Brown & Lynch Post 9 Newsletter

September 2026

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Commander—Terri Kaiser Krecker

Commander's Message – September 2026

As we welcome the month of September, we pause to honor Labor Day, a national tribute to the dedication, skill, and hard work of the American workforce. It is a day that reminds us of the values we uphold as Legionnaires — service, commitment, and pride in strengthening our communities and our nation.

September also brings a moment of solemn reflection as we observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Twenty-five years later, we continue to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost, the courage of first responders, and the resilience of a nation forever changed. We remember the men and women who answered the call in the days, months, and years that followed — many of them veterans and Legionnaires — who stood ready to defend our country in its time of need. May we never forget the unity, strength, and patriotism that carried us forward.

This year, Labor Day carries special meaning for Post 9 as we celebrate the progress of our long-awaited Pavilion Project. What began as a vision is now becoming a reality, thanks to the support and perseverance of our members. The Pavilion will serve as a gathering place for fellowship, remembrance, and community — a testament to what we can accomplish together.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Post 9 and to the mission of The American Legion. Your support makes achievements like this possible.

SUPER RAFFLE – CHANCE TO WIN!

Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9 is holding our Veterans Day Raffle on November 11, 2027, at 2 PM.

Tickets are $100 each, and proceeds support our Pavilion Building Fund.

Top Prize: $10,000 (or percentage if tickets don't sell out) plus multiple cash prizes!

Tickets limited to 400 — must be 18+. Stop by Post 9 to get yours and support the Pavilion Project!

POST 9 OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, September 5, 2026
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Come on out to the Post and see our new Pavilion — a major milestone for Brown & Lynch Post 9 and a proud addition to our grounds.

We will be serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, and Dessert. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie, fellowship, and celebration.

Mike's Classic DJ will provide music throughout the event, and we will feature additional live entertainment in honor of our Nation's 250th Birthday, adding a patriotic spirit to the day's festivities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather, celebrate, and experience the new Pavilion firsthand — a space that will host ceremonies, gatherings, and community events for years to come.

If you plan on attending please sign-up in the social Quarters or contact Terri Krecker at 610-533-4017 or email at terrikrercer@aol.com.

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.

ADULT BINGO

Hosted by the American Legion Riders

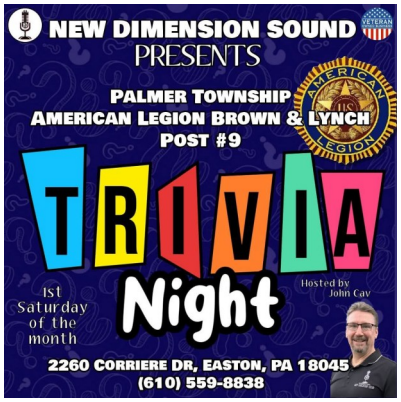
American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9, 2260 Corriere Dr., Easton, PA 18045

Saturday, September 26, 2026
Doors Open: 11:30 AM
Bingo Starts: 1:00 PM Must Be 18+
High Energy • Fun & Games • Great Prizes

Tickets:
$25 Pre-Event
$30 At the Door

Food & Drinks Available for Purchase

Come out and enjoy some — fun, excitement, and a great event at Post 9.



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.

Meat Drawing

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

Proceeds from this event will Benefit Veteran Organizations and Local Organizations

25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, a day that forever changed our nation. We remember the 2,983 lives lost, honor the courage of first responders, and reflect on the unity that carried Americans forward in the aftermath.

At the National September 11 Memorial in New York City, families will once again gather for the reading of names and moments of silence marking the events of that morning. The annual Tribute in Light will illuminate the sky, symbolizing resilience and remembrance.

A quarter century later, we reaffirm the promise that has guided every commemoration since 2001: Never Forget.

September Dates to Remember

Sept 3rd ***Home Association Meeting 7:00 PM***
Sept 5th ***Pavilion Open House 11:30 AM – 2 PM***
Sept 5th ***Trivia Night***
Sept 6th ***Breakfast at the Post 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM***
Sept 6th ***Legion Riders Meeting 10:00 AM***
Sept 11th ***Patriot's Day***
Sept 14th ***S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 PM***
Sept 18th ***Air National Guard's Birthday***
Sept 19th ***National POW/MIA Recognition Day***
Sept 22nd ***Honor Guard Meeting 1:30 PM***

Auxiliary Unit 9

Geneva Weiss - President

Post 9 Open House – Saturday, September 5, 2026

Come out to the Post to see our new Pavilion — a major milestone for Brown & Lynch Post 9 and a proud addition to our grounds.

The Auxiliary has volunteered to provide desserts for this event, and we are seeking volunteer bakers to help support the Open House. Your homemade contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Auxiliary Unit 9 will once again participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends, a one-day-only event on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

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 benefits Auxiliary Unit 9.***

For shopping passes or additional information, please contact:

Lynn Marchetto at 973-903-9598.
Passes are also available in the Social Quarters.

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.

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.

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.

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***

Post 9 will proudly sponsor all Korean and Vietnam War Veterans, with space limited to 90 veterans. If we are unable to fill all 90 veteran seats, the remaining seats will be opened to family members.

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 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.

"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.

The bill is expected to be considered on the House floor soon, with its ultimate passage still uncertain.

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

Vince Menegus

Please let me know if any Legionnaire is ill, facing hardship, or has recently passed away. You may reach me at jmenegus@rcn.com or by phone at 610-252-6196. If possible, include their address or the family's contact information. Post 9 will send a heartfelt get-well or sympathy card to show our support and care.

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

Vincent N. Mondillo

We honor his faithful service to our Country and to Post 9. As he joins the ranks of Post Everlasting, we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

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

Labor Day

As we celebrate Labor Day, we honor the American spirit that built this nation—its workers, its dreamers, and the men and women whose determination and grit have strengthened our country for generations. From factory floors to farm fields, from small businesses to public service, the American worker has always stood at the heart of our national greatness.

Labor Day also reminds us of the values we cherish at Post 9: service, dedication, and pride in community. The volunteers and members who give their time and talent embody the same commitment that has long defined the American workforce.

On this Labor Day, we salute all who labor to keep our nation strong and all who continue to uphold the ideals that make America exceptional.

Brown & Lynch Post 9 Officers 2026 - 2027

Post Officers Effective August 1, 2026

Legion Meeting 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM

Commander	*Terri Kaiser Krecker*
1st Vice Commander	*Tom Marchetto*
2nd Vice Commander	*Tom Rafferty*
Finance Officer	*Ed Gallagher*
Adjutant	*Ed Brace*
Service Officer	*Ken Haney*
Judge Advocate	*Ed Bush*
Chaplain	*Vince Menegus*
Parliamentarian	*Terri Wellman*
Historian	*Doug Wood*
Sgt. At Arms	*Al Vanhorne*
Sgt. At Arms	*Chris Hamilton*
Sgt. At Arms	*Mary MacMahon*
2 Year Trustee	*Ken Haney*
2 Year Trustee	*Dave Bennett*
1 Year Trustee	*Paul Krecker*
1 Year Trustee	*Cliff Brearman*

Auxiliary Unit 9 Officers

Meeting 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM

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

Sons of the American Legion

Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month 7:00 PM

Commander	*Joseph Geisberger*
1st Vice Commander	*James Dorsa Jr.*
2nd Vice Commander	*Mike Sheats*
Finance Officer	*Scott Weirbach*
Adjutant	*Don Engelhardt*
Historian	*Bob Kummer*
Chaplain	*Steve Weiss*
Sgt. At Arms	*Ken Steiger*
Sgt. At Arms	*Jerry Knorr*

Legion Riders Chapter 9

Meeting 1st Sunday of the Month 10:00 AM

President	*Cliff Brearman*
Vice President	*Ken Beital*
Secretary	*Linda Dempsey*
Treasurer	*Kenton Jarrell*
Historian	*Lori Heimbach*
Road Captain	*Joseph Geisberger*
Chaplain	*Shirley Lutz*
Sgt. at Arms	*Lee Lutz*

Post 9 Installation of Officers
Saturday, August 15, 2026

Congratulations to all newly elected officers for the 2026–2027 Legion Year from the American Legion, American 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.

A wonderful dinner was served, featuring Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner Salad, and Dessert. Special thanks go out to all who prepared the meal and to those who served — your efforts helped make the evening both enjoyable and memorable.

Notices have been sent out for the 2027 Membership Year.

Here are ways you can renew.

Renew online. Visit Mylegion.org/renew. Sign into your MyLegion.org account (if you have already registered for one). A "Renew Now" button will appear at the top right-hand of the page.

1. ***Don't have a mylegion.org account? To register, visit www.mylegion.org. It is important to know that all mylegion.org accounts are registered with the email that is on your membership record that is on file at National Headquarters. When you renew online you have the option to Auto Renew and Choose Muli-year to lock in your current dues rate for 3 years.***
2. ***Once you receive your renewal notice send it into the Post with a check, money order or cash in the amount of $45.00.***
3. ***Stop at the post to renew. Please include your full name and membership ID number.***

Palmer Community Weekend

Post 9's Pork Roll Booth at the Palmer Community Weekend, held August 13th through August 16th at Fairview Park, was a tremendous success.

Thank you to all our volunteers who generously donated their time to staff the booth throughout the weekend. Your dedication, support, and participation helped make this community event a true success.

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.

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 September
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

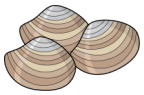
September 2026 Menu – Friday Dinners

September 4th
Tossed salad w/Dressing, Salmon, Scalloped Potatoes & Green Beans

September 11th
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chicken Stir Fry over Rice

September 18th
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, No Shell Linguine w/Clam Sauce & Italian Bread

September 25th
Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Carrots



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

WEEKLY SPECIALS – TACO TUESDAY, WING WEDNESDAY