**April 1, 2025**

**TO: All Walking Stick Recipients**

**SUBJECT: 2025 BANGOR/BREWER PARADES INFORMATION**

Listed below is the information for the three (3) major parades scheduled for Bangor/Brewer. All Maine veterans are invited to participate. You must participate in one of the parades to get your yearly sticker. Stickers are not available at the museum.

These parades are not just for walking stick recipients. We encourage you to ask your fellow patriots to stop by the Cole Land Transportation Museum before Memorial Day to pick up their stick and participate in the parade with you.

**Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 26, 2025(Bangor)**

**Parking:**

* Free Parking is available at:
* Penobscot Plaza (Exchange & Washington Streets)
* City of Bangor Parking Garage (Water Street, next to Key Bank - 2-hour parking)
* Career Center Parking Lot (Oak Street)

**Schedule:**

* **Sticker Placement**: 9:00am at undercover entrance to First Bank (145 Exchange St)
* **Formation**: 9:30am - Junction of York & Exchange Streets
* **Parade Start**: 10:15am - Junction of State & Exchange Streets
* **Cyr Bus Transport**:
	+ Pickup at Exchange Street near First Bank (for those unable to walk the route)
	+ Return buses available from Cedar Street (across from Bangor Police Station)

**Additional Information:**

* **Restrooms Available** at Bangor’s parking garage and First Bank (elevator up one flight to access restrooms at First Bank).
* **Reminder:** You must participate in the one of the parades to receive your yearly sticker. Stickers will not be available at the Museum.

**Memorial Day Program at the Cole Land Transportation Museum (Free Admission)**

After the parade, we invite you, your family and friends to join us for a special patriotic ceremony at the Museum.

* **Lunch:** 11:00am
* Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and whoopie pies available for purchase (sold by the non-profit Courageous Steps Program).
* Veterans with walking sticks receive a **free** hot dog or hamburger and soda.
* **Local Jazz Band Concert:** 12:00pm
* **Ceremony:** 12:30pm
	+ Brief introduction
	+ Color Guard presentation
	+ Guest speaker
	+ Wreath-laying ceremony

**Weather Notice**: In the event of inclement weather, the Memorial Service will be held inside. Please monitor our website or social media for updates. If you are unsure, call us at (207) 990-3600.

**Independence Day Parade – Friday, July 4,2025 (Brewer)**

**Parking:**

* **Free Parking** at Brewer Auditorium & Hannaford parking lot

**Schedule:**

* **Sticker Placement:** 9:00am in front of Brewer Auditorium
* **Cyr Bus Transport**
	+ Bangor Pickup: 9:00am – Exchange Street (beside TD Bank)
	+ Brewer Pickup: 9:15am – Wilson Street (by the sidewalk/swimming pool)
* **Formation:** 9:15am – Wilson Street the football field to e swimming pool lawn (reserved for veterans)
* **Parade Start:** 10:00am - Junction of Acme Road & Wilson Street
* **Return Transport:**
	+ Cyr busses will stop at TD Bank in Bangor before returning to Brewer Auditorium

**Veterans Day Parade - Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Brewer)**

**Schedule:**

* **Breakfast:** 7:00am – Jeff’s Catering - Annual pancake breakfast prepared by Bangor Breakfast Rotary (Funds benefit the “Keep Kids Warm” Program). Veterans eat for free
* **Parking:** Free parking at Brewer Shopping Mall (No parking near Dr. Rand’s Dentistry)
* **Sticker Placement:** 9:00am - Jason’s Pizza parking lot
* **Formation:** Veterans will form in the Jason’s Pizza parking lot
* **Parade Start:** 10:15am at the Brewer Shopping Mall
* **Cyr Bus Transport**:
* Veterans who cannot walk will be provided with bus transportation from Advanced Auto
* After the parade, buses will transport marching veterans back to Brewer Shopping Mall

**Veterans Day Program at the Cole Land Transportation Museum (Free Admission)**

* Veterans Day Service
* Essay Readings
* Band Bangor Band Concert

If you need further information, please call us at (207) 990-3600.

We deeply appreciate your service and look forward to honoring you at these events.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Munson