available in fillable format by visiting www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php



Post Service Officer Training

Presented by Department Service Officer- Carl Curtis

Department Service Officer Carl Curtis has announced four training dates for Post Service Officer training.

A Post Service Officer (PSO) is a very important volunteer position in your post. They are often the first Legionnaire your post members or dependents turn to for help with veteran benefit issues. The PSO's primary duty is to serve as a link between the veteran or dependent and an accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO) in the Department of Maine.

Join us for training, free of charge, to learn more about the benefits afforded to veterans and dependents and to learn how to serve as valuable resources to veterans in your community.

Tuesday, 29 April

Saturday, 20 September

Tuesday, 28 October

Saturday, 15 November

All training will be at the training center at
Department Headquarters (5 Verti Drive, Winslow) with a 10 am start.

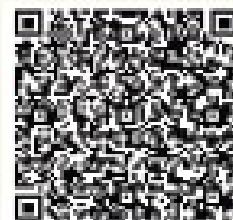
Email the Department Adjutant to reserve your seat: Jason@Mainelegion.org

SKOWHEGAN FAIRGROUNDS

Veterans and Community Connection Expo 33 Constitutional Ave., Skowhegan, Maine

- Access VA mental health resources.
- Concerns about your toxic exposure while in service?
- Find out what resources you are eligible for.
- Interested in using your VA education benefits?
- Learn about VA burial options.
- Need help finding a career?
- Need help submitting a VA disability claim?
- Ready to enroll in VA health care?
- Want to check the status of your disability claim?
- Want to connect with resources available in your community?

**REGISTER
BY SCANNING
THE
QR CODE**



MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND GIVE AWAYS!

May 31st - 10AM to 2PM

American Legion, American Red Cross, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Gold Stars for Veterans, Health Affiliates of Maine, Honor Flight of Maine, HOPE, Jeeps4Vets, Maine CDC, Maine Department of Labor, Maine Paws for Veterans, Maine Veterans' in Need, Maine Veterans' Home, Martin's Point Healthcare, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, Military Womens' Memorial, Music of Military, PineTree Legal, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Quilts of Valor, Travis Mills Foundation, Vet Center, Veterans Readiness and Employment, Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wellness Mobile, Wreaths Across America, and many more!

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Maine Bureau of
Veterans' Services



DON'T MISS THE BOAT!!
NINTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY
FREE CRUISE FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Monday, May 26, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Rain or Shine

The Naples Lions Club invites you and your family to a one and a half hour Memorial Day cruise on the Songo River Queen II on Monday of Memorial Day weekend from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (rain or shine) to honor and pay tribute for your time served in the United States military. Veterans or Active Duty Service men or women and their immediate family board for **free**. Please inquire, in advance, if additional guests are desired.

Please bring an ID or documentation to show active or prior military involvement. Boarding begins one hour before departure. We hope you will come and enjoy a leisurely cruise along beautiful Long Lake. Complimentary snacks will be served.

A snack bar and cash cocktail bar are also available on board.

Advance reservations are highly recommended. Secure your seat(s) as follows:

- Search on the web for “Naples Maine Lions Club” and click on Vet Cruise tab.
- In person or call the Naples Public Library (207-693-6841)
- In person or call the Naples American Legion Post #155 (207-693-6285)
- For more information or to make a reservation call: Lion Fran Keen at 207-693-9123 or Lion Dave Gerrish, Event Coordinator, at 207-693-6854 / email: atozdave@yahoo.com.



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2025
106th NATIONAL CONVENTION
TAMPA BAY, FL
AUGUST 22 – AUGUST 28, 2025

HOUSING: The Department of Maine's hotel will be the **Embassy Suites by Hilton, Tampa Downtown Convention Center**, 513 S. Florida Ave. Tampa, FL 33602.

RATE SCHEDULE: King Rate (one bed) - \$149.00 or Two-Bedded Rate – 149.00; Tax Rate – 13.5% per room/night (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00/person; Rollaway Rate per Day – N/A; Parking Rate per Day – Valet ONLY \$29.00.

106th National Convention Location: Tampa Bay, FL
Find it on the map by visiting <https://www.legion.org/convention/resources>

FLIGHTS: Everyone is responsible for their flight reservations.

REGISTRATION: Room TBD
Friday, August 22 from 10 am – 12 pm and 2 pm – 4 pm

DEPARTMENT CAUCUS INFORMATION: TBD

CONVENTION INFORMATION: For Convention resources and information, please visit www.legion.org/convention/resources

Download the National Convention Mobile App with the most up-to-date schedule, floor agenda, and more: www.legion.org/mobileapps

2025 National Convention Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form

Tampa Bay, FL – August 22 – August 28, 2025
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Tampa Downtown Convention Center
513 S. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602

The American Legion, Department of Maine

5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727

I will arrive on _____ and depart on _____

I will require a room for _____ people – 1 King _____ or 2 Bed _____ \$149.00 plus tax rate of 13.5% + (subject to change); Additional Occupant in Room per Day – \$20.00/person; Rollaway Rate per Day – N/A; Parking Rate per Day – Valet ONLY \$29.00.

Names: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit card Number for one night's room deposit _____

Type: _____ Exp. date: _____

Enclosed please find the following registration fee(s) payable to The American Legion:

American Legion Delegates, Alternates, or guests (\$35 each): \$ _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets to the National Commander's Dinner at \$70 each,
Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____, made **payable to The American Legion,
Department of Maine.**

ALL INFORMATION & PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 18 DEADLINE

Name

Address
