



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

107th Annual State Convention Program

Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer, Maine | June 12 – 13, 2026

Friday, June 12, 2026

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

First Session

Friday, June 12, 2026

- Call to Order (12:00 p.m. noon)..... Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Opening Ceremonies..... Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Presentation of Colors..... Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Drew Goodridge
Invocation Department Chaplain, Sheryl Moore
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, Eric Glidden
NEC Report..... Nat'l Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Legislative Update Chairman, Richard Flynn
Maine Blind Camp Update Chairman, Brian Knowlton
History Awards Department Historian, Tommy Somerville
Greetings Wreaths Across America Director, Amber Caron
Department Finance Update..... Department Finance Officer, Mary "Tally" T. Brown
Children & Youth/Daniel E. Lambert Scholarships Department Americanism Officer, Maureen Malley
Past Cmdr's Club (James V. Day Scholarship) Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Oratorical Update..... Oratorical Committee Chairperson, Maureen Malley
Women Veterans Advisory Committee Update..... Women Veterans Advisory Chair, Patricia "Tricia" Thurston
Meet the Candidates Moderator, National Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Nomination of Dept. Officers Selected Legionnaires
Announcements..... Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
3:00 p.m. Recess
5:30 p.m. Membership Appreciation Banquet..... Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer
Registered ticket holders only.

Lunch will be available for purchase on both days, Friday & 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 13, 2026

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.).....	Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Presentation of Colors	Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Drew Goodridge
Humanitarian/Humanitarian Citizen Awards	Humanitarian Chair, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Public Service Awards	Law & Order Chairman, Kirk Thurston
Border Patrol Award	National Executive Committeeman, Lloyd Woods
Dirigo State Update	Chairperson, Julie Flynn
Introduction of Past Dept. Cmdrs. & Past	Past Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Legionnaires of the Year	
Legionnaire of the Year Award	Past Department Commander, Patricia “Tricia” Thurston
Greetings	U.S. Senator, Susan Collins
Service Office Update/Award	Department Service Officer, Carl Curtis
4 th Estate Award	Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
Junior Shooting Sports Program Update	Committee Member, David Watson
Greetings	U.S. Congresswoman, Chellie Pingree
Americanism Awards/Educator of the Year.	Dept. Americanism Officer, Maureen Malley
	& Dept. Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Eagle Scout of the Year Award.....	Eagle Scout Chairman, Peter Duston &
	Dept. Americanism Officer, Maureen Malley
American Legion Be the One Update	Dept. Judge Advocate, Julie Flynn
Greetings	Casework Manager, Kim Rohn on behalf of Congressman Golden
	U.S. Senator, Angus King
Greetings	Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Adjutant of the Year Award	Maine Veterans Homes, CEO Brad Klawitter
Greetings.....	Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders (Awards)	SAL Detachment Commander, Steve Doyle
Greetings	The Legion Riders Director, Thomas Kuespert
Greetings	Auxiliary President, Linda Jack
Greetings	Director, Scott Bishop
Legion Baseball Update	
12:00 p.m. Lunch	
Roger’s Rangers & Tony’s Tigers Awards	PNC, Anthony “Tony” Jordan, 1 st Vice Commander, Joseph Michaud & 2 nd Vice Commander, Ryan Coffin
	Dept. Vice Commanders Joseph Michaud and Ryan Coffin
Membership Awards	Chairman, David Tanguay
National Security Blood Drive Update.....	Credentials Chairman, Brian Knowlton
Report on Credentials Committee	Committee Chairman, Lloyd Woods
Report on Committee Resolutions	District Coordinator, Teresa Drag
Quilts of Valor.....	Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie, and Timothy Nickels, Embers Paws of Hope
Embers Paws of Hope Update.....	Department Adjutant, Jason Hall
	Department Commander, Leroy McKenzie
Ceremony Honoring Outgoing Dept. Cmdr.	
Response.....	
Sweepstakes Drawing.....	
Memorial Service – Post Everlasting	Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, Drew Goodridge, and Dept. Chaplain, Sheryl Moore
	Dept. Adjutant, Jason Hall
Announcements	Maine Air National Guard, Colonel Sarah K. Clapp,
Greetings	Commander of the 101 st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor, ME
	Dept. Chaplain, Sheryl Moore
Benediction	Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, Drew Goodridge
Retirement of Colors	(Sine Die)
Adjournment.....	Jeff’s Catering & Event Center, Brewer
3:30 p.m. State Convention Installation for.....	
Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Officers	

Sunday, June 14, 2026

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