



## BRUNSWICK POST 9 NEWSLETTER

*"103 years serving the Veterans of Glynn County"*

**December 2022 Edition**

### Post 9 Family Christmas Party

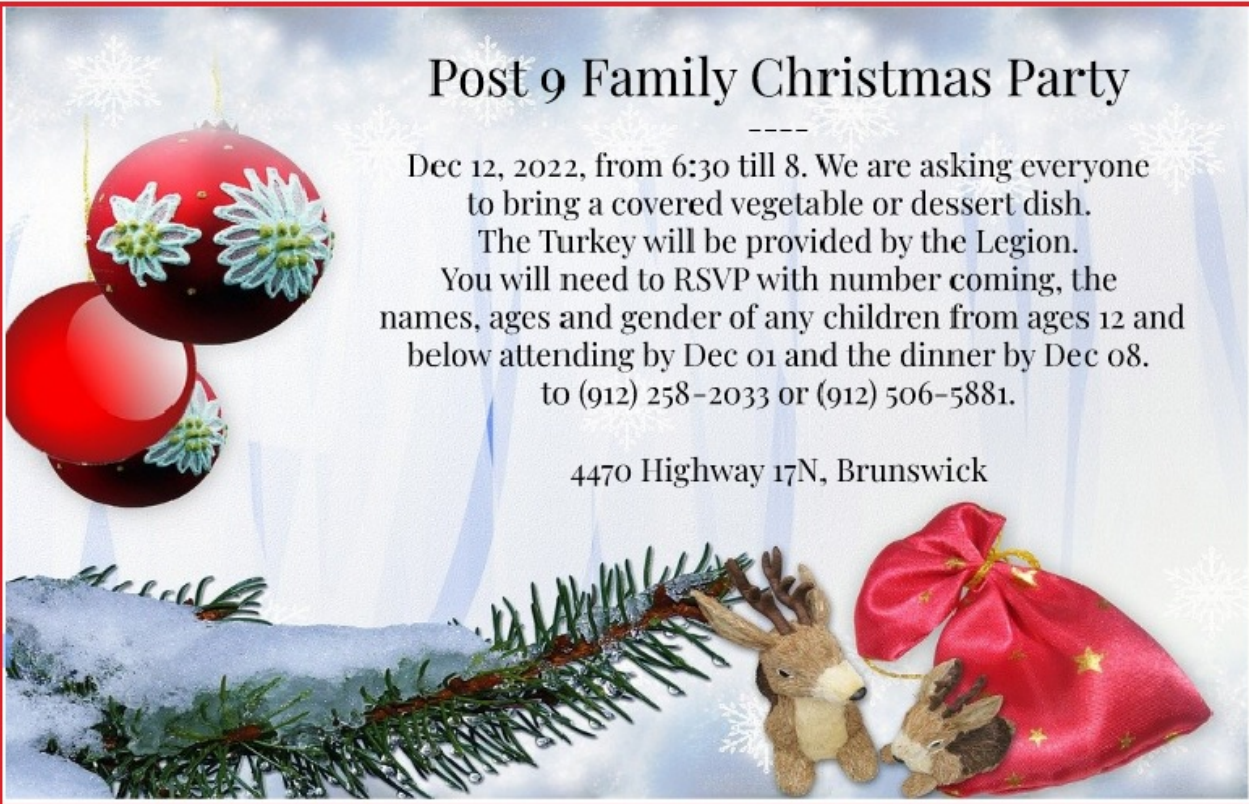
Dec 12, 2022, from 6:30 till 8. We are asking everyone to bring a covered vegetable or dessert dish.

The Turkey will be provided by the Legion.

You will need to RSVP with number coming, the names, ages and gender of any children from ages 12 and below attending by Dec 01 and the dinner by Dec 08.

to (912) 258-2033 or (912) 506-5881.

4470 Highway 17N, Brunswick



### COMMANDER NEWS

I Hope and Pray that y'all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. During your Christmas Holiday just remember why we celebrate. Have safe travels and safe returns

For God, Country, and Family

Steven Hinson Sr.

Commander



**From the Adjutant:** Much Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Legion membership with Post 9! So far we have 184 members who have paid their 2023 dues. Unfortunately, the Department of Georgia has given us a goal of 242 members, so we are still short. I am asking ALL of you who have not yet paid your 2023 dues to please do so as soon as you can. But aside from paying your dues, we would LOVE to see you back at the Post!!! Live and in person! :) You won't recognize the inside of the building, it has been repainted and is being remodeled and repaired. How about making a New Years' resolution to come back to the Post for our next General Meeting, on January 23, 2023? We serve a HOT supper from 5:45 to 6:15 (asking for a donation of only \$3!), and the meeting starts at 6:30! So we hope to see you again in the NEW YEAR! Jan Westberry

*Janice Westberry*

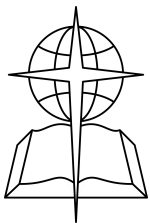
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## *Thoughts from the Chaplain*



Christmas is celebrated by people all around the world, whether they are Christians or not. It's a time when family and friends come together and remember the good things they have. People, and especially children, also like Christmas as it's a time when you give and receive gifts.

**Why is it called Christmas** - The name 'Christmas' comes from the Mass of Christ (or Jesus). A Mass service (which is sometimes called Communion or Eucharist) is where Christians remember that Jesus died for us and then came back to life. The 'Christ-Mass' was shortened to Christmas.

**Why December 25<sup>th</sup>** - No one knows the real birthday of Jesus! No date is given in the Bible, so why do we celebrate it on the 25th of December? The early Christians wanted to compete with the pagan holidays celebrated on the winter solstice, December 22, the shortest day of the year.

**Why do we put up Christmas Trees** - Evergreen trees and other evergreen plants, like Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe have been used for thousands of years to decorate and brighten up buildings during the long dark winter. The evergreen came to represent the eternal life of a believer, that they will never die.

**Christmas Bells** - Bells, especially Church Bells, have traditionally been associated with Christmas for a long time. In the Anglican and Catholic churches, the church day starts at sunset. In churches that have a Bell or Bells, they are often rung to signal the start of this service.

**Why do we hang Christmas lights** - Jesus Christ is in the bible and is called the light of the world. The believer's vision is greater along the paths of life by the light of Christ. Before the invention of electricity, candles were used and still represent the season.

**Why Candy Canes** - The 'J' shape is representative of a shepherd's staff as Jesus is the good shepherd. Also, the 'J' stands for Jesus. The white of the cane represents the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the blood he shed when he died on the cross. The peppermint flavor can represent the hyssop plant that was used for purifying in the Bible.

**Why we give gifts** - To believers, Jesus is a free gift from God and only needs to be accepted. In some traditions, they believe we give each other gifts because the baby Jesus was given gifts by the wise men.

Christmas is the annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. To Christians knowing Christ and accepting His forgiveness for their sins is the greatest thing to happen in their lives and allows them to have peace with God and enter heaven. HOWEVER, as you celebrate this time of year, please reflect on all you have and remember those less fortunate. -----**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



This December 7 we remember the world-changing event known as Pearl Harbor Day, or as President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in his December 8, 1941, speech declaring war on Japan, “a date which will live in infamy”.

Early on Wednesday morning, December 7, 2022, many will gather at Pearl Harbor National Memorial for the 81st Commemoration. The early start marks the moment to the minute 81 years ago when Japanese warplanes descended on Oahu, killing 2,403 service members and civilians, injuring thousands more, and dealing a near-fatal blow to the Navy’s fleet at Pearl Harbor.

The mostly young Americans who died that day, along with those who served in uniform during World War II or on the home front war effort are collectively known as the Greatest Generation. Their sacrifices reflect the theme of this year’s Commemoration: Everlasting Legacy.

The focus is the importance of remembering Pearl Harbor and how the Greatest Generation saved us from tyranny and brought us peace through reconciliation.

<https://www.pearlharborevents.com/>

On Pearl Harbor Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset to honor those who died as a result of the attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii

**Post Chaplain**    *Tony Parker*    (704) 438-6684    [tony.parker6898@gmail.com](mailto:tony.parker6898@gmail.com)



James Howard Clayton August 8, 2020, Brunswick  
 David E Stover February 25, 2022, Camden  
 Lidwine Helen Comeau October 7, 2022, Canada

## **POST 9 PRAYER LIST**

***Bold indicates new addition to Prayer List***

- The families of James Clayton, David Stover and Helen Comeau in their passing.
- James Atwood - WWII (97)
- Mrs. Jo Braley - Wife of Legionnaire Gerald Braley, recuperating from trauma from a car wreck.
- Paul Cormican - Health
- Al Dorcus - WWII (94)
- David Gallager Jr - Health
- Yank Hunsinger - Baptist Village - Health
- Terry and Gail Barker - Health
- Ernie and Marcie Jones - Health
- James K Miller - Health
- Bill Mason – Health
- John Mistisshen – Health
- Gordon Poppell - WWII (96)
- Frank Vandelinde - WWII (98)
- Stephen Williams - Health
- Unspoken for Health, Travel, and Finances
- The protection of our Law Enforcement and First Responders
- Believers in Nepal

Special Prayers to all of our Military Serving at home and abroad

\*Please send any updates and additions/deletions to [csaleg9@gmail.com](mailto:csaleg9@gmail.com)  
or notify Tony Parker the Post chaplain"

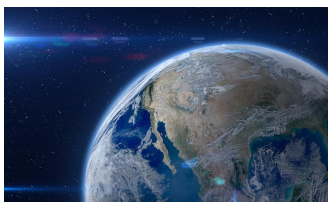
## **WEEKLY POST-CLEAN-UP**



Every Monday at 5 pm (new time) members of the post come together to clean the post building except on the 4th Monday we will start at 9a. It usually takes about an hour or so. If you are willing to come and help, please let the Post Commander, [csaleg9@gmail.com](mailto:csaleg9@gmail.com), know or just come. The more that helps means the less time it takes. Thanks go to Steven Hinson, Skip Putnam, Robin Putnam, Bennie Williams, Karol Williams, Teresa Autry, Ernie Jones, and Chris Geren.

## **POST INITIATIVE**

Over the years the Executive Board and the Post have had motions passed that affect the operation of the Post and its membership. We are taking the initiative to go through the Post Minutes Book to create a "Motions Book". The motions made will be extracted from the Minutes and put in one book to easily look up and reference. It's amazing how many of the same actions keep getting brought up and passed. We are going back to 2000. This process also gives us a chance to purge the files of unnecessary papers.



### **There Are Military Bases in at Least 74 Countries!**

The total number of military bases around the world is around 800, which is probably more than any country or empire has had in all of history.



### Membership Dues For Year 22 - 23 are now Due.

- **Legion - \$35.00** - Send to: American Legion; 4470 Hwy 17 N; Brunswick, GA 31525
- **Auxiliary - Seniors \$35.00, Juniors \$10.00** - Send to: American Legion Auxiliary; 139 Altama Connector #319; Brunswick, GA 31525
- **Sons - \$18.00** - Send to: Sons of American Legion; 4470 Hwy 17 N; Brunswick, GA 31525

## THE LEGION CAP



The only official part of the American Legion Uniform is the Legion Cap. There are several styles in Men's and Women's sizes. They can be found in the American Legion, Flag, and Emblem Store.

A new initiative for members to purchase a cap is that if you attend three meetings within six months, then Post 9 will reimburse you 50% of the purchase. That could be up to a \$35.00 savings with the submission of your receipt. This offer does not include District Caps.

Now, if you have been a member of the legion and your cap has become old and not presentable, we will make the same 50% deal with you. Contact the Sgt-At-Arms or the Financial Officer to see if you qualify for a replacement. So far to date, we have ordered 3 hats for our comrades.

# Post 9 Officers for 2022-2023

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J. Steven Hinson, Sr

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BRUNSWICK, GA 31525

(NEW POST PHONE NUMBER) (912) 574-7037

A Free Notary Service is now available for all veterans. Auxiliary Member Robin Putnam will be available to the Bingo, Executive and General Meetings to assist you. Contact her at [robkputnam@gmail.com](mailto:robkputnam@gmail.com) or 912-269-0026 to set up a meeting.

**Memorial Garden**

If you would like to add a stone to the memorial please contact the Auxiliary President Ms. Teresa Autry, (912) 506-5881 [tla9400@gmail.com](mailto:tla9400@gmail.com), with the name and birth year and death year.



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 9

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1925



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS UNIT 9



Please enjoy the time you have with your family and friends. Unit 9 wants to wish its members a Very Merry Christmas. Please know that there are no meetings for December. Enjoy the downtime we have, and cherish every moment you have with your family. Remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

On December 12 we will be having our annual Christmas Party. Please see that you RSVP so you can attend. Please let Mrs. Karol Williams at [karaustinwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:karaustinwilliams@gmail.com) or 912-223-7061 know if you are bringing a child under 12 so we can let Santa know to get a gift. Yes, we will be having Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus dropping by for a quick visit so bring your phone or camera to get a picture. The Legion will supply Turkey and we

are asked to bring a covered dish to finish out the meal. Please let me or Steven Hinson know what you will be bringing. Call or text Steven at (912) 258-2033 or Me see below for my number. Hope to see you there.

Well, we have had another successful Blood Drive down and I want to take a moment to thank my now professional workers for a very good job done. Please give the following a big pat on the back to; Steven, Skip, John, Bennie, Karol, and Robin. We have worked well together and made a great team. I want to thank all the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and bingo players who came out and donated.

We have received word that an American Heritage Girls troop is being started in Brunswick. Any of our girls, Legion and/or Auxiliary, between the ages of 5-18 who might be interested in joining are invited to contact Susan Carson at [ahgtroopga4110@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroopga4110@gmail.com) or <https://americanheritagegirls.org/find-a-troop/>.

**President: Teresa Autry [tla9400@gmail.com](mailto:tla9400@gmail.com) (912) 506-5881**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

### Membership

We still have some who have not yet paid their dues for the 22/23 year. Our dues are \$35 for seniors and \$10 for juniors. As a senior member, you have another option rather than the yearly dues you can be a paid-up-for-life member. This is a one-time payment based on your age. Contact me or Teresa Autry for more information.

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### PRAYER CORNER

**Health**

Marcie & Ernie Jones  
Karol and Bennie Williams  
Regina and Roger Baluvelt

**General**

All our Law Enforcement & First Responders  
All Military and their families  
Legion & Auxiliary members

**Loving Memory**

*Members we have lost:*

Jo Mason, Feb 11, 2022    Dot Campbell May 13, 2022    Cheryl Tasciotti, July 31, 2022







# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 9 NEWSLETTER

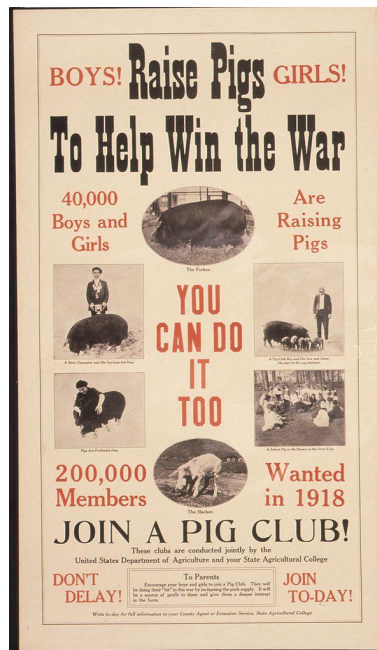
## December 2022

Membership is past due, We have 36 of 47 members paid which are 76.596%. We just need 11 more to be at 100%, so, PLEASE, the last few members submit your dues which is \$18.00 for the year. We are not having a monthly meeting in December, we will have a Flag Retirement and SAL meeting on 10 January, at 2023@17:30 (5:30 pm.) hope to see everyone there.

### Squadron Officers for 2022-2023

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Finance: Otis (Skip) Putnam	Email: rputnam@bellsouth.net

The Flag Box has been refurbished by Legion Member  
Randy Sikes.....GREAT JOB and THANK YOU



# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Civil Air Patrol Birthday</i>	2 First Friday	3  Bingo
4	5 <b>Bingo Mtg 6:30p</b>	6	7 	8	9 .	10  Bingo
11	12 <b>No Exec. Mtg.</b>  <b>Christmas Party</b>	13 <b>National Guard Birthday</b>	14	15	16	17  <b>WREATHS across AMERICA</b>  Bingo
18  Girl Scouts 3-5	19	20  <b>Space Force Birthday</b>	21	22	23	24  <b>NO BINGO</b>
25  Merry Christmas	26 <b>No Gen. Mtg.</b>	27	28 Army Chaplain Ass/Religious Affairs Spec	29	30	31   Bingo



# PHOTOS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

