

Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter



2026



Commander - Terri Krecker

Easter Message from Commander Terri Krecker Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9

As we celebrate Easter, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you and your loved ones. This season reminds us of renewal, hope, and the strength that comes from community—values that reflect the very heart of our Legion.

Easter encourages us to pause, appreciate the blessings in our lives, and look forward with optimism. I am grateful for the dedication, compassion, and unity you bring to Post 9. Whether you are gathering with family, attending services, or enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, may this day bring you peace and a renewed sense of purpose.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and for the care you show to our veterans, families, and community. Your commitment keeps our Post strong and our traditions alive.

Wishing you a joyful, safe, and blessed Easter.

*Commander Terri Krecker
Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9*

2026 Scouter of the Year

We are proud to announce that Jay Rutan has been selected as the 2026 Department of Pennsylvania Legionnaire Scouter of the Year.

This distinguished honor reflects Jay's exceptional dedication to Scouting, his leadership within our community, and his steadfast commitment to supporting the values and mission of the American Legion.

Jay will be invited to attend the Department Convention, where he will be formally recognized and presented with a commemorative plaque.

Congratulations Jay on this well-earned achievement and thank you for your continued service to our youth and our Legion Family.

American Legion Post 9 Annual Election of Post Officers



The Annual Election of Post Officers for Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 will take place on Thursday, June 11, 2026, during the regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

Offices Open for Election

- *Post Commander*
- *First Vice Commander*
- *Second Vice Commander*
- *Finance Officer*
- *Adjutant*
- *Service Officer*
- *Judge Advocate*
- *Post Chaplain*
- *Parliamentarian*
- *Historian*
- *Sergeant-at-Arms (3 positions)*
- *2-Year Trustee (2 positions)*

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the following Post 9 regular meetings:

- *Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM*
- *Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM*

A second round of nominations will be taken at the May meeting.

Eligibility

All members in good standing with The American Legion, with 2026 dues paid, are eligible to vote and to run for any Post Office.

For God & Country

Legion Riders



Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 AM. All members are encouraged to attend and stay involved in upcoming rides, events, and community support efforts

BREAKFAST AT THE POST

1st Sunday of Each Month

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

April Breakfast: Sunday, April 12th.

Members and guests are invited to join us for a warm, welcoming breakfast at Post 9. Enjoy good food and good company as we gather to support our Legion Riders.

Upcoming Event:

Beef & Beer Fundraiser
Saturday, April 18th



BEEF AND BEER
Presented by Squadron 9 SAL & Chapter 9 Legion Riders

Tickets \$15 - Meal at 5pm - Open to the public. Live Music by: **THE GROOVE**

Saturday,
April 18th, 2026
4pm-9pm

Small Games 24-00155
2260 Corriere Rd, Easton, PA 18045

NEW DIMENSION SOUND PRESENTS
PALMER TOWNSHIP
AMERICAN LEGION BROWN & LYNCH POST #9

TRIVIA Night

1st Saturday of the month
Hosted by John Cav

2260 CORRIERE DR, EASTON, PA 18045
(610) 559-8838

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Sons of the American Legion



Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend and get involved.

Upcoming Events:

Beef & Beer Fundraiser & Gun Raffle
Saturday, April 18th

35th Annual World War II Weekend

June 5–7, 2026 • Mid Atlantic Air Museum, Reading, PA

Experience one of the nation's premier World War II living-history events as the Mid Atlantic Air Museum presents "A Gathering of Warbirds." The weekend features historic aircraft, reenactments, encampments, military vehicles, and immersive demonstrations honoring the Greatest Generation.

Location:

Mid Atlantic Air Museum
110 Air Museum Drive, Reading, PA 19605

Tickets:

Advanced tickets available at WWW.MAAM.ORG

Event Details:

Parking: Free

Gates Open: 8:30 AM daily

April Dates to Remember

April 1: Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM
April 1 – 9: Passover
April 1: April Fool's Day
April 3: Good Friday
April 4: Trivia Night 7:00 PM
April 5: Easter Sunday
April 9: Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM
April 9: Legion/Auxiliary 7:00 PM
April 12: Legion Rider Meeting 10:00 AM
April 12: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
April 13: S.A.L Meeting 7:00 PM
April 15: Purple Up Day
April 28: Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM



Auxiliary Unit 9



PURPLE UP

April is designated as the month of the Military Child and Purple Up is a day observed during this month to show support and gratitude for Military kids. The color purple indicates support for all branches of the US Armed Forces...Air Force (blue), Army (green), Navy (blue), Marines (red) and Coast Guard (blue). Within this month April 15th has been set aside as Purple Up for Military Kids Day. The Auxiliary will have a Military Child table set up in the Social Quarters, please stop by and visit the table to learn about these children and their sacrifice.

Upcoming Events

April 17-18, 2026: Spring Conference, Penn Stater Hotel

Lynn Marchetto
President Unit 9



Buy A Paver - Honor a Veteran



A Meaningful Gift. A Lasting Tribute. Be part of the legacy at Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9.

Our Pavilion project will feature "The Walk of Honor," a dedicated pathway of engraved pavers recognizing the service and sacrifice of our Veterans.

Purchasing a paver is a heartfelt way to honor a loved one, commemorate service, or give a meaningful gift that will last for generations.

Once the Pavilion is completed, these pavers will be prominently displayed at the Post for all to see.

*Cost: \$55.00 per paver
Each paver includes custom engraving to honor the Veteran of your choice.*

*For more information or to place an order, contact:
Ed Brace - 201-981-7768 - ejbrace@ptd.net*

Help us build a walkway of remembrance, pride, and gratitude.



Membership Renewal Reminder – Post 9 Family

Attention all members of Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 — Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary, and Social Members:

- Renewals were due December 31, 2025.
- As of January 1, 2026, unpaid members were marked delinquent.
- On February 1, 2026, unpaid members were removed from the membership rolls, and their access cards will be denied.
- Reinstatement of your access card will require payment of the membership fee plus a \$10 reactivation fee.

Membership Matters

If you haven't renewed your 2026 membership, please take a moment to do so.

Post Chaplain

Vince Menegus

If you know of any Legionnaire who is sick, in distress, or recently passed away, please contact me at: jmenegus@rcn.com, or call 610-252-6196, to let me know. Please include their address or family contact and address. I will send a get well or sympathy card on behalf of Post 9



Service Officer

Ken Haney

American Legion Veterans' Service Officer for our Area is Eric Medei <eric@pa-legion.com>. His preferred contact method is via email. If you do not have access to email, his phone is (484) 268-8151.

Here are the locations he goes to every month and the days he is there. Best way to get an appointment with him is call the State Rep's office and get on the schedule.

1st Monday – Rep Joe Emrick, Nazareth

1st Thursday – Rep Zach Mako, Northampton and Slatington (alternates every other month)

2nd Wednesday – Rep Ann Flood, Pen Argyl

2nd Thursday – Rep Guentz, Hatboro

2nd Friday – Rep Ryan Mackenzie, Macungie

3rd Monday – Rep Jeanne McNeill, Whitehall

3rd Friday – Rep Peter Schwyer, Allentown

4th Tuesday – Rep Ryan Mackenzie, New Tripoli

4th Wednesday – Rep Milou Mackenzie, Bethlehem

4th Thursday – Rep Jamie Barton, Tamaqua

He will also meet with Veterans at the Legion Post 397 in Hellertown (he is the Commander of that Post) on days where he is not scheduled for an Outreach.

Membership Matters—Help Us Grow

Post 9 is strongest when our ranks are full of veterans who believe in service, camaraderie, and community. We're asking every member to help us welcome new faces into our Legion Family. If you know a veteran who could benefit from the support and purpose we share here, invite them to join us.

Be sure to review our Membership Incentive Program on page 6—a simple way to make a meaningful impact while helping strengthen the future of Post 9.

Together, we keep our mission moving forward.

Welcome Our Newest Members/Transfers

We welcome **Eric Fairman and Scott Searfoss**, the latest Veterans to join the Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9. We also extend a warm welcome to **Kevin Sherry and Robert Supon**, who have recently transferred into Post 9.



Post Everlasting

The following Post Member has transferred to Post Everlasting to serve the Supreme Commander.

We salute him and offer our deepest gratitude for his faithful service to our Country, our community, and to Post 9.

John Hogarth

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, From the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, Safely rest,
God is nigh.



Legion Website

Monthly Newsletter Available Online!

Stay informed and connected with the latest updates from Brown & Lynch Post 9. Our Monthly Newsletter is live on our website under the Post Bulletin section. Visit us at: <https://brownandlynchpost9.org/>

Log on and explore what's happening at Post 9.

Stay in Touch!

Do we have your current address? Phone number? Email address? Did you disconnect your landline? Please let us know to keep our records up to date! If anything has changed, please call Ed Brace - phone number: 610-258-8750 or email at: Post9brownandlynch@gmail.com.



Post 9 Honor Guard

‘On Behalf of a Grateful Nation’

For those of us who wear the uniform of the Honor Guard, these moments are not routine. They are sacred. In this moment, words fall away. There is no applause, no fanfare—only a solemn quiet that settles over the field of honor.

It is in that silence that our duty speaks. With steady hands, the American flag is folded. Each crease is shaped with purpose—measured, deliberate, unwavering. Every motion reflects a life that answered the call to serve, often at great personal cost. When the final fold is made, only the blue field of stars remains.

We cradle it with care, knowing it will be placed into the hands of a family whose world has been forever changed. In that exchange, we carry not just a flag, but the nation’s final promise.

As members of the Honor Guard, we safeguard these traditions. We uphold them because memory matters. Dignity matters. Promises matter.

The folded flag is not merely a symbol. It is a final promise—one we are entrusted to deliver with absolute respect. And it must never be broken.

“With Honor We Stand, With Dignity We Serve.”

“On behalf of a grateful nation...”

To properly fold the flag follow these directions:



1 To begin, with one person at either end, hold the flag waist high so that its surface is parallel to the ground.



2 Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.



3 Fold the flag again lengthwise, now with the blue field on the outside.



4 Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.



5 Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.



6 Continue the triangular folding until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.



7 When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible. If a hem protrudes beyond the blue field, it should be neatly tucked inside the folds of the flag so it does not show.

The folded flag is then presented to the next of kin.

Social Quarters Hours

Monday thru Thursday

12:00 Noon - 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

12:00 Noon - 12:00 AM

Sundays

12:00 Noon - 7:00 PM



Post 9 Kitchen Hours

Lunch

Monday – Friday

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Dinner

Monday – Saturday

5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Sunday

Closed

Monthly Breakfast

1st Sunday of Each Month

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

April Dinner Specials

April 3

Fried Chicken • French Fries • Cole Slaw

April 10

Meat Lasagna • Tossed Salad • Garlic Bread

April 17

Liver & Onions • Mashed Potatoes • Broccoli • Tossed Salad

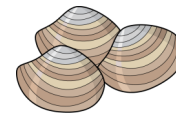
April 24

Stuffed Pork Chop • Potatoes Au Gratin • Carrots • Tossed Salad

May 1

Meatloaf • Mashed Potatoes • Green Beans • Salad

Clams Are Back!



Beginning April 2, we will be serving Clams every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — while supplies last.

WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY, WING WEDNESDAY



I Want You!

Join the Mission – Earn Rewards!

Post 9 is proud to launch a Membership Incentive Program to welcome new Legionnaires into the American Legion family.

Who Can Participate? Everyone! If you're a current member, you're eligible to recruit.

What's the Reward? For every new member you recruit, you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate to use at Post 9 for food or beverages.

Who Can You Recruit? Family, friends, neighbors, or active-duty military—anyone who has never been a member of the American Legion.

Why It Matters? This initiative strengthens our community and ensures the legacy of service continues. Plus, it's a great excuse to enjoy a meal or drink on us!

How Is It Funded? Fundraisers will be organized to support this program—stay tuned for ways to get involved!

Post 9 Welcomes You!

Haven't been to Post 9 in a while?

Now's the perfect time to stop in and see what's new.

We're proud to have over 1,200 members across the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and the Home Association. There's truly something for everyone—from toddlers to centenarians—with entertainment and activities offered all year long.

If you enjoy great food, swing by for lunch or dinner and check the Newsletter for our monthly dinner specials. You won't leave hungry.

Volunteers are the heart of Post 9. Whether you can give an hour or a day, your help makes a real difference and strengthens the sense of family that makes this place special.

Legion General Membership Meeting

***Held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM
All members are encouraged to attend and stay involved.***

Come by, reconnect, and be part of everything happening at Post 9.

Pavilion Committee

Help Us Complete the Pavilion — Be Part of the Legacy



Pavilion Project Update

Our long-awaited Pavilion is finally taking shape, and it's exciting to see this dream becoming a reality. As we move closer to completion, we are asking for your support.

Every contribution — large or small — helps bring us one step closer to creating a space that will serve our members, families, and community for many years to come.



Ways You Can Support the Pavilion:

Plaque Donations

Your gift will be recognized with a plaque inside the Pavilion.

- ***Platinum: \$1,000***
- ***Gold: \$500***
- ***Silver: \$250***

Paver Brick Program

Dedicate a brick to honor a veteran or loved one.

***4" x 8" bricks — Text Only or Military Logo + Text
\$55 per brick***

Corporate Sponsorships

Recognized on a prominently displayed plaque.

- ***Bronze: \$2,000***
- ***Silver: \$5,000***
- ***Gold: \$10,000***
- ***Platinum: \$20,000***

Pavilion Naming Rights:

The Pavilion will be named after the first entity to contribute \$50,000.

Upcoming Events

IronPigs Game – Post 9 Night



The Brown & Lynch American Legion will once again host a team suite at the IronPigs game on Saturday, May 9. Game time: 6:45 PM

Price: \$45 per person — includes your game ticket, food, and a parking pass.

Every veteran who purchases a ticket will receive a special swag bag.

This year, three veterans will be selected to throw out the first pitch, making the night even more memorable.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Terri at 610-533-4071 or email terrikrecker@aol.com.

Flag the Graves

We are seeking volunteers to help Flag the Graves at the Northampton Memorial Shrine on Saturday, May 9. We will meet at the Shrine at 8:00 AM. Rain date: Saturday, May 16.

Together, we will place over 4,000 flags on the graves of our Veterans.

Your time and support are greatly appreciated.



Bermuda Cruise

It's not too late to join us! A few rooms are still available for the upcoming Bermuda Cruise.

If you're interested, please contact Lisa Ritchie at Lawler Classic Travel—484-542-2746 for details and reservations.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9 will hold its Memorial Day Program at the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery on May 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Join us as we honor and remember all those who gave their lives while serving in the United States Military. Your presence helps ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Following the ceremony, all attendees are invited back to the Post for breakfast.



BROWN & LYNCH AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISING CRUISE

NOVEMBER 14, 2026 – NOVEMBER 21, 2026

3 DAYS IN BERMUDA

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- Balcony Cabin
- Excursion Credits
- 3 Specialty Dining Meals
- Pre Paid Service Charges
- Beverage Package
- Travel Protection
- Roundtrip Philadelphia



\$75.00 per cabin will go to the Legion

\$3,971.22