Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

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Commander—Terri Kaiser Krecker

Commander's Message – August 2026

The Pavilion is now nearing completion. It has been a long and drawn-out process, but we are finally approaching the finish line. The structure is up, the concrete has been installed, and only a few remaining items need attention before the project is fully complete. Your patience and continued support throughout this effort have been greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars. Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 will host a Post Picnic on Saturday, September 5, 2026, beginning at 12:00 PM. This gathering will provide an excellent opportunity for our members, families, and friends to come together and see firsthand the progress that has been made on the Pavilion project. The Post will provide picnic fare, including hamburgers, hot dogs, and salad. We look forward to a great afternoon of fellowship and community as we celebrate how far we've come.

As we move into the final phase of the Pavilion Project, we are issuing a challenge to our membership and friends of Post 9. A Post member recently stepped forward with an extraordinary donation of $5,000, demonstrating remarkable commitment to seeing this project through to completion. We are deeply grateful for this generosity, and we hope it will inspire others to join in this final push.

We strongly encourage all who can step forward and contribute. Now is the time. Every donation—large or small—directly impacts our ability to complete the Pavilion and ensure it becomes a fully realized space for our veterans, families, and community. Your support at this stage is essential to finishing the project we have all worked so hard to bring to life. *For donation options, please refer to page 4.*

Let us finish this project together, with the same spirit of dedication that has carried us this far.

For God and Country

Terri Kaiser Krecker - Commander

Congratulations to Terri Kaiser Krecker
30th District Commander

Brown & Lynch Post 9 proudly congratulates Terri Kaiser Krecker on being sworn in as the new Commander of the American Legion Department of Pennsylvania's 30th District.

As she assumes her new responsibilities, we are confident she will continue to lead with integrity, purpose, and a deep respect for the traditions of our organization.

Brown & Lynch Post 9 extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes to Commander Krecker as she begins her term.

We look forward to supporting her and working together to strengthen the 30th District and uphold the values of the American Legion.

Installation of Officers

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Congratulations to all newly elected officers for the 2026–2027 Legion Year from the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders.

We extend our sincere appreciation to each individual who has stepped forward to serve, and we look forward to a productive and successful year ahead.

Doors open at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by the formal installation of officers.

Dinner Menu: Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner Salad, and Dessert.

Cost: $15.00 per person. Tickets: Available in the Social Quarters — ask the bartender.

We encourage all members to attend and support our incoming officers as they assume their duties for the coming year.

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.

Hogs & Dogs

Presented by the American Legion Riders

Join the American Legion Riders for an afternoon of food, music, and community at Hogs & Dogs!

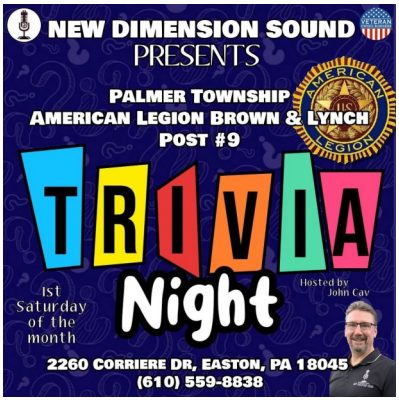
Location:
Large Parking Lot – Gracedale Nursing Home
2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Music by: Mike's Classic D.J.

This event is open to all Gracedale residents and staff, offering a fun and relaxing afternoon with great music and great company.

Palmer Community Weekend

Once again, Brown & Lynch Post 9 will be operating a Pork Roll Booth at the Palmer Community Weekend, scheduled for August 13th through August 16th at Fairview Park.

We are seeking volunteers to help staff the booth throughout the weekend. If you can assist, the sign-up sheet with time slots is located in the Social Quarters.



1st Saturday of Each Month

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.

On August 7, we observe Purple Heart Appreciation Day, a solemn occasion dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who were wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit, the Purple Heart remains one of our nation's oldest and most revered military decorations.

We pause to recognize the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to duty demonstrated by Purple Heart recipients. Their service stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of freedom and the resilience of the American spirit.

As we mark Purple Heart Appreciation Day, let us extend our gratitude to these heroes, acknowledge their sacrifices, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting all who have borne the wounds of battle—seen and unseen.

August Dates to Remember

August 1st: Trivia Night – 7:00 PM
August 2nd: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM – 11:30 PM
August 2nd: Legion Riders Meeting – 10:00 AM
August 4th: Happy Birthday – U.S. Coast Guard
August 5th: Home Association Meeting – 7:00 PM
August 7th: Purple Heart Day
August 10th: S.A.L. Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
August 13th: Legion Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
August 13th: Legion/Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM
August 14th: Navajo Code Talkers Day
August 25th: Honor Guard Meeting – 1:30 PM
August 29th: Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

Auxiliary Unit 9

As I begin my term as President for the 2026–2027 year, I would like to congratulate all of our Officers and wish them a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Our Auxiliary will continue to host Souper Sundays, with plans to resume in January. We are also working on organizing either a Purse Bingo or Money Bingo event. Once details are finalized, we will keep everyone informed.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Geneva Weiss
Auxiliary President

Nam Knights of America, MC Lehigh Valley Chapter

The Nam Knights of America proudly present the 2026 Vet Fest & Bike Run on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 12 PM to 5 PM—rain or shine—at the Tri Boro Sportsman Association, 2110 Canal St., Northampton, PA.

The day will feature food trucks, vendors, and a basket raffle.

The Bike Run will hold registration from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with kickstands up at 11:30 AM.

Vet Fest continues the Nam Knights' tradition of supporting those who have served and protecting the legacy of sacrifice and service.

Mark your calendar and join us for a memorable day dedicated to honoring our heroes.

Give a Gift That Endures

Honor a Loved One with a Paver

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 pathway of engraved pavers recognizing the service and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each paver is a lasting tribute and a meaningful gift.

Cost: $55 per paver
Includes: Custom engraving to honor the Veteran of your choice

Our first 100 pavers have been ordered and shipped to the Post.

A sincere thank-you to everyone who has already purchased a paver in honor of a loved one.

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.

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.

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.

Know Your Veterans' Benefits

Many veterans are unaware of the full range of benefits they've earned through their service. Understanding these benefits can make a meaningful difference in health, finances, and family support.

Why it matters:
• Healthcare: Access to primary care, specialty care, mental health services, hearing and vision support.
• Compensation: Disability benefits and pensions for service-connected conditions.
• Education: GI Bill programs, job training, and career support.
• Family Support: Survivor benefits, burial honors, and caregiver assistance.
• Community: Guidance and advocacy through organizations like the American Legion.

To learn more or apply for benefits, visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at: www.va.gov

Veterans earned these benefits through service and sacrifice. Learning about them ensures no veteran goes without the support they deserve.

Pavilion Project

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.

Join the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard

The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard is seeking new members to join our team. All volunteers must be Legionnaires or Sons of the American Legion, but no prior experience is required.

We provide the uniforms and training—you bring the heart, dedication, and willingness to serve. Our mission is to honor veterans with the dignity and respect they deserve through military funeral honors.

If you feel called to this meaningful service, please get in touch with the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard: Frank Merritt – 484-547-3930 Email: lz2bits@ptd.net

Do You Know Where Your DD-214 Is?

Your DD-214 is one of the most important documents a veteran can have. It is the official record of your military service and is required for VA benefits, burial honors, membership eligibility, retirement benefits, and many other veteran services.

Do you have a copy?

If you don't know where your DD-214 is—or if it has been lost, damaged, or misplaced—it's important to secure a replacement.

How to Obtain a Copy

Veterans and next-of-kin can request a copy through the National Archives:

Visit: www.archives.gov/veterans

Select "Request Military Records"

Submit the online form (SF-180)

If the record was affected by the 1973 National Archives fire, alternate documents—such as final pay vouchers, morning reports, or burial records—may be used to verify service.

Why This Matters

Having your DD-214 readily available ensures you and your family can access the benefits, honors, and services you have earned.

Post Officers for the 2026-2027 Legion Year

American Legion Officers

Commander:	Terri Kaiser Krecker
1st Vice Commander:	Thomas Marchetto
2nd Vice Commander:	Thomas Rafferty
Finance Officer:	Edward Gallagher
Adjutant:	Edward brace
Service Officer:	Kenneth Haney
Judge Advocate:	Edward Bush
Post Chaplain:	Vince Menegus
Parliamentarian:	Terri Wellman
Historian:	Douglas Wood
Sergeant at Arms:	Alan Vanhorne
	Christopher Hamilton
	Mary MacMahon
Two-Year Trustees:	Kenneth Haney
	Dave Bennett
1-Year Trustees:	Paul Krecker
	Cliff Brearman

Auxiliary Officers

President:	Geneva Weiss
1st Vice President:	Cathy Gallagher
2nd Vice President:	Lynn Marchetto
Treasurer:	Kay Kondash
Secretary:	Marianne Hubinger
Chaplain:	Sue Merritt
Historian:	Tricia Bush

S.A.L. Officers

Commander:	Chip Geisberger
1st Vice Commander:	J. Dorsa
2nd Vice Commander:	M. Sheats
Adjutant:	D. Englehardt
Historian:	B. Kummer
Chaplain:	S. Weiss
Sgt. At Arms:	K. Steiger
	J. Knorr
Finance Officer:	S. Weirbach

Legion Rider's Officers

Director:	Cliff Brearman
Vice Director:	Ken Beitel
Sgt. At Arms:	Lee Lutz
Treasurer:	Kenton Jarrell
Historian:	Lori Heimbach
Road Captain:	Chip Geisberger
Secretary:	Teresa Steiger
Chaplain:	Shirley Lutz

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.

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.

Post Chaplain

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.

Welcome New Members / Transfer

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 proudly welcomes our newest members:

John Voloshin
William Griffith
Glenn Gulick.

We are honored to have these Veterans join our Post and look forward to their participation in our Legion Family.

We also extend a warm welcome to our newest transfers, Michael Pletchan & Lance Kopman who have recently transferred into Post 9.

The American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9 announces that the following members have transferred to Post Everlasting to be with the Supreme Commander.

Walter A. Johnson

Glenn A. Brown

We honor their faithful service to our Country and to Post 9. As they join the ranks of Post Everlasting, we extend our deepest sympathy to their families and loved ones.

"For God and Country — we honor their service, cherish their memory, and salute their eternal rest."

Service Officer

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 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.

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.

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 for the month of August
Tuesday – 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

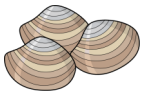
August 2026 Menu – Friday Dinners

August 7th:
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chicken Alfredo over Pasta
Italian Bread $14.99

August 14th:
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Veggies $14.99

August 21st:
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, BBQ Ribs, French Fries &
Cole Slaw $13.99

August 28th:
Sausage, Peppers & Onions on a Roll
w/ Pasta Salad $10.99



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

WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY, WING WEDNESDAY

Honoring PFC John B. Lynch – A Family Tribute in France, 2026

This July, the legacy of Private First Class John B. Lynch, one of the namesakes of Brown & Lynch Post 9, was honored in a deeply meaningful way. At the Lynch Family Reunion, relatives gathered to remember his sacrifice and to ensure his story continues to be carried forward by future generations. Family members collected donations to place flowers at his grave in France, a gesture that reflects both gratitude and enduring devotion.

On July 16, 2026, the anniversary of his death, those flowers were placed at his resting place in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, France. The photo shared with the Post shows a simple but powerful tribute — fresh flowers laid upon the headstone of a young soldier who gave his life in one of the defining battles of World War I. More than a century later, his family still stands with him

A Soldier of the 3rd Division

PFC Lynch served with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, a unit that earned the enduring title "The Rock of the Marne." In July 1918, during the Second Battle of the Marne, German forces launched a massive offensive aimed at breaking Allied lines along the river. The 3rd Division was rushed into position near Château-Thierry and Belleau, where American troops held firm under relentless artillery and machine-gun fire.

On July 16, 1918, the day PFC Lynch was killed, his regiment was engaged in fierce defensive fighting as German units attempted to widen their foothold along the Marne. The steadfast resistance of the 7th Infantry helped halt the German advance and contributed directly to the failure of the offensive — a turning point in the war.

A Legacy Carried Forward

PFC Lynch rests in Plot A, Row 6, Grave 25 at Aisne-Marne, among more than 2,000 Americans who fell in the same campaign. His sacrifice, along with that of Pvt. Lowell S. Brown, killed one day earlier on July 15, 1918, forms the foundation of Brown & Lynch Post 9's identity and mission.

The Lynch family's 2026 tribute reminds us that remembrance is not only a duty — it is a living tradition. Their act of honoring him in France ensures that his story continues to be told, not only in our Post's history but across generations of his descendants.

Brown & Lynch Post 9 remains proud to carry his name and to preserve the memory of the young men whose courage still inspires us today.

Remembering PFC Lowell S. Brown – Killed in Action, July 15, 1918

Brown & Lynch Post 9 proudly carries the name of two young World War I soldiers from our community whose courage and sacrifice helped shape the course of American history. Today we honor Private First Class Lowell S. Brown, who was killed in action on July 15, 1918 during the Second Battle of the Marne in France.
A Young Soldier in a Defining Battle

PFC Brown served with the U.S. Army's 3rd Division, the same division that would earn the enduring title "The Rock of the Marne." In mid-July 1918, German forces launched a massive offensive aimed at breaking Allied lines along the Marne River. The 3rd Division was rushed into position near Château-Thierry and Belleau, where American troops faced relentless artillery, machine-gun fire, and repeated attempts by German units to cross the river.

On July 15, 1918, the day PFC Brown was killed, the German Army opened the battle with one of the heaviest bombardments of the war. The 3rd Division absorbed the full force of the attack. Despite the intensity of the shelling and the ferocity of the enemy assault, American soldiers held their ground. Their steadfast defense prevented a breakthrough and played a crucial role in halting the German offensive.

PFC Brown was among the many young Americans who gave their lives in those first critical hours of the battle — a sacrifice that helped turn the tide of World War I.

A Legacy Shared With PFC John B. Lynch

PFC Brown's death on July 15, 1918 came just one day before the loss of PFC John B. Lynch, killed on July 16, 1918 in the same campaign. Together, their names form the identity of Brown & Lynch Post 9, a lasting tribute to two local men who answered their nation's call and never returned home.

While the Lynch family traveled to France in 2026 to place flowers at John Lynch's grave at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, their gesture also reminds us of PFC Brown — a fellow soldier who fought beside him in the same battle, under the same flag, and in the same cause.

Though PFC Brown rests elsewhere, his memory is inseparable from the story of the Marne and from the heritage of our Post. The Lynch family's tribute in France stands as a reminder that remembrance is not limited by distance. It is carried by families, by communities, and by Posts like ours that continue to honor the fallen more than a century later.

Honoring Their Sacrifice

Brown & Lynch Post 9 remains committed to preserving the stories of these two young men whose courage still inspires us today. Their service in World War I — their willingness to stand firm in one of the war's most decisive battles — is a legacy we proudly uphold.

Their names are more than history. They are the foundation of who we are.