



**DEPARTMENT OF MAINE**  
**104<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Program**  
Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine | June 9 – 11, 2023

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

Resolutions Committee (9 a.m.) ..... Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer  
Open Hearing, Committee Chairman, Lloyd Woods

**First Session**  
**Friday, June 9, 2023**

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| Call to Order (12:00 p.m. noon).....                                          | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                                      |
| Opening Ceremonies .....                                                      | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                                      |
| Presentation of the Colors .....                                              | Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Leroy McKenzie                                                                  |
| Invocation .....                                                              | Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney                                                                      |
| National Anthem.....                                                          | Priscilla Kimball, Farmington, Me.                                                                       |
| Pledge of Allegiance .....                                                    | ALL                                                                                                      |
| Preamble .....                                                                | ALL                                                                                                      |
| Report of the Committee on<br>Permanent Rules and Organization.....           | Department Judge Advocate, Jason Hall                                                                    |
| Welcome .....                                                                 | Past National Commander, Anthony G. Jordan                                                               |
| Greetings .....                                                               | Brewer City Mayor, Soubanh Phanthay                                                                      |
| NEC Report .....                                                              | NEC, Lloyd Woods                                                                                         |
| Post Excellence Awards.....                                                   | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                                      |
| Greetings .....                                                               | US Senator Susan Collins                                                                                 |
| Greetings .....                                                               | Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows                                                                       |
| Greetings .....                                                               | US Congresswoman, Chellie Pingree                                                                        |
| Maine Blind Camp Update .....                                                 | Chairman, Brian Knowlton                                                                                 |
| History Awards .....                                                          | Department Historian, Louis J. Marin                                                                     |
| Children & Youth/Daniel E. Lambert Scholarships                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Patricia Thurston                                                        |
| Past Commander's Club<br>(James V. Day Scholarships) .....                    | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                                      |
| Oratorical Update.....                                                        | Oratorical Committee Chairperson, Maureen Malley                                                         |
| Introduction of Past Dept Commanders<br>& Past Legionnaires of the Year ..... | Past Department Commander, Debra Couture                                                                 |
| Legionnaire of the Year Award .....                                           | Past Department Commander, Debra Couture                                                                 |
| Greetings .....                                                               | Maine Speaker of the House, Rachel Talbot Ross                                                           |
| Greetings.....                                                                | Chief, Veteran Experience Office Acting Chief/ VA Center<br>For Dev & Civic Engagement, Kylie J. Higgins |
| Nomination of Department Officers .....                                       | Selected Legionnaires                                                                                    |
| Announcements .....                                                           | Department Adjutant, Paul L'Heureux                                                                      |
| <b>3:00 p.m. Recess</b>                                                       |                                                                                                          |

**Lunch will be available for purchase on both days, Friday, and Saturday at Jeff's Catering.**

Reminder: Voting will be on Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

## Second Session

### Saturday, June 10, 2023

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| Call to Order (9:00 a.m.) .....                    | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                          |
| Presentation of Colors .....                       | Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Leroy McKenzie                                                      |
| Greetings .....                                    | Governor Janet Mills                                                                         |
| Greetings .....                                    | US Senator Angus King                                                                        |
| Greetings .....                                    | Senate District 6 Senator Marianne Moore                                                     |
| Public Service Awards .....                        | Law & Order Chairperson, Ethan McKenney                                                      |
| Humanitarian .....                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Patricia Thurston                                             |
| Border Patrol Award .....                          | NEC Lloyd Woods                                                                              |
| Dirigo State Presentations .....                   | Dept Judge Advocate, Jason Hall to introduce Mid-Shipman, Lucas Wright                       |
| Greetings .....                                    | ME Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chairman, Jerry Dewitt                                         |
| Service Office Update/Award .....                  | Dept. Service Officer, Carl Curtis                                                           |
| The Peace Gallery .....                            | Shawn Puckett, Damariscotta Post 42                                                          |
| Junior Shooting Sports Program Update .....        | Chairperson, David Watson                                                                    |
| Greetings .....                                    | Vietnam Experience, Ray Gauvin                                                               |
| Americanism Awards .....                           | Dept. Americanism Chairperson, Joseph Michaud<br>& Dept. Commander, Kirk Thurston            |
| Women Veterans Advisory Committee Update .....     | Dept. Chairperson, Patricia Thurston                                                         |
| Greetings .....                                    | US Congressman Jared Golden                                                                  |
| Honor Flight Maine .....                           | Board Chairperson Matthew Mank & Advisory Chairperson<br>Brian Knowlton                      |
| Adjutant of the Year Award .....                   | Committee Chair David Tanguay & Members Jeff Sukeforth & Mike Pock                           |
| Department Finance Update .....                    | Dept Finance Officer, Eugene Connolly                                                        |
| Greetings .....                                    | Bangor Savings Bank - AVP, Merchant Solutions, Zach Ciolino                                  |
| Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders (Awards) .....      | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                          |
| Greetings .....                                    | SAL Detachment Commander, Mike Hustus                                                        |
| Greetings .....                                    | Legion Riders Secretary, Bridget Ellis on behalf of Legion<br>Riders Director Mike Lallemand |
| Greetings .....                                    | Auxiliary President, Debra Rumery                                                            |
| Legion Baseball Update .....                       | Director, Jeff Sukeforth & Field Director, Dennis Damon                                      |
| Greetings .....                                    | Adjutant General, Douglas A Farnham                                                          |
| Greetings .....                                    | Michelle L'Heureux, Boston Bombing                                                           |
| Roger's Rangers & Tony's Tigers Awards .....       | PNC Anthony "Tony" Jordan & Vice Cmdrs. McKay & Thurston                                     |
| Membership Awards .....                            | Dept. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Al McKay & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Patricia Thurston     |
| Legislative Update .....                           | Chairperson Matthew Jabaut & members Drew Goodridge<br>& Richard Flynn                       |
| Greetings .....                                    | Maine Senate President, Senator Troy D. Jackson                                              |
| Legislative Awards .....                           | Patrick Eisenhart & Dept. Commander Kirk Thurston                                            |
| Report of Credentials Committee .....              | Credentials Chairperson, Brian Knowlton                                                      |
| Report of Committee Resolutions .....              | Committee Chairperson, Lloyd Woods                                                           |
| Commander's Project / Operation Reboot Outdoors... | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                          |
| Ceremony Honoring Outgoing Dept. Cmdr. ....        | Department Adjutant, Paul L'Heureux                                                          |
| Response .....                                     | Department Commander, Kirk Thurston                                                          |
| <b>Drawing for Sweepstakes Raffle</b>              | Will take place July 5 <sup>th</sup> at State HQ in Winslow                                  |
| Memorial Service – Post Everlasting .....          | Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Leroy McKenzie<br>& Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney             |
| Announcements .....                                | Department Adjutant, Paul L'Heureux                                                          |
| Benediction .....                                  | Department Chaplain, Ethan McKenney                                                          |
| Retirement of Colors .....                         | Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Leroy McKenzie                                                      |
| Adjournment .....                                  | (Sine Die)                                                                                   |
| <b>3:30 p.m. State Convention Installation for</b> |                                                                                              |
| Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Officers .....          | Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer                                                       |

**Sunday, June 11, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.** Department Executive Committee ..... Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer