Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

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Commander—Terri Kaiser Krecker

Commander's Message – October 2026

Our Open House, held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, was a tremendous success, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to see the progress on our Pavilion. We welcomed well over 100 Legion Family members and their families, and it was inspiring to witness such strong support for this important project. The weather was perfect, the food plentiful, and the fellowship outstanding.

As we move into the fall season, Post 9 has several important events ahead. The Veteran of the Year Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026, here at the Post. The cost is $30 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets will be available beginning October 5, 2026, in the Social Quarters.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2026, we will host our Veterans Day Lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, followed by the Super Raffle drawing at 2:00 PM. Please sign up in the Social Quarters or email Terri Krecker at terrikrecker@aol.com.

I encourage everyone to support Post 9 by purchasing a Super Raffle ticket. Each ticket is $100 and offers a chance to win $10,000, along with multiple additional cash prizes. Your participation directly strengthens our Pavilion Building Fund and helps advance this important initiative.

Thank you again to all who participated, supported, and contributed. Your dedication continues to strengthen Post 9 and our mission of service.

For God and Country
Commander Terri Kaiser Krecker

SUPER RAFFLE – CHANCE TO WIN!

The Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 will hold Super Raffle on Veterans Day — November 11, 2026, at 2 PM.

We are proud to offer a Top Prize of $10,000 (or a percentage of the prize pool if all tickets are not sold) along with multiple additional cash prizes supporting our Pavilion Building Fund.

Tickets are $100 each, and only 400 tickets will be issued — greatly increasing your chances to win.

You have to be in it to win it, so if you are interested, please stop by Post 9 — 2260 Corriere Dr., Easton and get your chance to win $10,000.

Thank you for your continued support of Post 9 and our mission.

It's time to renew your American Legion Post 9 Membership for 2027.

Here are the easy ways to renew:

***Online:** Visit MyLegion.org/renew. Log in or create an account using the email on your membership record. You can even choose Auto Renew or Multi-Year to lock in your dues rate.*
***By Mail:** Return your renewal notice with your $45 payment.*
***In Person:** Stop by Post 9. Please bring your name and membership ID number.*

Your membership keeps Post 9 strong and supports our mission to serve veterans, families, and our community.

Operation D.C. – April 18, 2027

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 is proud to announce that we have chartered two buses for Operation D.C., scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2027. Our original plan called for three buses; however, due to rising costs, we have adjusted the trip to two buses and limited participation to only Korean and Vietnam War Veterans.

Post 9 will proudly sponsor all Korean and Vietnam War Veterans, ensuring that every eligible veteran may participate without financial concern. Space is limited to 90 veterans. If all veteran seats are not filled, any remaining seats will be made available to family members.

Operation D.C. remains one of our most meaningful initiatives—an opportunity to honor those who served during two of our nation's most challenging eras and to provide them with a day of remembrance, fellowship, and gratitude.

Trip Details:
Sunday, April 18, 2027 – Depart Post 9 at 7:00 AM
Sunday, April 18, 2027 – Return to Post 9 at 8:00 PM
Lunch: Bag lunch provided
Dinner: Stop at a restaurant on the return trip

These buses will transport our Korean and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington, D.C., where they will visit Arlington National Cemetery and the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Ambulatory assistance will be available throughout the trip.

Fundraising efforts will cover the full cost of the trip so every veteran may participate without financial concern. We continue to seek corporate and private donations to support this important mission.

For more information or to sign up, contact Commander Terri Kaiser Krecker at 610-533-4071 or email Terrikrecker@aol.com.

Pavilion Proiect

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***
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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.

Auxiliary Unit 9

Geneva Weiss - President

Fall is here. The leaves are turning, the air is cooler, and it's a wonderful time to pause and remember our veterans and the many ways we can support them. One simple and meaningful way to help is by supporting the Auxiliary through the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser.

Friends Helping Friends is a one-day-only event on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, and every coupon purchased directly benefits Auxiliary Unit 9

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Here's how it works:

- ***Donate $5.00 and receive a 25% off discount shopping pass***
- ***Register to win a $100 Boscov's Gift Card***
- ***100% of your donation supports Auxiliary Unit 9***

Shopping passes are available at the Social Quarters. Your participation helps the Auxiliary continue its mission of service, support, and care for veterans and their families.

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.

Meat Drawing

2260 Corriere Dr., Easton, PA
Saturday, November 14, 2026
Doors Open at: 11:00 AM
Starts at 12:00 PM
Beverages Included
Snacks Included

Proceeds from this event will Benefit Veteran Organizations and Local Organizations

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.

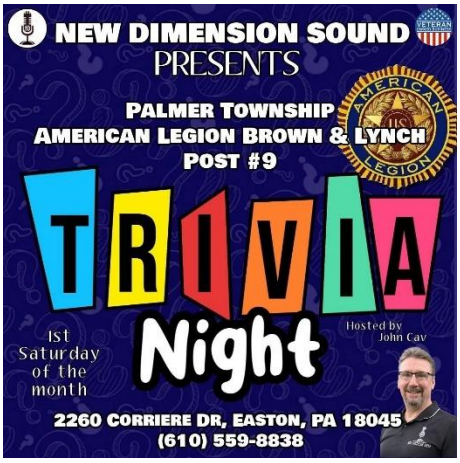
BREAKFAST AT THE POST

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.

Trivia Night

First Saturday of Each Month



Sons of The American Legion
Road Cleanup – Saturday, October 17, 2026

Meet at the corner of Newburgh Rd. and Rt. 248 at 9:00 AM. This is an important effort to keep our roadway clean and safe, and everyone is welcome to help. Your participation makes a real difference in our community and reflects the spirit of service that defines Post 9.

Post 9 Honor Guard

Join the 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, you can get in touch with the Brown & Lynch Post 9 Honor Guard: Frank Merritt – 484-547-3930 Email: lz2bits@ptd.net

The Honor Guard Meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

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 159 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.

Welcome Our New Legionnaires

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 is pleased to announce two new Legionnaires on our membership rolls.
New Member: Shawn Habrial has joined Post 9.
Transfer Member: Bradley Stout has transferred his membership into Post 9.

We're honored to have both of these Legionnaires join our ranks and look forward to their involvement in our Post 9 community.

We are deeply saddened to report that Ronald Gercie has been called to the Post Everlasting.

Ron honorably served in the United States Air Force and was a devoted 20-year member of American Legion Post 9 and a member of Post 9's Honor Guard.

His service to our nation and his steadfast commitment to our Post will be remembered with gratitude and respect.

May he rest in eternal peace with the Supreme Commander, and may his family find comfort in knowing his fellow Legionnaires hold his memory in the highest honor.

Message from the Chaplain

Vince Menegus

If you know of any Legionnaire who is ill, facing hardship, or has recently passed away, please notify me at jmenegus@rcn.com or by phone at 610-252-6196. When possible, include their address or the family's contact information.
Post 9 will send a heartfelt get-well or sympathy card to offer our support and care.

Message from Ken Haney
Post 9 Service Officer

American Legion Veterans' Service Officer in 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. The best way to get an appointment with him is to 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 when 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.

HOME ASSOCIATION

The Brown & Lynch Post 9 Home Association continues its dedicated work overseeing the care, maintenance, and improvement of our Post home. This group ensures that our building and grounds remain welcoming, functional, and ready to support the many activities, gatherings, and veteran-focused programs held throughout the year.
The Home Association also partners closely with Post leadership on upcoming projects, seasonal needs, and long-range planning that strengthens the future of Post 9.

Home Association Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

OCTOBER 2026 MENU – DINNER SPECIALS

Friday Night Specials

October 2, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chicken Marsala, Noodles & Green Beans - $13.95
October 9, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Shepherd's Pie - $12.95
October 16, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Salmon, Scalloped Potatoes & Carrots - $15.95
October 23, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chicken Stir Fry over Rice. - $14.95
October 30, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Bread. - $12.95

Saturday Night Specials

October 3, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower - $13.95
October 10, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Lasagna & Italian Bread - $13.95
October 17, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Meatloaf, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes & Green Beans - $13.95
October 24, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Creamy Tuscan Chicken, Noodles & Broccoli - $13.95
October 31, 2026
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes - $12.95

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

WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY – WING WEDNESDAY

"Take Care of America's Veterans Act"

On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, Cole Lyle & Bailey Bishop of the Legislative Division of the American Legion, Washington, D.C., visited Post 9 to explain the "Take Care of America's Veterans Act". H.R. 9237 is currently under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives, with ongoing debates over its provisions and support from veteran organizations.

Legislative Status

The bill, introduced on June 10, 2026, aims to amend titles 10 and 38 of the U.S. Code to improve veterans' benefits and VA administration. It is in the early stages of the legislative process, referred to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, with consideration expected in the House soon. The House Majority Leader indicated potential floor consideration in the near term.

The Take Care of America's Veterans Act is a comprehensive bipartisan bill introduced in Congress to strengthen and expand benefits for veterans. The legislation includes major improvements to disability compensation, survivor benefits, VA healthcare, mental health support, education programs, and claims processing. Key provisions include:

· Major Richard Star Act – Allows certain combat-injured retirees to receive both military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.

· Love Lives On Act – Extends benefits to remarried surviving spouses.

· Expanded Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses of veterans who die from ALS.

· Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026 – Broadens eligibility for multiple VA programs.

· Improvements to VA disability ratings, including updates for conditions such as sleep apnea and tinnitus.

· Enhanced mental-health support, including suicide-prevention grants and expanded research.

· Education & Transition Assistance upgrades, including improvements to the GI Bill, SkillBridge, and housing stipends.

· Better claims processing, automation tools, and independent reviews of VA notices and forms.

This wide-ranging bill is designed to modernize VA systems, expand benefits, and ensure veterans receive timely, appropriate care.

How Post 9 Can Help

· Share factual information with members.

· Encourage veterans to stay informed about how the Act may affect them.

· Allow members to contact elected officials as private citizens if they wish to express support.

· Provide brief informational updates at meetings.

· Ensure local veterans who may benefit understand available resources.

Summary

H.R. 9237 represents the largest proposed expansion of veterans' healthcare and benefits in recent years, combining multiple reforms into a single legislative package.

While it has strong backing from some veteran organizations and lawmakers, opposition from other major groups highlights ongoing debates over funding and benefit allocations.

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.

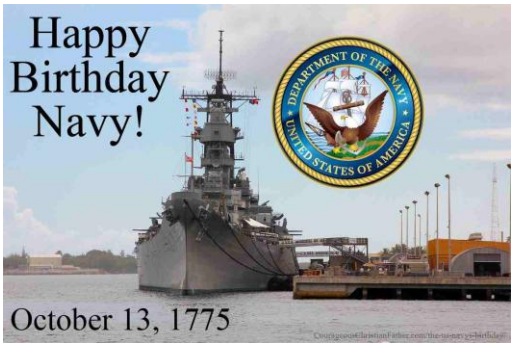
Why This Matters

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

Shredding Event Saturday
October 3, 2026, 10 AM to 2 PM
Palmer Park Mall – Parking Lot

Secure document shredding will be offered at no cost for all residents of the 137th Legislative District. No more than 3 bags or boxes per household are permitted. No businesses. Paper clips or staples do not need to be removed.

U.S. Navy Birthday – October 13



On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Navy, launching a maritime force that would grow into today's United States Navy. From its earliest missions intercepting British supply ships to its modern role safeguarding global security, the Navy has stood as a symbol of strength, readiness, and service.

Designated officially as the Navy's birthday in 1972, October 13 honors generations of Sailors who have stood the watch at sea and ashore. Their dedication, discipline, and sacrifice continue to protect our nation and uphold the ideals of freedom.

Happy Birthday to the United States Navy—Forged by the Sea since 1775.

Halloween – October 31

Halloween on October 31 brings families and neighbors together for an evening of fun, imagination, and tradition. From carved pumpkins and festive decorations to children in costume enjoying trick-or-treating, the holiday adds a bright touch to the autumn season.

Rooted in centuries-old harvest customs, Halloween has grown into a celebration of creativity and community. As we enjoy the festivities, simple safety steps—well-lit walkways, reflective clothing, and attentive driving—help ensure a safe night for everyone.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

October Military Observances

Oct 11 – General Pulaski Memorial Day: Honoring Revolutionary War hero Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski.
Oct 12 – Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day: A federal holiday with deep historical significance.
Oct 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday: Celebrating the founding of the Continental Navy in 1775.
Oct 26 – National Day of the Deployed: Recognizing and supporting all U.S. service members currently deployed.

Columbus Day
Military Historical Connection

October 12: Although Columbus Day is widely known as a federal holiday, it also carries a significant military connection in U.S. history. When Congress established Columbus Day as a national observance in 1937, the holiday quickly became part of the military calendar because:

The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps traditionally marked the day with ceremonies recognizing early exploration, navigation, and seamanship—skills foundational to naval heritage.

Military academies and ROTC programs historically used Columbus Day to highlight the evolution of maritime exploration and its influence on naval strategy.

During World War II, Columbus Day was often used for patriotic rallies, war-bond drives, and public events supporting the war effort, further cementing its place in military culture.

The holiday's long association with American expansion, navigation, and early global engagement made it a natural fit for military historical reflection.

Today, many communities observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on the same date, but Columbus Day remains a federal holiday with enduring ties to U.S. naval and military tradition.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH POST 9!

Website: www.brownlynchPost9.org Facebook: Brown & Lynch American Legion

If your contact information has changed, please notify Ed Brace at ejbrace@ptd.net or 201-981-7768

October Dates to Remember

October 3rd: Trivia Night
October 4th: Legion Riders Meeting 10:30 AM
October 4th: Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
October 7th: Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM
October 8th: Legion Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM
October 8th: Legion/Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM
October 12th: Columbus Day
October 12th: S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 PM
October 13th: U.S. Navy Birthday
October 27th: Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM
October 31st: Halloween

Veterans Grave Marker Detail

Five years ago, Vince Menegus recognized a growing need at the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery on Green Pond Road: countless veteran grave markers had become worn, damaged, or missing, and many American Flags placed each Memorial Day had deteriorated or disappeared. Rather than simply take note, Vince stepped forward with a clear mission and a determination to restore the dignity owed to every veteran laid to rest there.

From that vision, Vince established the Veterans Grave Marker Detail, a volunteer effort rooted in respect, remembrance, and quiet service. Under his leadership, the detail begins its work each year on the first Saturday after Memorial Day and continues every Saturday until all veterans graves have been attended to, dedicating 1–2 hours each morning to walking the cemetery grounds.

Volunteers replace missing flags, repair or replace broken markers, and ensure that every veteran's grave is properly honored.

Because weather, time, and exposure continually take their toll, the work begins each year anew.

Vince has never wavered in his belief that every veteran deserves a marker that stands proudly and a flag that flies with honor. The sight of restored markers and fresh flags lining the cemetery is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made and the respect owed.

Thanks to Vince's leadership, the Veterans Grave Marker Detail continues to inspire and uphold the values of service that define Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9.

SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

Monday through 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 Operating Hours
Lunch
Monday – Friday
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Dinner
Monday – Saturday
5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Sunday - Closed