



**The CMH 75th Anniversary Conference
23-26 May 2024
at the Senator Inn & Spa, Augusta, Maine**



Join fellow members to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Company at this--our first annual meeting ever held in Maine and one not to be missed. Maine is a beautiful state with a wealth of historic sites and other attractions and a late May visit is the ideal time to take such in, as "tourist season" officially begins in June, when the crowds begin to arrive, peaking in July. Our "headquarters" will be The Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta, located conveniently off the Maine turnpike, and only a few minutes' drive to the historic downtown. The Senator has full conference facilities, including a large ballroom/banquet hall and exhibit hall, that have been reserved for the Company. All guests are entitled to use of the Senator's extensive spa facilities, which includes an indoor pool, and it also has a full-service bar and award-winning restaurant. We have a block of 45 rooms set aside at special discounted rates for Company members, so please call or go online with the hotel to reserve your rooms early before it is filled.

Activities will commence on Thursday evening with a cocktail reception and a **plenary session talk by noted historian and author, Dr. Joshua B. Smith, who will discuss the 1st and 2nd System coastal fortifications and militia forts built in the Maine District prior to- and during the War of 1812.** Dr. Smith is Professor of History and museum director at the US Merchant Marine Academy. Friday will continue with a full day of presentations on a wide range of military and material culture topics, ranging from the 17th to 20th centuries, by leading experts in their respective areas of study, including:

"A Canteen or Wooden Bottle sufficient to hold one Quart": Massachusetts Canteen Supply and Issue, 1756-1783.
Joel Bohy, Historic Arms & Militaria Director, Bruneau Auctions

"In Search of Private Yankee Doodle": The Material World of Joseph Plumb Martin
Dr. Phil Mead, PhD, Independent Historian and Curator, formerly Chief Curator, The Museum of the American Revolution

Civil War Federal and Confederate Jackets in the 5th Maine Museum
Richard Milstead, Independent Researcher

A Little History: Designing and Making Military Miniatures for the Collectibles Industry
Ken Osen, President and Head of Design, William Britain Toy and Model Figure Company

World War I Propaganda Art
Jamie Kingman Rice, Deputy Director, Collections & Programs, Maine Historical Society

The Revolutionary War Privateer Defence: Her History, Archaeological Investigation, and Conservation.
Warren Riess, Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Maine

Watervliet Field Gun Carriages 1816-1835: A Survey of Survivors
Matthew Switlik, President, Museum & Collector Specialties Company



Fort Western (1754)



Fort Halifax (1752)



Pownalsborough Courthouse/Fort Shirley

On Saturday, we will embark on chartered buses to visit historic sites and museums that reflect the rich and diverse military and naval history of Maine. Due to bus parking and other logistical considerations at some of the sites, we have created two different tours. Tour 1, led by Leo Cranmer, Historic Archaeologist and Linda Novak, Director of Fort Western, will visit French & Indian and Revolutionary War sites in the Kennebec Valley, including Forts Halifax, Shirley, and Western, as well as the Colburn House (Arnold Expedition). Tour 2 will tour Kennebec Arsenal (now privately owned), then travel down to Midcoast Maine to Fort Edgecomb (1809) and the remains of the 17th and 18th century forts at Pemaquid Point, as well as the historic lighthouse, guided by Neal DePaoli, site director and archaeologist and Michael Dekker, historian-author. Each bus is limited to 50 passengers, so please be sure to indicate your tour choice on the registration form, as the tours will be filled in order of registration receipt and a late arrival of such could mean you will be placed on the other tour. The formal portion of the conference concludes on Saturday evening with a cocktail reception, followed by our annual banquet, during which the recipients of the Robert Miller and other exhibit awards will be announced.



Fort Edgecomb (1809)



Fort William Henry at Pemaquid (1692)



Kennebec Arsenal (1828)

On Sunday, we will be arranging optional, post-conference tours and activities for those who wish to stay on longer during the extended Memorial Day weekend. This meeting will be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and create new ones, while exploring the history and scenic beauty of Maine and sampling the food, drink and hospitality of the region. Please feel free to contact me in the interim with any questions or concerns.

James L. Kochan, 2024 Mtg Chair
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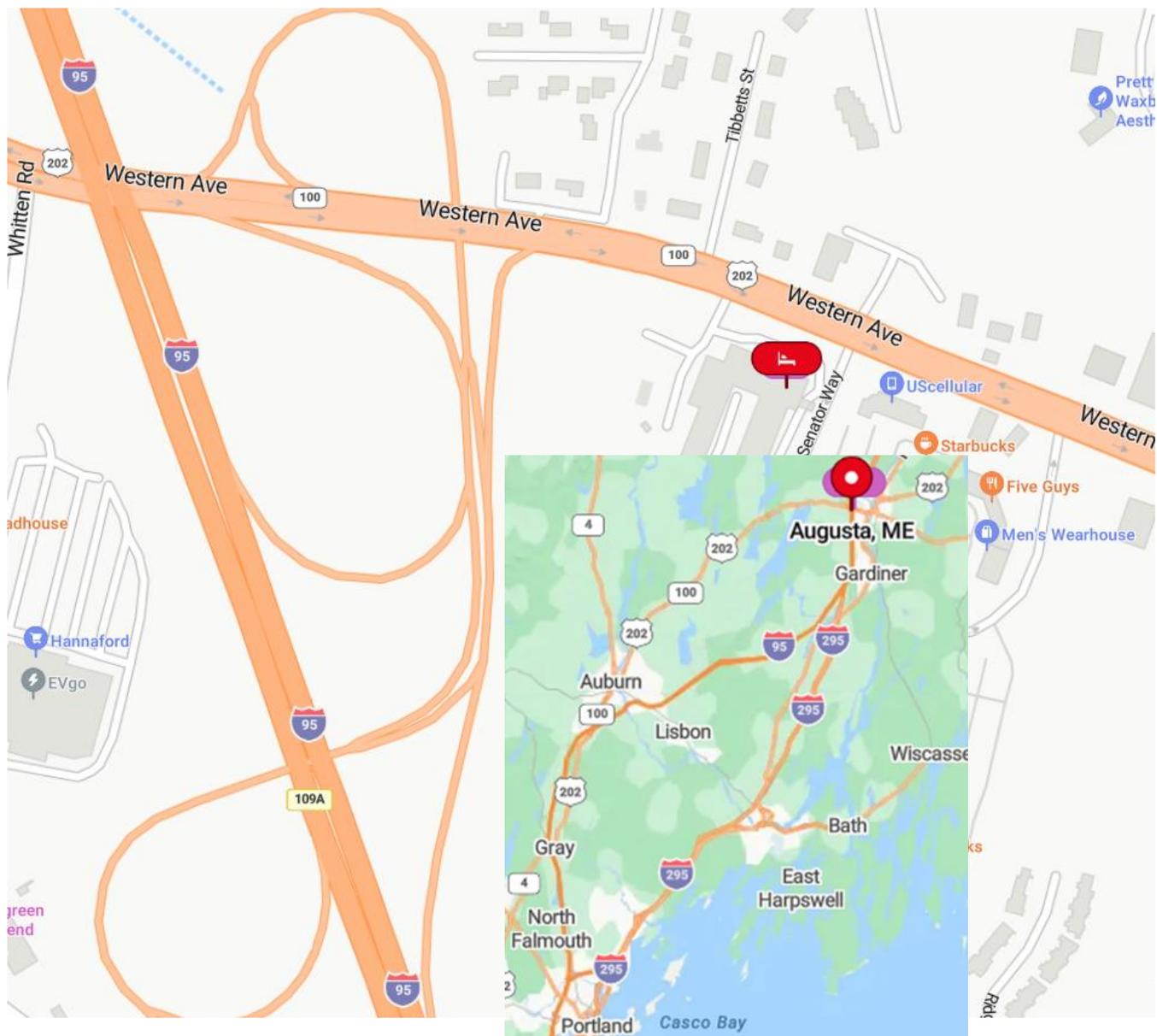
Special Needs: If you have any special dietary restrictions, please indicate so on the reverse of your registration form when you send it in and we will try to work with the hotel and caterers to accommodate your needs. Likewise, if you have any physical impairment or other health issues that need to be accommodated for touring, conference seating, etc. or other accessibility issues, please also indicate such on the reverse of the form or email me.

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LODGING: Attendees are responsible for arranging their rooms bookings directly with the Senator Inn and Spa. The Senator has full conference facilities, including a large ballroom/banquet hall and exhibit hall, that have been reserved for the Company. All guests are entitled to use of the Senator's extensive spa facilities, which includes an indoor pool, and it also has a full-service bar and award-winning restaurant. We have a block of 45 rooms set aside at special discounted rates for Company members, so please call or go online with the hotel to reserve your rooms early before it is filled.

Call the hotel for room reservations at: 207-622-8800 or go online with the hotel's reservation site; for both, provide them with our booking code "SEN CMH2024" for the guaranteed, discounted room rates of \$99.99 for a Single Queen or \$139.99 for a Double Queen or Single King + tax per night (please book soon, as the room block is limited).

TRAVEL: The Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta is conveniently located right off the Maine Turnpike (I-95) Western Ave. (Rt 202/100 exit) just west of downtown Augusta. It is approximately a one-hour drive north on the turnpike from the Portland International Jetport (PWM) to the hotel. Manchester Airport (MHT) and Boston Logan (LOG) are both within a two-hour drive, as well.



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Registration Form

Name _____ Guest/Spouse (circle one) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check as applicable: () Life Member () Fellow () Governor () CMH Officer () Host Committee
() DSA () 1st Time Attendee (please enclose 2024 CMH dues if not currently a member)

Saturday Bus Tours (check the appropriate box below to indicate your 1st choice for tour option. We will do our best to accommodate your preference, but buses will fill in order of registration received.

() Kennebec Valley Forts & Rev War Sites () Kennebec Arsenal, Ft Edgecomb and Pemaquid Point

Registration Options:	Price	Qty	Total
Full registration Includes: Thurs. reception with hors d'oeuvres; Fri- Continental Breakfast, box lunch and bus tour; Sat: Continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, reception, and banquet	\$385		
Three-day registration with no Saturday Banquet	\$310		
Thurs & Friday only: Reception, breakfast, seminars, coffee breaks & lunch	\$200		
Saturday only: bus tour, lunch, cocktail reception & banquet	\$220		
Banquet only	\$75		
Reception Thursday Evening 6:00-7:30: cash bar with complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, followed by Opening of Exhibit Hall (please indicate if you plan to attend).	YES NO		
Sales Tables (8' x 30" table w/cover; limit: 4 per member; please register early as there are a limited number of tables available. Each:	\$80		
Exhibit Tables 1 or 2 (first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed; they are 8' x 30" with covers)	\$00		
Exhibit Tables 3 or 4 (a limited no. of tables available, so they are allocated on first-come basis—please register early!!)	\$60		
Late Fee (for registrations post marked after April 15)	\$35		
Sunday field trips by POV: Option 1 (Midcoast): Chamberlain Civil War Museum & Arctic Exploration Museum, Brunswick; Maine Maritime Museum and Ship Virginia, Bath; Option 2 Penobscot Bay: Fort Knox, Penobscot Maritime Museum and the Forts and Museum at Castine. Tour packets available at registration on request.	NC		
Subtotal (1 st time attendees may take a 10% discount)			
2024 CMH Membership Dues (if not currently a member & in USA)	\$60		
TOTAL (please make check payable to 'CMH 2024'):	\$		

Mail check (payable to 'CMH 2024') & Registration form to: James Kochan, 75 Hemlock Rd., Wiscasset ME 04578