

Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter



2026



Commander - Terri Krecker

Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Commander

As we step into March, I want to extend warm greetings to our entire Legion Family. This time of year brings a sense of renewal — longer days, the first signs of spring, and a renewed energy within our Post as we continue our mission of service, camaraderie, and community.

March also brings one of the most spirited celebrations of the season. On behalf of the officers and leadership of Brown & Lynch Post 9, I wish each of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day. May the spirit of the Irish — their resilience, good humor, and deep appreciation for heritage — bring joy to you and your families.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Post 9 and for all you do to strengthen our veteran community. May the month ahead be filled with good health, good fortune, and the camaraderie that defines who we are.

Vietnam Veterans Day



On March 30, 2026, we pause to honor our Vietnam Veterans—heroes who served with courage during one of our nation's most challenging eras. They answered the call in a conflict marked by uncertainty, hardship, and profound personal sacrifice.

Many returned to a nation divided, receiving little of the gratitude traditionally extended to America's warriors. Today, communities across the country are working to correct that injustice.

Here in our own community, the Easton Area High School Red Poppies for Veterans Club stands as a shining example of that commitment. Their dedication ensures that the service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans are remembered with the respect they have always deserved.

On Sunday, March 29, they will bring students, veterans, families, and community members together in a meaningful act of remembrance. The involvement of these young students reflects a growing understanding among newer generations that freedom is preserved not by words alone, but by the service of those willing to stand in harm's way.

The ceremony begins at 12 PM at the Vietnam War Memorial at Easton Area High School, 2601 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045. Please use the 25th Street entrance.

We hope you can join us as we honor our Vietnam Veterans and say, with gratitude and sincerity: Welcome Home.

Happy 107th Birthday to The American Legion



This year marks a remarkable milestone: The American Legion celebrates its 107th Birthday, a legacy built on service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to veterans, families, and communities across our nation.

Founded in 1919, The American Legion has stood as a pillar of support for generations of servicemembers. Its mission endures because of dedicated Posts like ours—places where patriotism lives, traditions are honored, and community thrives.

Here at Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9, we are proud to share in that legacy as we celebrate our own 107th Birthday on June 2, 2026. For more than a century, Post 9 has been a home for veterans and their families, a gathering place for fellowship, and a force for good in our community.

To every member of our Legion Family—Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, and supporters—thank you for carrying forward the values that have defined both The American Legion and Post 9 for 107 years. Your dedication keeps our mission strong and our future bright.

Happy Birthday to The American Legion, and Happy Birthday to Post 9!

Here's to honoring our past, celebrating our present, and building an even stronger tomorrow

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



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.

Easter Sunday: April 5th April Breakfast: Sunday, April 12th.

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, March 7, 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:

MEAT RAFFLE

Saturday, March 21st, 1pm

Brought to you by the Sons of the American Legion Squad 9, Brown & Lynch Post #9

2260 Corriere Rd, Palmer PA 18045

Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5
Open to the public!

Doors open at 12pm

Prizes supplied by Speers Meats
845 Gum Rd, Pen Argyl PA, 18072
www.Speersmeats.com

Proceeds Benefit Veteran Organizations and Local Organizations
Lic# 25-00143

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

March Dates to Remember

March 1 st	Breakfast - Post 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
March 1 st	Legion Rider Meeting 10:00 AM
March 4 th	Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM
March 7 th	Trivia Night 7:00 PM
March 9 th	Daylight Saving Time
March 9 th	S.A.L Meeting 7:00 PM
March 12 th	Legion Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM
March 12 th	Legion/Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM
March 15 th	American Legion Birthday
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 21 st	S.A.L. Meat Raffle 1:00 PM
March 24 th	Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM
March 25 th	Medal of Honor Day
March 29 th	Vietnam War Veterans Ceremony Easton High School 12:00 PM
March 30 th	Vietnam War Veterans Day



Auxiliary Unit 9

On March 8th, the ALA Foundation will host the 4th annual Celebrating Women of Service Day. A special giving day held in conjunction with International Women's Day. This day is dedicated to honoring the women of the American Legion Auxiliary whose service strengthens communities, supports veterans and military families, and makes a lasting difference, often in quiet but powerful ways. This year's theme celebrates the women who show up, the ones who check in, and the ones who make things feel a little lighter just by being there.

SOUPER SUNDAY!



March 8, 2026, 1 pm-4 pm, The Auxiliary will be selling soup in the Social Quarters for in-house or take-out. We will have a different soup each Sunday. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

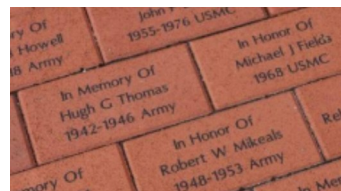
Preheat your ovens, Auxiliary members. The Auxiliary needs volunteer bakers for the following events:
Saturday, March 14, 2026: 4 County Council Meeting, Unit 9 Hosting
Breakfast items and Desserts are needed

Saturday, March 21, 2026: SAL Meat Drawing/Auxiliary Bake Sale
Individually packaged and priced goodies, such as muffins, cookies, brownies, etc. are needed

Don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any Auxiliary Officer for details.

In Service not self,
Lynn Marchetto

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.

As of February 22, 2026, Brown & Lynch Post 9 Legionnaires have reached 93.2% of our membership renewals.

We're closing in on our goal, and every renewal brings us one step closer to 100%.

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



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 Member/Transfer

Welcome to **Peter Mammana**, the latest veteran to join the Brown & Lynch American Legion and **Thomas McDonagh** out latest transfer to 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.

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.

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.

LANCASTER DAY TRIP

Monday, April 27, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Join us for a full day of fun, food, and exploration in Lancaster!

Trip Details

- Departure: Post 9 – Brown & Lynch at 8:00 AM

Included Activities:

- Smoke House Tour
- Turkey Hill Experience
- Meals: Bag Lunch
- Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord (tax & gratuity included)
- Transportation: Provided by Trans-Bridge Lines

Cost & Registration

- \$125.00 per person
- \$50 deposit required at sign-up
- Balance due by March 15, 2026
- Open to Legion members and guests

Questions or Registration

Contact: Terri Kreckler

610-533-4071 or email: terrikrecker@aol.com

See attached Lancaster Day Trip Highlights

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.”

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

March Dinner Specials

- March 6 Turkey Platter Sliced Turkey * Mashed Potatoes Bread Stuffing * Vegetable * Salad
- March 7 Open-Face Turkey Sandwich * Vegetable * Salad
- March 13 Corned Beef & Cabbage * Sliced Corned Beef Red Skin Potatoes * Cabbage * Green Beans * Salad
- March 14 Corned Beef & Cabbage Sliced Corned Beef Red Skin Potatoes * Cabbage * Green Beans * Salad
- March 20 Penne Ala Vodka with Chicken Salad * Garlic Bread
- March 27 Meatloaf * Carrots * Scalloped Potatoes * Salad

Friday Night Lenten Specials

Seafood Sampler: 1 pc Breaded Cod * 1 pc Batter-Dipped Haddock * 4 pc Shrimp * Clam Strips * French Fries * Cole Slaw

Salmon * Potato * Vegetable * Salad

Breaded Cod * Potato * Vegetable * Salad

Batter-Dipped Haddock * Potato * Vegetable * Salad

“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.

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



Groundbreaking has officially begun on our long-awaited Pavilion, and we're excited to see this dream taking shape. As we move toward completion, we're asking for your support. Every contribution—large or small—brings us closer to creating a space that will serve our members, families, and community for 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.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9, 2025, when clocks "spring forward" one hour at 2:00 AM. This date is based on the rule that DST in the U.S. always starts on the second Sunday in March.

Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

A Valentine's Day Celebration at Brown & Lynch Post 9

Brown & Lynch Post 9 marked Valentine's Day with an evening filled with good food, great music, and the camaraderie that defines our Legion Family. On Saturday, February 14th, members and guests gathered in the Post Hall for a festive Dinner/Dance that brought warmth and joy to a winter night.

The celebration began with a classic favorite—Shrimp Cocktail—setting the tone for a delicious meal. Guests then enjoyed their choice of a 10 oz Delmonico steak or a flavorful Chicken Marsala entrée, accompanied by dessert, coffee, or tea.

The kitchen, serving staff, and our beverage server delivered a meal and experience that were warm, inviting, and truly made the evening feel special.

Once dinner concluded, the lights dimmed and the dance floor came alive. Music for the night was provided by Mike's Classic D.J., courtesy of our own Mike Truszkowski, whose playlist kept couples and friends dancing well into the evening. His mix of classics and crowd favorites added just the right mood..

Thank you goes out to Terri Kreckler and Tom Rafferty, whose hard work and dedication made this Valentine's Day event a success. Their planning, coordination, and attention to detail ensured that everyone who attended enjoyed a memorable night.



Kiwanis Club Shared Valentine's Cheer with Post 9 Veterans

This year's Valentine's Day celebration at Brown & Lynch Post 9 was made even more special thanks to the generosity of the Kiwanis Club of Easton.

Under the leadership of President Suzanne Gallagher, club members—along with students from Shawnee KKIDS, St. Jane's KKIDS, and the Nazareth Key Club—created heartfelt Valentine's cards for our veterans.

These beautifully crafted cards were delivered to Terri Kreckler at Post 9 to be shared during our Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance. Their kindness brought smiles, warmth, and a meaningful reminder to our veterans that they are appreciated and remembered.

We extend our sincere thanks to Suzanne, the Kiwanis volunteers, and the students for their thoughtful contribution to our celebration.



March 25 – National Medal of Honor Day



Each year on March 25, our nation pauses to honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest award for military valor in the United States. Established during the Civil War, the Medal of Honor is presented to service members who displayed extraordinary courage and went above and beyond the call of duty while engaged with the enemy.

Fewer than 3,600 individuals in our nation's history have received this distinction, and their stories of sacrifice and heroism continue to inspire generations. Many never returned home, and their medals were awarded posthumously—solemn reminders of the cost of freedom.

At Brown & Lynch Post 9, we join Americans across the country in remembering these heroes, preserving their legacy, and honoring the values they embodied: courage, duty, and unwavering devotion to their fellow service members.

On this day, we reflect with gratitude and pride on all who have worn our nation's uniform with such extraordinary bravery.

Lancaster Day Trip Highlights

Monday, April 27, 2026

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Enjoy a full day of food, fun, and Lancaster County charm with Post 9!

Seltzer's Lebanon Bologna Smokehouse Tour

Experience a fascinating 30–45 minute guided tour that takes you behind the scenes of the smoked-meat craft. Learn about every step of the process—from secret spice blends to hand-tended fires—and see firsthand the artistry that creates their signature flavors. Enjoy a curated tasting session featuring classic favorites and bold new creations, each offering a unique and unforgettable flavor profile.

Turkey Hill Ice Cream Experience

Indulge in unlimited samples of Turkey Hill's wide variety of ice creams and beverages. Explore fun, interactive exhibits that bring the world of ice cream to life, and discover the rich history of Turkey Hill through hands-on activities and engaging displays that make learning both fun and memorable.

Kitchen Kettle Village

Stroll through a charming, walkable village filled with Lancaster County hospitality. With 35+ shops, restaurants, and local artisans, Kitchen Kettle Village offers homemade foods, locally crafted goods, name-brand favorites, and seasonal treasures. Whether you're shopping, tasting, or simply enjoying the festive atmosphere, you'll be greeted with warm smiles and friendly faces throughout this delightful destination.

Miller's Smorgasbord

More than just a great meal, Miller's offers a full experience. While waiting for your table, explore The Shoppes at Miller's, including:

- ***Anna's Gifts & Sundries***
- ***Locally Made Food Shop***
- ***The Quilt Shop at Miller's – featuring over 1,000 handmade quilted items from Amish, Mennonite, and local artisans***
- ***Ruthie's***

Browse locally made baked goods—like their famous chocolate pecan pie—along with jams, oils, coffee, and more.