

Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

May 2026



Commander - Terri Kaiser Krecker

Mother's Day & Memorial Day

As we welcome May, we take time to honor two deeply meaningful observances—Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

On Mother's Day, we celebrate the women whose love, strength, and sacrifice shape our families and our community. We especially recognize the mothers who raised service members, the mothers who served, the military spouses who held families together, and our Gold Star Mothers whose courage inspires us all. We are grateful for each of you.

Later this month, we pause for Memorial Day—a solemn reminder of the heroes who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice is the foundation of our freedom, and it is our duty to remember them, honor their stories, and ensure their legacy endures. May this season bring reflection, gratitude, and unity to our entire Legion Family. God bless our mothers, our fallen heroes, and the United States of America.

As part of our Memorial Day observance, Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 will hold its annual Memorial Day Program at the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery on Saturday, 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. A breakfast coupon is provided on the back of the program for your convenience.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we pay tribute to the heroes who sacrificed for the freedoms we hold dear.

For God and Country

Terri Kaiser Krecker
Commander

Lehigh Valley Pub Crawl Donates \$1,018 to Post 9

This year, the Lehigh Valley Pub Crawl organized the Easton Pub Crawl and generously donated the proceeds to several local organizations. Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 was honored to be among the beneficiaries.

Post 9 proudly accepted a \$1,018.00 donation, contributed on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Pub Crawls team and the many guests and restaurants who participated in this successful community event. Their support strengthens our mission to serve veterans and uphold the values of the American Legion.

Pictured below is Joe Attinello (S.A.L.) presenting the check to Commander Terri Kaiser Krecker.



Homes for Heroes Program Presentation May 14, 2026

A representative from Homes for Heroes, Charlene Trux, will visit Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM to share information about the program and answer questions.

All members and guests interested in learning more are welcome to attend.

Homes for Heroes was created to give back to those who gave so much. By reducing the financial barriers to homeownership, the program helps heroes build long-term stability for themselves and their families. Many of the participating real estate agents and lenders are veterans or first responders themselves, adding a meaningful personal connection to the program's mission.

May Dates to Remember

May 2: Bar Trivia 7:00 PM
May 3: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
May 3: Legion Riders Meeting – 10:00 AM
May 6: Home Association Meeting – 7:00 AM
May 10: Mother's Day
May 11: S.A.L. Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 14: Legion Executive Board Meeting – 5:30 PM
May 14: Homes For Heroes Program Presentation 6:00 PM
May 14: Legion/Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM
May 16: Armed Forces Day
May 23: Memorial Day Ceremony – Northampton Shrine
9:00 AM
May 25: Memorial Day – Easton Parade 9:00 AM
May 26: Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM



Auxiliary Unit 9

The Auxiliary would like to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

May 22 is National Poppy Day. This day honors fallen service members and supports living veterans by wearing poppies. You may pick up poppies at our meeting on May 14th.

Memorial Day is May 25th. It honors military personnel who died in service. Please make every effort to attend our Memorial Service at the Shrine.

Dates to remember

May 10, 2026: Mother's Day
May 14, 2026: Joint Legion Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 16, 2026: 4 County Council Meeting, Unit 588, Easton-
-11:00 am
May 22, 2026: National Poppy Day
May 24, 2026: Memorial Day Remembrance at the Shrine
9:00 am
May 25, 2026: Memorial Day

Lynn Marchetto
President, Unit 9

Honoring Mothers on their Special Day

Mother's Day offers us a moment to pause and appreciate the women whose strength, love, and guidance shape our families and our community.

Whether they are mothers, grandmothers, military moms, or the quiet heroes who support others from behind the scenes, their influence is felt every day.

At Post 9, we recognize the countless ways these remarkable women lift us up—through their resilience, their compassion, and their unwavering support for those who serve. On this special day, we extend our gratitude to all the mothers who give so much of themselves.

To every mother in our Legion Family and beyond, we wish you a beautiful and heartfelt Mother's Day.

Buy A Paver - Honor a Veteran



This Mother's Day or Father's Day

Give a gift that endures

A heartfelt way to honor parents, grandparents, or anyone who served or supported those who did.

Celebrate the people who shaped your life with a memorial that becomes part of our shared history.

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.*

The Importance of Memorial Day

Memorial Day stands as one of our nation's most solemn observances—a day dedicated to honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States. Originally known as Decoration Day, the tradition began after the Civil War, when Americans placed flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers. Over time, the day grew to honor all who died in every U.S. conflict, and in 1971, it became a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May.

Across the country, communities visit cemeteries, place flags at veterans' graves, attend ceremonies, and pause for the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 PM, a nationwide call to reflect on the cost of freedom.

Memorial Day reminds us that the liberties we enjoy today were secured by those who never returned home. Their sacrifice is not only a chapter in our history—it is a responsibility we carry forward. By remembering them, sharing their stories, and honoring their families, we ensure that their service is never forgotten.

As we gather this Memorial Day, may we each take a moment to reflect on the courage of the fallen and reaffirm our commitment to the values they defended. Their legacy endures in the way we choose to remember, honor, and live in gratitude.

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.

10th Annual American Legion Riders Chapter 9 Bike Run



Get ready for one of Post 9's most anticipated summer traditions—the 10th Annual American Legion Riders Chapter 9 Bike Run on Saturday, July 25th at 2260 Corriere Road, Easton, PA. (Rain date: July 26th)

This event is open to the public and welcomes riders, passengers, and walk-ins for a day of camaraderie, community, and support for our mission.

Registration:
Rider: \$25
Passenger: \$15
Walk-In: \$15

Your entry includes a meal, small games, raffles, and a Tricky Tray, making it a great day out whether you're on two wheels or joining from the sidelines.

We're also excited to feature live music by Miller's Way, bringing the perfect soundtrack to a day of riding, friendship, and Post 9 spirit.

Join us as we celebrate a decade of rides, community support, and the proud tradition of the American Legion Riders.

Your participation helps strengthen our programs and honors the values we stand for.



Saturday, May 2, 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 Event:

Sons of the American Legion – Road Clean-Up

Join the SAL for our next Road Clean-Up on Saturday, May 2, 2026, meeting at 8:00 AM at Newburg Road and Route 248.

This is an important community effort, and all are welcome to help keep our area clean and safe.

Come out, lend a hand, and support this vital SAL initiative.

Notice – Medical Equipment Available



Brown & Lynch Post 9 maintains a collection of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and other mobility equipment available free of charge to anyone in need. You do not need to be a member of the Legion to request items, and you do not need to return them.

If interested, please get in touch with the Post at 610-559-8838 or reach out to Vince Menegus at 610-252-6196.

Free delivery is available.

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.

Post 9 Honor Guard

Brown & Lynch Honor Guard – Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard will proudly render military honors throughout Memorial Day weekend, ensuring our community remembers and reflects on the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes.

Friday, May 22 – Traditions of America at Green Pond

The Honor Guard will perform military honors for residents during a special Memorial Day observance.

Saturday, May 23 – 9:00 AM

Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery

The Honor Guard will support the annual Brown & Lynch Memorial Day Ceremony with full military honors.

Sunday, May 24 - 11:00 AM

The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard will perform military honors at **Forks United Church of Christ** as part of the congregation's special Memorial Day observance.

Monday, May 25 – 9:00 AM

Easton Cemetery A solemn tribute will begin Memorial Day morning as the Honor Guard honors veterans laid to rest on these historic grounds

Monday, May 25 - 10:00 AM, the Honor Guard will march in the **Easton Memorial Day Parade**, representing Post 9 with pride and tradition. At 11:00 AM, the Honor Guard will perform a three-round volley at the Northampton Street Bridge, and at 11:30 AM they will participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverside Park.

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

May Dinner Specials

May 1

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Salad

May 8 – Mother's Day Celebration

Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Shrimp Cocktail, Rib Eye Steak
Baked Potato, Asparagus, Dessert & Glass of Wine—\$30.00

May 15

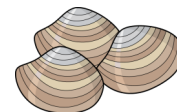
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Spaghetti & Meatballs
Italian Bread - \$10.99

May 22

Sausage, Peppers & Onions on a Roll
Pasta Salad - \$10.99

May 29

Tossed Salad w/ Dressing
BBQ Ribs, French Fries, Baked Beans - \$13.99



Clams served every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — while supplies last.

WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY, WING WEDNESDAY

Honor Flight to Washington, DC

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 is proud to announce that we are planning an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, scheduled for April 18, 2027.

This journey marks an important moment in our Post's history as we expand our mission of honoring those who served.

Plans call for three buses to transport our Korean and Vietnam War Veterans to the nation's capital, where they will visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice.

Post 9 will proudly sponsor all Korean and Vietnam War Veterans participating in this Honor Flight.

To ensure that every eligible veteran can participate without financial concern, fundraising efforts will be implemented to cover the cost.

Look for additional information in the coming months.



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.



Membership Matters—Help Us Grow



We Want You!

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 below—a simple way to make a meaningful impact while helping strengthen the future of Post 9.

Together, we keep our mission moving forward.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Attention all members of Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 — Legionnaires

If you have not yet renewed your 2026 membership, please take a moment to do so. Your support keeps our Post strong, active, and able to serve veterans, families, and our community. We depend on your continued commitment.

As of today, we need just 27 more renewals to reach 100% membership.

Let's close the gap together and finish strong as one Post 9 Family.

Join the Mission – Earn Rewards!

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 is proud to launch our Membership Incentive Program, designed to welcome new Legionnaires into the American Legion Family. Every new member strengthens our community, supports our mission, and helps ensure the legacy of service continues for generations. And yes—there's something in it for you too.

If you're a current member, you're eligible to recruit family, friends, neighbors, or active-duty military—anyone who has never been a member of The American Legion.

For every new member you recruit, you'll receive a \$20 Post 9 gift certificate to use toward food or beverages. It's our way of saying thank you for helping grow our ranks and keeping Post 9 strong. Bring someone into the mission. Share the camaraderie. Enjoy a meal or drink on us.

Together, we build the future of Post 9.



Welcome Our Newest Members/Transfers

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 proudly welcomes **James C. Alford, Jason M. Lavigne, Robert Pezza, and John S Cramer**, the newest Veterans to join our Post.

We are honored to have them as part of our Legion Family.

We also extend a warm welcome to **Thomas Stubblefield**, who has recently transferred into Post 9.

We are grateful he has chosen to continue his service with us.



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.



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.

**William E. Lewis
Thomas A. Perruso Sr.
Joseph Febbo**

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

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.



Post 9 Invitation: Embassy Bank Flag Day Celebration

Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley has extended a special invitation to our Post to join them for their annual Flag Day Celebration—a tribute to our nation's flag and to the Veterans who have served under it.

What: A free concert by the historic Allentown Band, honoring America's Veterans.

Where: ArtsQuest Center, 3rd Floor – Musikfest Café

When: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Doors open at 1:00 PM

Concert begins at 1:30 PM

RSVP: Please contact Heather Seifert at hseifert@embassybank.com by May 22, 2026.

If you need a table reserved, be sure to include that request in your message.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Two Bell Service Saturday, May 23, 2026 • 10:00 AM

**Lopatcong Middle School – Multi-Purpose Room
Everyone Is Invited**

Hosted by: Lopatcong Township School District
Sponsored by: Lehigh Valley Fleet Reserve Association,
Branch 115
(Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Veterans)

HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS
Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of America

Schedule of Events

8:00 AM – Enter through the Main Entrance

8:30 AM – Light Refreshments

9:00 AM – UH-60 Blackhawk scheduled to land on school property

10:00 AM – Ceremony begins in the Multi-Purpose Room

Plan of the Day

The ceremony will feature a rich and meaningful program including:

Bagpiper

Bugler

Presentation and Posting of Colors

Lehigh Valley Sea Cadets

Blue Star Families

Gold Star Families

Lopatcong Middle School Choir

Lopatcong Middle School Students – Empty Chair Ceremony

LV Sea Cadets – Honor Guard

American Flag Folding Ceremony with explanation of the 13 Folds

(presented by three high school students)

Phillipsburg High School Band Ensemble

Two Bell Ceremonies – A public roll call memorializing and commemorating:

First Responders

Veterans

Submarine Veterans

The 15 Hometown Heroes of Phillipsburg

Musical performances throughout the ceremony

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

America's 250th Anniversary

This year, our nation celebrates a historic milestone—the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Since 1776, generations of Americans have defended the ideals of liberty, service, and self-governance that shaped our country's beginning.

As communities across the nation mark this anniversary, we reflect on the courage of the founders, the sacrifices of our veterans, and the enduring spirit that continues to define America. The 250th invites us to honor our past while looking forward with unity and purpose.

Happy Birthday America!