Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

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Commander—Terri Kaiser Krecker

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 proudly celebrates its 107th Birthday this year—a testament to generations of veterans, families, and supporters who have strengthened our mission since 1919.

As we honor our own history, we also pause to remember June 6, 1944, the anniversary of D-Day. The courage shown on the beaches of Normandy continues to inspire our service and our commitment to freedom.

This month, we also take a moment to recognize Father's Day and honor the fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures within our Legion Family. Many have served our nation, supported our veterans, and strengthened our communities with quiet leadership and unwavering love. We thank them for the example they set and the sacrifices they have made.

This summer, our nation marks a once-in-a-lifetime milestone: the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America on July 4th. It is a moment to reflect on our shared heritage and the enduring ideals that define us.

Let us celebrate our Post's 107 years, remember the heroes of D-Day, honor the fathers in our lives, and proudly mark America's 250th Birthday with gratitude and unwavering patriotism.

Thank you to our entire Legion Family for your dedication to Post 9 and to the veterans we serve.

For God and Country,
Commander Terri Kaiser Krecker

Happy Birthday Post 9

Happy 107th Birthday to Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9.

Our history is long, our mission is strong, and our Legion Family continues to make this Post a place of pride, purpose, and service.

Memorial Day 2026

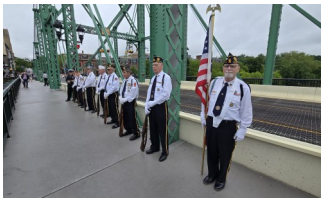
The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard began the Memorial Day weekend with a ceremony at Traditions of America at Green Pond on Friday, May 23rd at 11:00 AM.

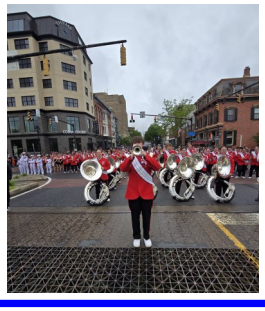
On Saturday, May 24th, Post 9 held its annual Memorial Day Ceremony. The event was originally scheduled for the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery, but due to inclement weather, it was moved to the Brown & Lynch Post. Despite the location change, the ceremony was well attended and meaningful.

On Sunday, the Honor Guard conducted a ceremony at Forks UCC Church at 11:00 AM.

Memorial Day began with the Honor Guard performing a ceremony at the Historic Easton Cemetery at 10:00 AM. Following the ceremony, the Honor Guard proudly marched in the Easton/Phillipsburg Annual Memorial Day Parade.

The parade concluded at the Northampton Street Bridge, where the Honor Guard participated in a solemn ceremony honoring those who gave their lives in service to our nation. The day's activities then continued at Riverside Park, where Post 9 and the Honor Guard took part in a Memorial Day Program.





June Dates to Remember

June 3: Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM
June 6: Trivia Night – 7:00 PM
June 6: D-Day
June 7: Legion Riders Meeting 10:00 AM
June 7: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
June 8: S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 PM
June 11: Legion Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM
June 11: Legion/Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM
June 12: Women Veterans Day
June 14: U.S. Army – Birthday
June 14: Flag Day
June 21: Father's Day

Police Awareness Week

In recognition of Police Awareness Week, the Auxiliary donated a basket filled with snacks and a bowl of candy to the Palmer Township Police Department. The officers were very appreciative of the gesture, and it served as a small but meaningful way to thank them for their service to our community.

Auxiliary Unit 9

National PTSD Awareness Month

The Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the entire month of June as National PTSD Awareness Month. While PTSD is often associated with military service, it can result from any traumatic experience.
Take time this month to talk with our veterans, listen to their stories, and hear their concerns. Let them know that we are here for them and that they are never alone.

Happy Father's Day

We extend our warmest wishes for a very Happy Father's Day to all the fathers of Post 9. Thank you for your strength, guidance, and the example you set for your families and our community.

June Events

June 13, 2026 — 11:00 AM
4 County Council Meeting
Unit 927, Gilbert, PA
June 14, 2026 — Flag Day

Do you know what the colors of Old Glory signify?

- *Red — Valor and bravery*
- *White — Purity and innocence*
- *Blue — Vigilance, perseverance, and justice*
- *Display your flag proudly.*

Lynn Marchetto
President, Unit 9

Buy A Paver—Honor a Veteran

This 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.

Father's Day Message from Post 9

This Father's Day, Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 proudly honors the fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures who strengthen our families, our community, and our nation. Many have worn the uniform, many have supported those who served, and all have shaped the next generation through their guidance, sacrifice, and love.

To the fathers within our Legion Family—Veterans, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and supporters—we thank you for your steady leadership and the example you set every day.

Post 9: Wishes all fathers a meaningful and heartfelt Father's Day.

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.

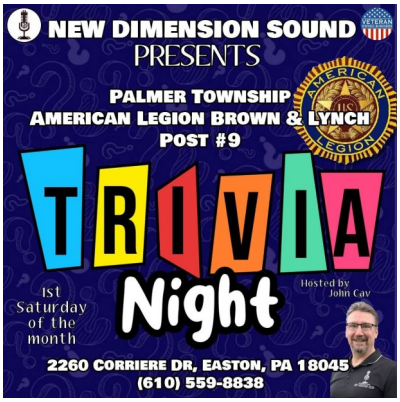
Registration:
Rider: $25
Passenger: $15
Walk-In: $15

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

Son 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.

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.

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 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

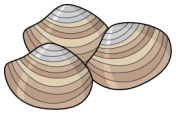
Post 9 Kitchen Hours
Lunch
Monday – Friday
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Dinner
Monday – Saturday
5:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Sunday - Closed
Monthly Breakfast
1st Sunday of Each Month
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

June 2026 Menu – Friday Dinners

June 5, 2026
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing - Liver & Onions - Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans

June 12, 2026
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing - No-Shell Linguini w/ Clam Sauce Italian Bread

June 19, 2026 — Father's Day Celebration
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing - Shrimp Cocktail - Rib Eye Steak - Baked Potato - Asparagus - Dessert & Glass of Wine.
June 26, 2026 - Tossed Salad w/ Dressing - Ham w/ Pineapples - Scalloped Potatoes - Glazed Carrots



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.

Flag the Graves Detail
Saturday, May 9, 2026

On a cool Saturday morning, with a drizzle passing through, members of the American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9, along with community volunteers and local scouts, gathered at the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery to honor our veterans.

Together, this dedicated team placed over 4,500 American flags on the graves of those who served our nation. Despite the weather, the detail was completed in under two hours, a testament to the commitment and teamwork of everyone involved.

Post 9: Thanks to everyone who braved the elements to ensure our veterans were honored with dignity and respect.

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.

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.

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!

Welcome Our Newest Members/Transfers

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 proudly welcomes John G. Cavanagh and David Kress 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 Gregory A. Pioppi 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.

251st Birthday of the United States Army

June 14, 2026

On June 14th, our nation celebrates the 251st Birthday of the United States Army, founded in 1775 as the Continental Army. Created even before the Declaration of Independence, the Army has stood for more than two and a half centuries as the defender of our nation and the protector of American freedom.

For 251 years, Soldiers have served with loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage—the core values that define the United States Army. From the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to today's global missions, the Army's legacy is built on the dedication of ordinary Americans who achieved extraordinary things.

As we mark this milestone, Brown & Lynch Post 9 proudly salutes all Army veterans and active-duty Soldiers within our community. Your service, sacrifice, and commitment continue to inspire us and strengthen our nation.

Happy 251st Birthday to the United States Army—America's Army since 1775.

Flag Day — June 14
Fly Your Red White & Blue

Flag Day honors the adoption of the United States Flag on June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress approved the design of 13 stripes and a union of stars for a "new constellation."

First widely promoted by schools and civic groups in the late 1800s, Flag Day was officially recognized by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and established by Congress as National Flag Day in 1949.

Today, Americans mark the day with ceremonies, flag displays, and moments of reflection—honoring the ideals of freedom, unity, and sacrifice represented by Old Glory.

Join the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard

The 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 contact the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard.

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.

D-Day: June 6, 1944

D-Day marks the moment when the Allies launched the largest amphibious invasion in history, striking the beaches of Normandy to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi control.

In the early hours of June 6, 1944, American, British, and Canadian forces landed on Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword beaches, facing fierce resistance along the Atlantic Wall. By day's end, more than 132,000 troops were ashore, securing a foothold that would turn the tide of World War II.

The courage shown that day—on the beaches, in the air, and behind enemy lines—remains a lasting reminder of the cost of freedom and the strength of nations united against tyranny.

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