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## Commanders Message,

I wish all of our membership the very best during this holiday season! I encourage you to take time to participate in the many festivities happening within your squadron and throughout your community. Consider donating an hour or two to a project, parade, or dinner to show your support.

Remember to record those volunteer hours on your end-of-year Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). And don't forget to send photos and a brief write-up to [saldetmaine@gmail.com](mailto:saldetmaine@gmail.com) so everyone can see the great work you're doing!

Looking ahead to the coming year, we are preparing to catch up with today's technology. The department will begin holding virtual Detachment Executive Committee meetings, utilizing videoconferencing in to make participation easier and more accessible. We also plan to expand this technology to other areas of our operations to better serve our membership.

Happy Holidays!

All the best,  
Steve Doyle  
Detachment of Maine

## Membership Status:

As of December 09, 2025

2025 is at 2863 Members

2025 percent of year end goal is 99.13%

As of December 08, 2025

We are #47 out of 55 Detachments for 2026 Memberships

2026 is at 1360 Members

2026 percent of year end goal is 48.01%



Target Date:

January 14, 2026  
60% of 2026's  
Membership

## Squadron Planning

### December

- 13 Wreaths Across America Day
- 20 Space Force Birthday 🎂

### January

- 1 New Years Day
- 10 Mid-Winter Conference in Brewer
- 14 Membership Target Goal 60%
- 26 National Day of the Deployed

### February

- Americanism Month
- 1 Four Chaplains Ceremony
- 16 President's 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.



### 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

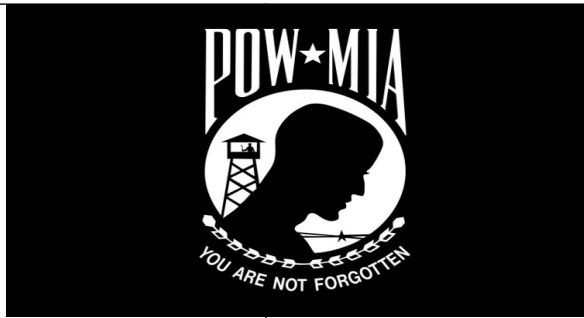
Bill lost his USS Seattle lighter. **Squadron #75 Old Town** brought it up at their Auxiliary's Meat Wheel event and before the night was over, they had more than enough donations to buy him one. Chad Duffelmeyer, Isaiah Buxton, Llew Buxton and Roger Gray presented the new lighter to Bill at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor.

They also donated \$500 towards the veteran's home summer BBQ. The check was presented by Chad Duffelmeyer, Isaiah Buxton and Llew Buxton. Editha Young graciously accepted the check.



**Madawaska Squadron #147** Member  
Paige Morneault  
participating as Chaplin of  
the Veteran's Day  
Ceremony at the Veterans  
Cemetery in Caribou





## **Occasions for Displaying the POW/MIA Flag**

- Armed Forces Day (3rd Sat. in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Mon. in May)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day (3rd Fri. in Sept.)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)

## **Locations for Displaying the POW/MIA flag**

- The White House
- The Capitol
- The Korean War Veterans Memorial
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- The World War II Memorial
- Each national cemetery
- Buildings containing the offices of: the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, the Director of the Selective Service System

- Each major military installation, as designated by the Secretary of Defense
- Each United States Postal Service

## **Protocol for Flying the POW/Mia Flag**

- On one flagpole, the POW/MIA flag is flown below the American flag and above any state flag
- On two flagpoles, the POW/MIA flag is flown on the same pole as the American flag, below the American flag (this pole should be to the flag's own right of the second pole). Any state flag should fly on the second pole.
- On three flagpoles, the American flag should be flown on the pole located to the flag's own right, the POW/MIA flag should be flown on the middle pole, and any state flag should be flown on the pole to the (flag's own) left.



DETACHMENT OF MAINE-  
Maine Sons of The American  
Legion have a goal.....hit 45%  
membership by December  
10th.

Well, as of this week  
December 9,  
2025 .....48%!!!!

### **WE AREN'T DONE!**

If you are a Sons member,  
make it a point.....a  
promise....to renew by the  
end of December. We believe  
in you!

Call your Squadron Adjutant  
today....now.....quit reading  
this. Call and renew, we need  
your support for the veterans,  
their families, and your  
community.

### **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/>

## NEC

It has been a busy month serving as the Detachment of Maine National Executive Committee representative. I have participated in zoom meetings including:

Member, Training & Development

Finance

Americanism

Northeast Region NEC

I continue to be amazed by all that is happening with current initiatives and in the planning of upcoming events nationwide. I look forward to sharing updates on several programs as more information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Rice  
NEC/Adjutant  
Detachment of Maine

## Sons of The American Legion

As of December 04, 2025 SAL National membership stands at 211,838 members.

That means currently we are at 51.78% of our year end GOAL of 409,244

**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%.

**Let's get it DONE!**



## **Annual Mid-Winter Conference**

*January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*Jeff's Catering & Event Center*

*15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412*

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Maine, will be held at

**Jeff's Catering & Event Center, 15 Little Field Way, Brewer, ME 04412, on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** The Conference will be hosted by Commander Steve Doyle and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Steve Amergian.

### **Special Rate for Legion Family for Hotel Reservations:**

**Holiday Inn:** 404 Odlin Rd, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: 207-947-0101

Room Rate: \$129 plus tax. Includes Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffee/Tea Maker, Elevators, Restaurant, Lounge, and Indoor pool.

*Please state "American Legion" when calling for reservations.*

*Hotel Reservations are to be made by each individual, as the Department HQ will not be coordinating reservations for this conference. Deadline: January 6, 2026.*

### **Mid-Winter Conference Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person.**

- Includes unlimited coffee & tea (Regular and Decaf), water all day, juice, breakfast pastries, and fresh fruits in the morning.

*This is for The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and guests who are attending.*

### **Mid-Winter Conference Lunch Buffet - \$10 per person**

## 2025–2026 National Membership Target Dates & Goals



- January 14, 2026 — 60%
- February 11, 2026 — 75%
- March 11, 2026 — 80%
- April 8, 2026 — 90%
- May 13, 2026 — 100%
- July 29, 2026 — 105%

(Delegate strength target,  
30 days prior to the  
National Convention)

## Important Dates for Squadron Interactions

### **Mid-Winter Conference**

January 10, 2026  
Jeff's Catering and Event  
Center  
Brewer, Me

### **Oratorical Contest**

February 14, 2026  
Thomas College  
Waterville, Me

### **State Convention**

June 12 - 13, 2026  
Jeff's Catering and Event  
Center  
Brewer, Me

### **Dirigo State**

June 21 – 26, 2026  
Colby College  
Waterville, Me



## 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.



# 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)**



All Maine Veterans interested in going on a trip should go to [HonorFlightMaine.org](http://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.



## EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE

### EMBER'S PAWS OF HOPE

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

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.

**CLICK ON LINK BELOW**

**[Squadron Officer Directory Information](#)**

**CSR**

**High Importance**

**See You at Mid-Winter  
Conference**

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**'Til Next Time**

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