



BRUNSWICK POST 9 NEWSLETTER

"An American Legion Post of Excellence"

June 2022 Edition

Post Calendar

Note: all meeting will be held at the Post, unless otherwise noted!

JUNE

06 – Bingo Meeting @ 6:30p

12 – **Women's Veterans Day**

13 – Executive Meetings, Post and ALA 6:30p, all members are invited to attend.

14 – (Tuesday) **Flag Day** – TBA

14 – (Tuesday) SAL Meeting @ 6:30p

27 – GENERAL MEETINGS for the Legion and Auxiliary, We will be installing the 2022-2023 Officer for the Post and ALA.

JULY

04 – **Independence Day**

06 – Bingo Meeting @ 6:30p

13 – Executive Meetings, Post and ALA 6:30p, all Members are invited to attend.

14 – (Tuesday) SAL Meeting @ 6:30p

27 – GENERAL MEETINGS for the Legion and Auxiliary.

**"BINGO EVERY SATURDAY
NIGHT"**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The next General Meeting will be on June 27th. Supper will be served from 5:45p - 6:15p. The General Meetings will begin at 6:30p. **This meeting will be the installation of the new officers.**

COMMANDER NEWS

I guess this Legion year is about to wrap up in a couple of months. On July 1st, we get to start a whole new year, and of course, comes the task of collecting dues for the year. Just a heads up.

The past 10 months have been surprise after surprise. Get one thing done and something else pops its head out of the water. Since our last newsletter, let's see we went to have our hood fire suppression system in the kitchen and fire extinguishers recertified, and behold the hood system and the fire extinguishers were too old to be recertified. I guess 26 years old was a good run! Two days later the system was being replaced. We had to bring some things up to code during the process. Saturday at bingo they didn't get to serve the famous french fries. Then came Sunday night, what a heck of a storm that night there was lightning popping everywhere. Got a call Monday morning from the ALA President that the Post did not have power, asked her to check around back and she found the meter head on the ground, with a spare. Georgia Power attempted to get our power back on but the meter base was too damaged. Well, that was more than likely the original meter base. Reported to our insurance company the problem and started the process. In this situation, we were told but our resident retired electrician that

getting an estimate was almost impossible. Well, he was right! We managed to get Coffey Elect to come in and start the repair. I thought to myself this should be a simple repair, just replace the meter base. I was wrong (again). Yes, they had to replace the meter base, but also the Georgia Power line from the pole, add 4 disconnects, etc...because the system was so old that it had to be upgraded to the current electrical code. Now being that we have 3 phase electrical just added to the work. We passed the electrical inspection and got our hood system recertified and new fire extinguishers. Didn't tell you about the replacement of the fluorescent tubes in the light fixtures in the ALA room with LED. The pleasure of owning your building. Kudos to Chris Gerin was Johnny-on-the-spot with getting us a generator and keeping it fueled for the week to keep the freezers up.

On a positive note, the First Friday in Brunswick was a success, we managed to get 3 transfers to the post and some took applications. This month is going to be a breeze... hopefully.

For God, Country, and Family,

Steven Hinson Sr. Commander

POST FAMILY IN SERVICE

Please let the editor know of any changes/additions/Deletions

- **Gray Barker**, USA, 2nd Lt, Infantry, Now Stationed at Fort Benning, GA, Member of the Gold Star Family. *(Cousin of Steven Hinson and Terry Barker)*
- **Andrew Faulk**, US Navy Corpsman stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA. *(Son of Billie Jo and Chris Hickey and Grandson of Jo and Bill Mason)*
- **Kassandra Faulk**, US Navy corpsman in the US Navy stationed at Pensacola, FL; *(Wife of Drew Faulk, daughter-in-law of Billie Jo and Chris Hickey)*
- **Tanner D. Herring**, TSGT, USAF, Ramstein, Germany. Air Traffic Controller.
- **Spencer Williams**, US Navy: Stationed in Hawaii *(Grandson of Bennie and Karol Williams)*
- **Simon Marsh**, US Army: Stationed in Norfolk, Va. *(Cousin of John Cormican)*



Please keep them in your prayers for protection and a safe return

WEEKLY POST-CLEAN-UP



Every Monday at 9a members of the post come together to clean the post building. It usually takes about an hour or so. If you are willing to come and help, please let the Post Commander know or just show up. csaleg9@gmail.com The more that helps the less time it takes.

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 or 912-269-0026 to set up a meeting.

POST 9 PRAYER LIST

Bold indicates new addition to Prayer List

- **The Family of Mrs. Dot Campbell** in her passing.
- **Mrs. Jo Braley**, Wife of Legionnaire Gerald Braley, recuperating from Trauma from a car wreck.
- **Bennie and Karol Williams** - Health
- **Yank Hunsinger** - Baptist Village - Health
- **Terry and Gail Barker** - Health
- **Joseph A. Bourque** - Health
- **James K Miller** - Health
- **Bill Mason** – Health
- **John Mistisshen** – Health
- **Linda Cooper - ALA**
- Unspoken for Health, Travel, and Finances
- The protection of our Law Enforcement and First Responders

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

Please send any updates and additions/deletions to csaleg9@gmail.com or notify Tony Parker the Post chaplain

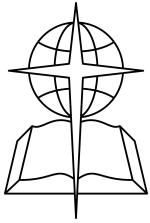
THE LEGION CAP



The only official part of the American Legion Uniform is the Legion Cap. There are a couple of styles that come in Men's and Women's. 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 3 meetings within a 6 month period, 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 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 to see if you qualify for a replacement.



Thoughts from the Chaplain

Memorial Day

Memorial Day – to some it's merely the beginning of summer and to others, it's a solemn day to remember those who have passed from this life. However, to the war veteran and to the families of fallen soldiers, Memorial Day carries significance so deep that words cannot express their hearts.

When we look into the eyes of those who still mourn these once vibrant men and women, we often sense their loneliness and pain. We hear them choke back tears as they simply say the ranks and names of their military brothers and sisters at a Memorial Day service. White gloves, dress uniforms, rigid posture, and perfectly precisioned salutes represent the reverence and respect flowing from within. Those who have been personally affected by war understand and appreciate this day of remembrance.



"What should we say to those who sincerely honor this day? "Happy Memorial Day" doesn't seem fitting. "I'm sorry for your loss" may be closer to appropriate. What would the fallen soldier want from their comrades and the rest of the country on this day?

In an often-quoted Memorial Day speech given in 1884 by Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the speaker ended his address with these words, "Our dead brothers still live for us and bid us think of life, not death – of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring. As I listen, the great chorus of life and joy begins again, and amid the awful orchestra of seen and unseen powers and destinies of good and evil our trumpets sound once more a note of daring, hope, and will."

The American soldier who gave his or her life for U.S. citizens to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness won't be telling us how to observe the holiday. But I believe that Holmes' proposition to "think of life, not death" would honor the fallen soldier. Their sacrifice follows the example of Jesus Christ laying down His life for our freedom. It's selfless love for others – not so others can mourn forever, but live!

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 Notice that in scripture and in military service, the willingness to give up one's life is not dependent on the worthiness of the people who benefit from the honorable act. In a perfect world, all who receive freedom and grace would be worthy of such a sacrifice and full of gratitude. But that's not the way it is anywhere on Earth or in Heaven.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8

We are blessed to be living in a free society. May we honor our American soldiers for the liberty we have in this country. May we also give thanks to Almighty God for the freedom we have to spend eternity with Him because of His gift of forgiveness through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Take from - http://www.walegion.org/files/20210531_-_MEMORIAL_DAY.pdf

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Women Veterans Day

From Wikipedia,

Women Veterans Day is observed on **June 12** in the United States, a date chosen to mark the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. The date is not recognized nationally but is recognized by several states, either through legislation or proclamation, and organizations. The stated goal of Women Veterans Day varies somewhat by state, but can generally be acknowledged as an effort to honor the work of women in the United States Armed Forces and recognize the unique challenges that they have faced.^[1] The date was first recognized when the New York State Assembly declared June 12, 2008, to be Women Veterans' Recognition Day.^[2]

National Recognition

While Women Veterans Day is currently only a state-recognized commemoration, there is an effort to have the day recognized at a national level. U.S. Representative Mikie Sherrill of New Jersey introduced a resolution in both 2019 and 2020 to have June 12th officially recognized as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day." The purpose of the resolution is to address "the disparities in care, recognition, and benefits that our women veterans receive" and to "highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard; and pay respect to women veterans for their dutiful military service." In 2020, Senator Cory Booker submitted a companion resolution to the U.S. Senate

June

June - Graduation

June 6, 2022 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, known as D-Day (1944)

Learn more...

June 14, 2022 - Flag Day - A day to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag. Learn more...

June 14, 2022 - Army Birthday

June 19, 2022 - Father's Day - [LINK](#) - *Organizations that support deployed military personnel on Father's Day*

[LINK](#) - *Coloring page for military children*

June 23, 2022 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

June 25, 2022 - Anniversary of the start of the Korean War (1950)

June 27, 2022 - National PTSD Awareness Day - A day set aside to raise public awareness about issues

related to PTSD. [LINK](#) - *PTSD resources* [LINK](#) - *Insights in caring for families coping with PTSD*

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 9

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1925

NEWSLETTER



June 2022

Upcoming Dates:

Bingo Meeting 6/6
Executive Meeting 6/13
General Meeting 6/27

Mrs. Dot went home to our Lord and Savior, on Friday, May 13, 2022. She was a member of Unit 9, since Nov. 2002. Unit 9 will miss Mrs. Dot for sure. Please pray for her family.

A new year will start on July 1st. If you have not paid your dues for this year, 2021-2022; please try and get those ASAP. July 1, 2022, is when we will start paying our dues for the 2022-2023 year.

This month's general meeting will be installing our new officers. Our 2022-2023 officers will be the following; President: Teresa Autry, 1st Vice: Yvonne Dixon, Chaplin: Chris Geren. The 2nd Vice position is still open. Those are the positions that were voted on, I as President will be coming around and asking if someone would like to fill the following positions; Secretary, Treasurer (Lorna is needing to step down), Sgt. at Arms, and Historian. If you would please think and pray about what you can do to help out Unit 9, I will be praying also for someone to be able to fill those spots. I personally thank each and every one of you for helping and for being willing to do all that you can do, to help Unit 9 keep going.

Kudos to the Legion commander Steven Hinson and his right-hand man Skip Putnam, and the Auxiliary's very own Chris Geren. A very BIG thank you to you guys. For you that may not know, the legion building had gotten struck by lightning on April 17th. The guys worked all week long to get us back up and running. Not just that, Skip had to run all new wiring in the kitchen for it to get up to code. With the building being so old, the kitchen was out of date on a lot of things. I personally want to thank the Legion for allowing the Auxiliary to use the kitchen and helping the Auxiliary keep things going.

Praying that everyone can make it to June's meeting, to join us in celebrating the new officers; not only for our Auxiliary but for the new officers coming in for the Legion. We will be having lasagna, salad, and cake for June's dinner. See everyone at June's meeting.

If you know of any member of the Auxiliary that needs prayer, needs something done for them, or needs a ride somewhere; please let me or another Auxiliary member know. We as a Unit can help others when they need a helping hand.

We will be holding our By-Monthly Spaghetti Dinner on July 7th. We will need desserts to sell, please deliver by 4:15, and if you would like to donate food items, tomato sauce, tomato paste, etc that will help offset the cost, please provide these by Wednesday before. I would like to challenge all members to come to purchase a

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SECRETARY

dinner, sit down with us and eat at the post or take it home with you. If you can't, think about making a donation.

KITCHEN HELP

We need help in the kitchen. Kitchen work does not mean you have to cook. We may have to close Bingo or the Kitchen on some game nights if we do not get some help. With this being our only source of income we do not want to do this. If you will please donate your time for at least 1 Saturday it would be greatly appreciated. Please come to the bingo meetings on the 1st Monday of every month, if you can work on a Saturday night. Suppose you could join us at the Bingo meetings, which are on the 1st Monday of each month. Thanks.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The next General Meeting will be on June 27, 2022. Supper will be served at 5:45p - 6:15p. Cost \$3.00. The amount of food is based on the prior month's attendance, which will be 22.

If you did not attend May's General Meeting and want to be included in the dinner let us know. The General Meetings will begin sharply at 6:30p

Membership

Dear Members,

Remember the Auxiliary membership is from July 1 till June 20 each year. We have had our nominations and elections at this month's meeting. Send your payment to:

American Legion Auxiliary
139 Altama Connector # 319
Brunswick, GA 31525.

Thank you,
Teresa Autry

PRAYER CORNER

Health

Reba Reyner
Mrs. Dot's family
Linda Cooper
Ruth Miller and Husband
Jo Mason's family
Karol and Bennie Williams

General

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

Loving Memory

Members we have lost:

Brenda Trent, Aug 20, 2021
Dot Campbell May 13, 2022

Martha Cormican, Nov 11, 2021

Jo Mason, Feb 11, 2022



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 9

NEWSLETTER

June 2022

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS AT 100% - Congratulations Squadron 9

We (the Legion) need help working Bingo on Saturday nights, the operation of our Bingo keeps our Membership dues low. If you just have 2 hours from 4:30p - 6:30p to help park the car that would be very helpful.

We are coming up on a new physical year, That means membership is coming due for the year 2023 please send your dues to the post at 4470 HWY 17 n Brunswick, Ga 31525 Attn. SAL Commander.

We Retired 422 Flags in the month of May. Our next Retirement ceremony will be on July 12, 2022.

We the SAL Sq. 9 will have a meet and greet on July 16, 2022, from 10:00 am -2:00 pm, Come out and enjoy yourself and see what the SAL is about.

The next SAL meeting will be on June 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Our next Flag Retirement will be July 12, 2022, at 5:30 PM....

I hope to see everyone there.

BINGO MEETING June 6, 2022, AT 6:30 pm

THE BRUNSWICK POST 9

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 9

The American Legion's four main pillars of service are:

Veterans

Foremost, The American Legion was founded by veterans to help veterans after their discharge from military service. Within this pillar can be found American Legion services and programs, such as:

- Accredited service officers who can provide free VA benefits claims counseling and support
- Advocacy and stakeholder oversight of the VA health-care system, to include a voice in Washington and throughout the country
- GI Bill education benefits
- Volunteer veterans service officers who can refer veterans and their families to agencies, offices, and programs that can help them
- Career services, including a nationwide calendar of job fairs and other events, as well as guidance on veteran business ownership ([Veterans Career Center](#))
- Support and help homeless veterans
- Mentorship and help with Veterans Court
- Food convoy to support our veterans in our homes here in Idaho
- Honor Guard services for funerals of veterans
- Support for veterans coping with PTSD and TBI

Defense

The American Legion's national security positions and programs are contained in this pillar. The American Legion is a prominent voice of support for U.S. military personnel and reserve components, particularly in the area of quality of life, and benefits. Within this pillar are:

- Troop support
- Family Support Network for military and veteran families during deployment
- Temporary Financial Assistance for military and veteran families with minor children at home
- Immigration and naturalization
- Adoption of military units and installations and keeping them here in Idaho
- Security at military funerals
- Advocacy on behalf of U.S. military retirees using TRICARE
- Support for the U.S. State Department and global diplomacy
- POW/MIA accounting operations and commands
- Advocacy for women veterans and military personnel
- Foreign affairs

Children & Youth

The American Legion's portfolio of youth programs has influenced millions of people over the years. Programs include competitive activities, college scholarships, educational contests, citizenship programs, support for children in need, and many local activities and programs. This pillar includes:

- American Legion Baseball
- Youth scholarships
- American Legion Junior Shooting Sports
- Oratorical Contests and scholarships
- Boys State and Boys Nation
- Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.
- Holiday events for children
- Flag education programs
- Sponsorship of Boy Scout units
- Veterans in the Classroom guest speaking
- Junior Law Cadet Enforcement program
- Support and sponsorship of Junior ROTC
- Many community-based youth programs
- Support for our children in the classroom

Americanism

The American Legion is, at heart, a patriotic organization and the nation's leading authority on U.S. flag education, respect, and etiquette. The American Legion promotes good citizenship, respectful expression of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, and marches in patriotic parades and activities. Included in this pillar are:

- Respect for the U.S. flag
- Appropriate attention during the National Anthem
- Support for the Pledge of Allegiance to open public and school gatherings and events
- Respect for law and order
- Support for the U.S. Constitution
- Patriotic community activities and involvement in special events

The Four Pillars of Service are simply an index of values under which many various programs and activities of The American Legion fall. Every local post is a separate corporation with its own ways of fulfilling the pillars of service at the community level. No two posts are exactly alike, as are no two communities, so every program of the organization is not executed at every post. A post may focus on one, some, many, or all pillars of service to be effective in its community, based on its needs.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 9

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and

their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace, and security.

Purposes

In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, active military, and their families
- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through Service Not Self Values

Our statement of values is predicated on the founding purposes:

- Commitment to the four founding principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy, Loyalty
- Service to God, our country, its veterans, and their families
- Tradition of patriotism and citizenship
- Personal integrity and family values
- Respect for the uniqueness of individual members
- Truthful open communication in dealing with the public and our members
- Adherence to the adopted policies and rules

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 9

Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 3 million. Although SAL has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, SAL is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in SAL.

SAL Membership Eligibility Requirements

All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion. There shall be no forms or class of membership except an active membership.

History

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The SAL is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as the Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

The SAL has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence, and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership, and legionism.