



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
106th Annual State Convention Program
Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine | June 6 – 7, 2025

Friday, June 6, 2025

Resolutions Committee (9 a.m.)	Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer
	Open Hearing, Committee Chairman, Lloyd Woods
New Officer Training (9-11 a.m.)	Instructors, Leroy McKenzie and Julie Flynn

First Session
Friday, June 6, 2025

Call to Order (12:00 p.m. noon).....	Department Commander, Patricia "Tricia" Thurston
Opening Ceremonies.....	Department Commander, Patricia "Tricia" Thurston
Presentation of the Colors	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Ryan Coffin
Invocation	Department Chaplain, Danielle Begert
Pledge of Allegiance	ALL
Preamble	ALL
Report of the Committee on	Department Judge Advocate, Julie Flynn
Permanent Rules and Organization	
Welcome	Past National Commander, Anthony "Tony" Jordan
Greetings	Brewer City Mayor, Michele Labree Daniels
NEC Report.....	Nat'l Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Legislative Update	Chairman, Richard Flynn
Maine Blind Camp Update	Chairman, Brian Knowlton
History Awards	Department Historian, Jeff Sukeforth
Department Finance Update.....	Department Finance Officer, Mary "Tally" T. Brown
Children & Youth/Daniel E. Lambert Scholarships	Department Americanism Officer, Liam Nedredd
Past Cmdr's Club (James V. Day Scholarship)	Department Commander, Patricia "Tricia" Thurston
Oratorical Update.....	Oratorical Committee Chairperson, Maureen Malley
Women Veterans Advisory Committee Update.....	Co-Chairs, Mary Brune and Caroline Yarmala
Nomination of Dept. Officers	Selected Legionnaires
Announcements.....	Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
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. to 9:00 a.m.

Second Session

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.).....	Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Presentation of Colors	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Ryan Coffin
Greetings	Wreaths Across America Director of Media & Military Partnerships, Jeff Pierce
Greetings	Quilts of Valor, Teresa Drag
Greetings	Embers Paws of Hope, Timothy Nickels
Humanitarian Award	Dept. 1 st Vice Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Border Patrol Award	National Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Dirigo State Presentation.....	Co-Chair, Julie Flynn
Introduction of Past Dept. Cmdrs. & Past	Past Department Commander, Alfred McKay
Legionnaires of the Year	
Legionnaire of the Year Award.....	Past Department Commander, Alfred McKay
Service Office Update/Award	Department Service Officer, Carl Curtis
National Leadership Update	Nat’l Executive Committeeman Alternate, Matthew Jabaut
Junior Shooting Sports Program Update	Committee Member, David Watson
Commander’s Award	Dept. Commander Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Americanism Awards.....	Dept. Americanism Officer, Liam Nedredd
	& Dept. Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
American Legion Be The One Update	Dept. Judge Advocate Julie Flynn and Eastern Regional
	National Auxiliary Chair Debra Rumery
Greetings	Civil Air Patrol, Jeff Pierce
Adjutant of the Year Award	Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Greetings.....	LIT Special Consultant, Dyke Shannon
Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders (Awards)	Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Greetings	SAL Detachment Commander, Steve Doyle
Greetings	The Legion Riders Director, Thomas Kuespert
Greetings	Auxiliary President, Stasi Brule
Legion Baseball Update	Director, Scott Bishop
12:00 p.m. Lunch	
Greetings	Navy Veteran, Author, & Former Asst Secretary of State for Intl
	Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Robert “Bobby” Charles
Roger’s Rangers & Tony’s Tigers Awards	PNC, Anthony “Tony” Jordan, 1 st Vice Commander, Leroy
	McKenzie & 2 nd Vice Commander, Joseph Michaud
Greetings	NEC Lloyd Woods to introduce Leading Candidate for
	National Commander, Dan Wiley
Membership Awards	Dept. Vice Commanders Leroy McKenzie and Joseph Michaud
Employer of Veterans Award	Dept. Adjutant Jason Hall
Report on Credentials Committee	Credentials Chairman, Brian Knowlton
Report on Committee Resolutions	Committee Chairman, Lloyd Woods
Ceremony Honoring Outgoing Dept. Cmdr.	Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
Response.....	Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Mission Working Dogs Update.....	Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Sweepstakes Drawing.....	
Memorial Service – Post Everlasting	Sgt.-at-Arms, Ryan Coffin & Dept. Chaplain, Danielle Begert
Announcements	Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
Benediction	Department Chaplain, Danielle Begert
Retirement of Colors	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Ryan Coffin
Adjournment.....	(Sine Die)
3:00 p.m. State Convention Installation for	Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer
Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Officers	

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. Department Executive Committee meeting @ Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer