

Department of Maine, VFW

104th State Convention
Minutes



20-22 June 2025

Poland Springs Resort
Poland, Maine



*Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
104th State Convention*



20-21 June 2025

The Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars 104th State Convention Joint Session was convened @ 12:00 pm, 20 June 2025 at The Poland Springs Resort, ME by Department Adjutant Carl Lambert.

The following distinguished guests were escorted into the convention center by State Legislative Chairman Steven J. SanPedro.

Mr. Matthew Garside > Town Manager of Poland
Honorable Senator King > US Senator
Ms. Pam Trinward > From Congresswoman Chellie Pingree
Major General Diane Dunn > The Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
Ms. Tracye Davis > Executive Director VA Maine Healthcare
Ms. Jennifer Bover > Executive Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Togus
Regional Office
Mr. David Richmond > Director, Bureau of Veterans Services
Mr. Paul House > House In The Woods
Mr. Matthew Mank > Honor Flight

Department Colors were posted.

Chief of Staff Steve SanPedro: Led the Conventioneers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Kevin G. Woodward gave the opening prayer.

Department Adjutant Carl Lambert officially declared the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 104th State Convention opened and presented the gavel to Commander Anthony R. Kimble

Each guest made remarks at this time.

Commander Anthony Kimble and Chairman Jim Manter presented House in the Woods with a check for \$27,731.

Commander Anthony R. Kimble introduced the following Distinguished Guests:

Steve SanPedro > National Council Member, Maine
Carol Whitmore > National Senior Vice Commander in Chief

Joint Opening ended at 145 pm.

Friday June 20th, 2025 session began at 2:30 pm

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon Adjutant Carl Lambert for the presentation of the Convention rules with no changes as follows:

Motion to accept rules as read by David Williams, seconded by Amy Meuchel, motion carried.

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon membership Chairman Steve SanPedro for presentation of awards.

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon Adjutant Carl Lambert for the presentation of Community Service Awards.

Friday business session closed at 3:30 pm.

Saturday June 21st, 2025, Convention Business reconvened at 10am. Chaplin Woodward opened the bible at this time.

Mr. Brad Klawitter > Chief Executive Officer, Maine Veterans' Homes made his remarks

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon Adjutant Carl Lambert for the presentation of By-Laws and Resolutions.

>Adj Lambert reported that the Department had printed and emailed the national resolutions.

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon Credentials Chairman Jared Sawyer for the first roll call of Posts, Council Members and Past State Commanders.

Motion from Finance committee presented the budget for the year 2025-2026, motion voted and passed.

Motion made by David Williams, seconded by Mike McInnis for Jennifer Lane to be Grants Chairman, motion voted and passed

Motion made by Carl Lambert to do the yearly Ways and Means raffle for year 2024-2025, seconded by David Williams, motion voted and passed unanimously.

Commander Anthony Kimble appointed the three (3) Past State Commanders to be on the Ballot Committee.

> Steve SanPedro, Christopher Armstrong, Robert Bernard

Nomination and Election of Officers for the Year 2025-2026 was opened at this time.

>Commander – Amy H. Meuchel. (6859): Nominated by Past State Commander Steve SanPedro (6859); 2nd by District 10 Commander Willie Goodman (10643).

>Senior Vice Commander – William Day (7997): Nominated by District 11 Commander Mike McInnis (7997); 2nd by PSC James Bachelder (9935).

>Junior Vice Commander – Roger Stevens (2197): Nominated by PSC Steve SanPedro (6859); 2nd by PSC. John Bouchard (9389).

>Quartermaster – David D. Williams (1641): Nominated by PSC Arthur Roy (1603); 2nd by PSC Keith Davis (1603).

>Chaplain – Kevin G. Woodward (11553): Nominated by PSC John Bouchard (9389); 2nd by PSC Steve SanPedro (6859).

>Judge Advocate:

– James Ewing (1605): Nominated by PSC John Bouchard (9389); 2nd by Commander Bouchard (3108).

-Mark Reilly (6859): Nominated by PSC Christopher Armstrong (9437); 2nd by PSC Steve SanPedro

>Surgeon:

>Fred Libby (7738): Nominated by JA Roger Stevens (2197), 2nd by Maggie Webbert (2197).

>National Council Member:

>Jennifer Lane (1603): Nominated by PSC Keith Davis (1603), 2nd by PSC Arthur Roy (1603).

>Anthony Kimble (3108): Nominated by PSC Steve SanPedro (6859), 2nd by PSC Christopher Armstrong (9437).

The election was done by acclamation, except for the contested positions, which needed a vote of at least 84 to win.

The results for the candidates for the contested positions are as follows:

Judge Advocate: Mark Reilly with a vote of 90- 47

National Council Member: Anthony Kimble with a vote of 93- 53

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon National Council Member, Maine Steve SanPedro, for comments.

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Carol Whitmore for comments.

Commander Anthony Kimble called upon Adjutant Lambert comments: Stated that we will hold a joint installation 21 June 2025 at 3:30 pm.

The convention was recessed at 3:15 pm by Commander Anthony Kimble with Chaplain Woodward closing the bible.

The drawing for the Ways and Means program was conducted at this time.

Joint installation began at 3:30, at this time Chaplain Woodward opened the bible.

Installation of Department Council members and Chairmen was conducted at this time by National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Carol Whitmore.

Chaplain Woodward closed the bible at 4:30 Pm, this ended the installation ceremony.

NOTE: Installation of State Commander Amy H. Meuchel was conducted by National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Carol Whitmore.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Lambert
Carl Lambert
Department Adjutant



***Department of Maine
Veterans of Foreign Wars***



***Officers * District Commanders
Deputy District Inspectors
Chairmen
2025-2026***

Amy H. Meuchel
Commander
Historian
Ways and Means
Student Veterans of America

William E Day
Senior Vice Commander
Youth Activities

Roger A. Stevens
Junior Vice Commander
Patriot Pen/ VOD/ TOY
Deputy Inspector, District 7

Carl Lambert
Adjutant
Information Security Officer
Parliamentarian-Convention Rules
Resolutions and By-Laws
District 8 Commander
Community Activities

David D. Williams
Quartermaster
Buddy Poppy
Insurance/Bonds

Mark Reilly
Judge Advocate
Commanders' Special Project

Fred Libby
Surgeon
Blood Bank
Safety & Drug Abuse

Kevin G. Woodward
Chaplain
Maine Officers Development (MOLD)
Wrath Across America

Anthony R. Kimble
Immediate Past State Commander
Maine Veterans Home Bangor
Veterans Service Office

Steven J. SanPedro
Legislative
Membership
Chief of Staff
Finance Chairman
Assistant adjutant

Cornelius J. Ware
Service Officer

Arthur J. Roy
Assistant Quartermaster

Chad Steward
State Recruiter Central

Lou Alexander
Sgt At Arms

Robert Bernard
Guard

Paul Watson
District 1 Commander
Maine Veterans Home Caribou

John St. Pierre
District 2 Commander

Curtis Slininger
District 4 Commander
Deputy Inspector, District 4

Michael Carter
District 5 Commander
Deputy Inspector, District 5
Color Guard Captain

Herman Littlefield
District 6 Commander

Edward Harmon
District 7 Commander

Jennifer Lane
District 9 Commander
Grants, Beals House, Homeless Veterans

Willie L. Goodman
District 10 Commander

Michael McInnis
District 11 Commander
Americanism/Loyalty Day

Michael K. Davis
Scouting

Joel D. Demers
National Home
Convention

Jarred M. Sawyer
Credentials
Legislative Assistant (Augusta)
Public Relations Officer

Michael W. Blair
Hospital/VAVS Director

Brandon Curtis
Veterans Advisory to VA Maine Healthcare System
Assistant Service Officer

Danford Saucier
Department Inspector

Joshua Doroen
Deputy Inspector, District 1
State Recruiter North

Alfred Milano

Deputy Inspector, District 2

Christopher Armstrong

Deputy Inspector, District 6

NVMS

Maine Veterans Home Augusta

Veterans Cemetery Central

Roger G. Line

Deputy Inspector, District 8

Howard Goldrup

Deputy Inspector, District 9

Eugene Tenney

Deputy Inspector, District 10

Joy Haddad

Deputy Inspector, District 11

Daniel MacWalters

Website

John Bouchard

Pow/MIA

Veterans Cemetery North

James Bachelder

Veterans Cemetery South

State Recruiter South

Maggie Webbert

Maine Veterans Home Scarborough