



## **Annual Mid-Winter Conference Agenda**

January 11th, 2025

Jeff's Catering & Event Center

15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412

**Saturday: 9:00 am**

**Opening Ceremony:** Department Commander Thurston

**Welcome to Mid-Winter Conference:** Past National Commander Anthony Jordan

**NEC Update:** NEC Lloyd Woods

**Introductions:** Commander Tricia Thurston

**Scouts:** Peter Duston

**Blind Camp:** Brian Knowlton

**Oratorical Contest:** Maureen Malley

**American Legion Baseball:** Department Adjutant Jason Hall

**DIRIGO State:** Director Matt LeClair

**Scholarship Committee:** Debra Couture

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Department Commander Thurston

**Center for Entrepreneurial Studies:** Bonita Tompkins and Brian Ellis

**BE THE ONE Update:** Department Judge Advocate Julie Flynn

**Membership Reports:** 1st Vice Commander Leroy McKenzie

**LIT Update:** Department Adjutant Jason Hall

**Important Paperwork:** 2nd Vice Commander Joe Michaud

**Legislative Committee:** Richard Flynn

**Legion College:** Leroy Mckenzie

**Vietnam Wall:** Jennifer Bowser and Brian Ellis

**LUNCH**- 11:30

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** NEC Lloyd Woods  
**National Vice Commander Charles Robbins**

**Awards:** Department Commander Thurston and Department Adjutant Hall

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Department Judge Advocate Julie Flynn

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Department Commander Thurston  
**WellCare:** Phil Dougherty, Dougherty Insurance Agency

**History Guidelines:** Department Historian Jeff Sukeforth

**VA Updates:** Department Service Officer Carl Curtis

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Department Commander Thurston  
**Mission Working Dogs:** Christy Gardner

**Finance Committee:** Department Finance Officer Tally Brown

**Candidates for Office:** Department Commander Tricia Thurston

**Winter Sweepstakes Drawings:** Commander Thurston and Adjutant Hall

**Closing Comments and Closing Ceremony:** Department Commander Thurston

**Announcements:** Department Adjutant Jason Hall

***Department Executive Committee meeting immediately  
following the Conference.\*\*\****

***\*\*\*Department Officers, District Commanders or their replacements are required  
to attend.***

In the absence of the District Commander, from any District, the District Commander may appoint any District Officer to represent the District at any Executive Committee meeting with voice and vote. (Res. 2-2023)