

Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

DECEMBER



2025

HAVE A
MERRY
Christmas
& A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Commander - Terri Krecker

As Christmas approaches, I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for another year of steadfast dedication to Brown & Lynch Post 9. Your commitment to honoring veterans, supporting our programs, and strengthening our community has been the foundation of our success.

This season reminds us of the values we share—service, fellowship, and remembrance. May the joy of Christmas fill your homes, and may the New Year bring continued blessings to you and your loved ones.

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and love—and may the New Year bring even more opportunities to serve side by side.

Thank you for making Post 9 not just a post, but a family.

With respect and appreciation,

Terri Kaiser Krecker - Commander
Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9



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.

IMPORTANT
REMINDER

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 are due by December 31, 2025.
- As of January 1, 2026, unpaid members will be marked delinquent.
- On February 1, 2026, unpaid members will be 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.
- Please renew today to avoid the cost and effort of reinstatement.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Post 9 and for standing together in service, fellowship, and community.

Flag Removal at the Shrine

On Saturday, November 15, we came together at the cemetery to respectfully remove the flags placed on more than 4,000 veterans' graves. This act of care and remembrance would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers.

To each person who gave their time and effort—thank you. Your commitment ensures that our heroes are honored with dignity and respect.





Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 PM

Breakfast at the Post



Sunday, December 7, 2025 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Legion Riders



Next meeting Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Event:

April 18, 2026 Beef & Beer - more info to follow

Sons of the American Legion



Next meeting Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM



Veteran of the Year – Stephen J. DeFranco Sr.



The Joint Veterans Council – Forks of the Delaware proudly recognized Stephen J. DeFranco Sr. of the Martocci-Capobianco American Legion Post 750, Rosetto, PA, as the 2025 Veteran of the Year for his outstanding service and humanitarian contributions to our community.

A celebratory dinner was held in his honor at the Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9, Palmer Township, on Friday, November 7, 2025.

The evening was filled with heartfelt patriotism, fellowship, and gratitude for Stephen's remarkable dedication. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, and entertainment was provided by Mike's Classic D.J., and the Gilberts, making the night truly memorable.

We extend our deepest congratulations to Stephen J. DeFranco Sr. for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his unwavering commitment to veterans and the community.

His legacy of service continues to inspire us all.



Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America is a national tradition of remembrance that honors veterans by placing wreaths on their graves each December. In 2025, National Wreaths Across America Day will be observed on Saturday, December 13, at more than 5,200 locations across the United States and abroad

December Dates to Remember

Dec 3rd: Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM
Dec 6th: Trivia Night 7:00 PM
Dec 7th: Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 7th: Legion Riders Meeting 10:00 AM
Dec 7th: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Dec 8th: S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 PM
Dec 11th: Legion Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM
Dec 11th: Legion General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Dec 11th: Auxiliary Christmas Gift Wrapping 6:00 PM
Dec 13th: National Guard Birthday
Dec 23rd: Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM
Dec 25th: Christmas Day — **Post Closed**
Dec 31st: New Year's Eve - **Open: 12 PM - 9 PM**
Jan 1st: New Year's Day - **Open: 12 PM - 6 PM**



Auxiliary Unit 9

Auxiliary Update – December Activities

The Auxiliary will not be holding a meeting on Thursday, December 11. However, December will be a very busy and joyful month!

Please mark your calendars for the following events, and as always, any help is greatly appreciated:

Thursday, December 4 – 6:00 PM: Set up the Christmas tree at the Post.

Friday, December 5 – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Gift wrapping at Boscov's.

Thursday, December 11 – 6:00 PM: Wrap gifts for the Children's Christmas Party at the Post.

Saturday, December 13 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Children's Christmas Party (Santa arrives at 1:30 PM!)

The deadline to sign up for the Children's Christmas Party is December 8th. Please be sure to register your family by then so we can prepare a joyful celebration for all!

The Auxiliary extends heartfelt wishes to all for a healthy, happy, and safe Christmas and New Year.

Lynn Marchetto
President, Unit 9



Pavilion Plaque Fundraiser

Help Us Complete the Pavilion — Be Part of the Legacy

Thanks to a generous grant from the State of Pennsylvania, construction of the Pavilion at Post 9 is about to begin. To help cover additional costs and ensure this space reflects the pride and spirit of our Post, we've launched a Pavilion Plaque Fundraiser.

Your donation or pledge will be honored with plaque displayed within the Pavilion — recognizing your name, your business, or a loved one.

Donation Levels:
Platinum Donor – \$1,000
Gold Donor – \$500
Silver Donor – \$250

To contribute or make a pledge, please contact:

Tom Rafferty: 484-767-5025 | tjrace@ptd.net

Tom Marchetto: 610-250-9771 | twmarch35@gmail.com

Order Forms are available on the Post Bulletin Board.



Buy A Paver



Honor A Veteran

The Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 Pavilion Paver Brick Program

“The Walk of Honor”

Veterans Memorial

This Paver Brick will be prominently displayed at the forthcoming Veterans Memorial at the Brown & Lynch Legion Post #9 at 2260 Corriere Road., Easton, PA

4"x 8" Paver Brick - \$55.00

- No Military Seal: 3 Lines 20 Characters Per Line
- With Military Seal at Left: 3 Lines of 15 Characters Per Line

Call or Email Us For More Info

201-981-7768

Ejbrace@ptd.net

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 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 Guenst, Hatboro

2nd Friday – Rep Ryan Mackenzie, Macungie

3rd Monday – Rep Jeanne McNeill, Whitehall

3rd Friday – Rep Peter Schweyer, 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.

Welcome to Post 9

We are proud to continue building our Legion family.

- No new members this month
- Two new transfers have joined us:
Richard Winant & Karl Keys

We extend a heartfelt welcome to Richard and Karl. Your service and commitment strengthen our Post, and we look forward to the contributions you'll bring to our community. Together, we honor the past, serve the present, and build for the future.



Post 9 Honor Guard

Join the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard

The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard is seeking new members to carry on a proud tradition of service.

Our Mission:

The Honor Guard's primary duty is to conduct military funeral honors ceremonies for veterans who have honorably served their country and received an honorable discharge. We perform these duties with the solemnity and respect prescribed by military tradition, while upholding the dress code of the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard.

Who Can Volunteer:

- Legionnaires
- Members of the Sons of the American Legion

How to Join:

If you are committed to honoring veterans with dignity and tradition, we welcome you to join us.

Contact: Jode Perez

Phone: 917-415-3298

Email: nuthouse10305@rcn.com



Post Everlasting



The following Post Members have transferred to Post Everlasting to serve the Supreme Commander. We salute them and thank them for their service to our Country, Community, and Post 9.

James Togno
Gerald Dalrymple
Charles Volpe



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

Member Incentive Program



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!

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



Kitchen will be open for Lunch

Monday - Friday

Lunch 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM

Dinner - Monday - Friday

Dinner 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturday - 1st Saturday of the Month Only

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sundays - Closed

Breakfast Served 1st Sunday of Each Month

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

December Friday Night Specials

December Specials & Holiday Hours

- Dec 5th – Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Side Salad
- Dec 12th – Chicken Curry over Rice with Side Salad
- Dec 19th – Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Salad
- Dec 26th – No special – Regular menu available

Holiday Hours

- Christmas Day - Post Closed
- New Year's Eve (Dec 31st): Open 12 PM – 9 PM
- Kitchen open 5 PM – 8 PM
- New Year's Day (Jan 1st): Open 12 PM – 6 PM
- Serving Pork & Sauerkraut at 1:00 PM until it's gone!

In Memoriam – Post 9's Oldest Legion Member

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Honorary Life Member Charles Volpe, Post 9's oldest Legion member, who has transferred to Post Everlasting to serve the Supreme Commander.

Charles lived a long and honorable life, reaching the age of 104 years and 8 months, and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Funeral Arrangements

Location: Morello Funeral Home – 3270 Nicholas St., Easton, PA.

- Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025
- Calling Hours: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- Religious Services: 1:00 PM at the Funeral Home
- Interment: Northampton Shrine Cemetery, Easton, PA

Rest in peace, Charlie. Your dedication and service will never be forgotten.



WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY, WING WEDNESDAY

December 7, 1941 – The Attack on Pearl Harbor



On the morning of December 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, striking at the heart of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Their objective was clear: cripple America's naval power, remove the greatest obstacle to their expansion across Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and secure vital resources—particularly oil from the Dutch East Indies. Japan's leaders believed that by neutralizing the fleet, they could swiftly conquer the Philippines, Malaya, and other territories without significant American interference. They also hoped the attack would demoralize the American public, forcing the United States into a peace settlement that would leave Japan in control of its new empire. But this was a grave miscalculation. Instead of breaking America's will, the attack galvanized the nation. What Japan intended as a decisive blow became the spark that united the American people, transforming shock and grief into resolve. The attack was also driven by economic desperation. With the United States imposing an oil embargo, Japan faced dwindling supplies critical to its war machine. Pearl Harbor was seen as a preemptive strike to secure resources before their reserves ran dry.

In the end, the assault on Pearl Harbor did not achieve Japan's intended goals. Rather than securing dominance, it awakened a powerful adversary whose determination would shape the course of World War II.

We remember Pearl Harbor not only as a day of tragedy, but as a turning point. It reminds us that freedom is never free, that sacrifice is the price of liberty, and that the courage of those who stood in defense of our nation must never be forgotten.

*A Debt of Gratitude
Poet: Catherine Pulsifer*

*We can never feel what they felt
With guns in their hands as they knelt
They lived the horrors of war
So all would have peace once more.*

*We can only imagine the feelings they had
Fighting for freedom, many a young lad
We owe them so much, we owe them an honor
As fighting in a war is the worse kind of monster.
So may we never forget, and teach our children too
The debt of gratitude to those who fought, for me and you
Lest we forget, we never will
The men and women who fought and those who were killed.*

*We stop, we remember, and we give thanks
For men and women in the ranks
A debt of gratitude we owe
May it always show.*



Post 9 Welcomes You!

Haven't been to the Post in a while?

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

We're proud to have over 1,200 members across the 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 throughout the year.

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

Volunteers are the heart of our organization, and we're always grateful for a helping hand. The work is meaningful, and the sense of family here is strong and genuine.

Join us for our Legion General Membership Meeting Held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, it's a great way to stay connected and involved.

Holiday Greetings from the Officers of American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9

As 2025 draws to a close, the Officers of Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our members, families, and friends.

This season reminds us of the strength of community, the bonds of service, and the enduring legacy of those who have worn the uniform. We are proud to stand together in fellowship, honoring veterans past and present, and supporting one another with the spirit of unity that defines Post 9.

May your holidays be filled with peace, joy, and cherished moments with loved ones.

As we welcome the New Year, let us continue to uphold the values of service, remembrance, and camaraderie that make our Post a true home for all who enter.

From our family to yours – Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year!

The Officers of Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9

