



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
104th 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

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
Pledge of Allegiance	ALL
Preamble	ALL
Report of the Committee on	
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	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 nd Vice Commander, Patricia Thurston
Past Commander's Club	
(James V. Day Scholarships)	Department Commander, Kirk Thurston
Oratorical Update.....	Oratorical Committee Chairperson, Maureen Malley
Introduction of Past Dept Commanders	
& 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 For Dev & Civic Engagement, Kylie J. Higgins
Nomination of Department Officers	Selected Legionnaires
Announcements	Department Adjutant, Paul L'Heureux

3:00 p.m. Recess

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

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	US Senator Susan Collins
Public Service Awards	Senate District 6 Senator Marianne Moore
Humanitarian	Law & Order Chairperson, Ethan McKenney
Border Patrol Award	2 nd Vice Commander Patricia Thurston
Dirigo State Presentations	NEC Lloyd Woods
Greetings	Dept Judge Advocate, Jason Hall
Service Office Update/Award	ME Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chairman, Jerry Dewitt
The Peace Gallery	Dept. Service Officer, Carl Curtis
Junior Shooting Sports Program Update	Shawn Puckett
Greetings	Chairperson, David Watson
Greetings	Vietnam Experience, Ray Gauvin
Americanism Awards	Vietnam Experience, Ray Gauvin
	Dept. Americanism Chairperson, Joseph Michaud & 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 Brian Knowlton
Adjutant of the Year Award	Committee Chair David Tanguay & Members Jeff Sukeforth & Mike Pock
Department Finance Update	Dept Finance Officer, Eugene Connolly
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 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 st Vice Cmdr. Al McKay & 2 nd Vice Cmdr. Patricia Thurston
Legislative Update	Chairperson Matthew Jabaut & members Drew Goodridge & 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
Drawing for Sweepstakes Raffle	Will take place July 5 th at State HQ in Winslow
Memorial Service – Post Everlasting	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Leroy McKenzie & 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)
3:30 p.m. State Convention Installation for Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Officers	Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer
4:00 p.m. Social	Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer

Sunday, June 11, 2022

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