

BRUNSWICK POST 9 NEWSLETTER

"An American Legion Post of Excellence"

July 2022 Edition

COMMANDER NEWS

Well, here we are starting another Legion year (July 1 - June 30). Thank you for allowing me to serve as Commander for another year, it is an honor. We have a great group of officers this year to carry up through the year. But as in all things, these seen individuals cannot do everything. Some appointed positions need to be filled. If you would like to work with the leadership please let one of us know

Just a few goals this year will be to increase attendance at the meeting and events, work to get the younger veterans to join the American Legion, and staff the Bingo with more workers. All of these are vital to the Post.

In the newsletter, we have Family



I-r: Bennie Williams, Jr-Vice; Tony Parker, Chaplain; John Orr, Jr-Vice; J. Steven Hinson, Commander; Otis "Skip" Putnam III, Sr-Vice; John Cormican, Jr-Vice; Janice Westberry, Jr. Vice.

Members in Service and on the Prayer List that need to be updated. Either by adding, deleting, or changing the contents.



The American Legion would like to send Flags and POW-MIA Flags, and Certificates to present to individuals or businesses who properly display their flags. If you would like to nominate someone send us an email to csaleg9@gmail.com.

For God, Country, and Family, Steven Hinson Sr. Commander **FROM THE ADJUTANT:** On Monday, June 27, we had the induction of Officers in Post 9, Squadron 9, and Unit 9. If you were unable to attend, you truly missed an Outstanding Event. First, we had an excellent dinner of Lasagna, followed by a dessert of a beautifully decorated cake. Then many different awards were given out including Length of Service Awards. Our own P.J. Blanchard has been a member of the American Legion for 43 years!!!!

You never know what will happen at a meeting, so PLEASE join us for the next one on **Monday, July 25**. Come and join us for dinner between 5:45 and 6:15 (we ask for a donation of \$3.00 to help cover the cost of the food.) The meeting starts at 6:30!

And remember! Our fiscal year starts July 1st, so please watch for your dues notice and send your dues to the <u>POST</u>, at 4470 Hwy 17N, Brunswick, GA 31525. <u>Please do NOT send your dues to National, even if you</u> receive a notice from them. We will forward the part of your dues that goes to National.

POST 9 PRAYER LIST

Bold indicates new addition to Prayer List

- **Mrs. Jo Braley**, Wife of Legionnaire Gerald Braley, recuperating from Trauma from a car wreck.
- 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
- 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"



Thoughts from the Chaplain

Independence Day: A Christian Heritage



For over 235 years, America has been blessed as the longest ongoing Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. These blessings are not

accidental, they are blessings of God. Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding of the foundations on which this great country was built, and then it depends on preserving the principles on which it was founded.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from England. Two days later, the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed. Four days later, members of Congress took the document and read it out loud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, and afterward, they rang the Liberty Bell. The inscription on the top of the bell is a quote from Leviticus 25:10, which reads, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Probably the clearest identification of the spirit of the American Revolution was given by John in a letter to Abigail the day after Congress approved the Declaration. He wrote her two letters that day: One was short and jubilant that the Declaration had been approved; the other letter was much longer and gave serious consideration to what had been done that day. Adams could already foresee that their actions would be celebrated by future generations.

Adams also noted: "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." He felt the celebration should be in a manner that would commemorate the day as a "day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." John Adams believed that the Fourth of July should be a religious holiday. The two top holidays celebrated in this country are Christmas and the Fourth of July. According to John Quincy Adams, the two dates are connected. On the Fourth of July, the Founding Fathers simply took the precepts of Christ and His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

The Declaration of Independence was the birth certificate for this nation, but the men who signed it knew it could be their death warrant. The closing paragraph states, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." The 56 Founding Fathers, 27 of whom were trained as ministers, took their pledge seriously. On the morning of the signing, there was silence and gloom as each man was called up to the table of the President of Congress to sign the document, knowing that it could mean their death by hanging.

Most wars have a motto. The motto of World War II was "Remember Pearl Harbor." The motto during the Texas war for independence was "Remember the Alamo." The spiritual emphasis, directed towards King George III who violated God's laws, gave rise to a motto during the American Revolution: "No King but King Jesus." The Founding Fathers passed the torch to us. It is our responsibility to not let it go out.

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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 9 am 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, <u>csaleg9@gmail.com</u>, know or just show up. 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 <u>robkputnam@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>tla9400@gmail.com</u>, with the name and birth year and death year.



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.



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

Post 9 Officers for 2022-2023

Commander J. Steven Hinson, Sr (912) 258-2033 csaleg9(agmail.com

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Asst Bingo Chairman J. Steven Hinson, Sr

Youth/JROTC/Eagle Scout J. Steven Hinson, Sr (912) 258-2033 <u>csaleg9@gmail.com</u>

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OFFICER / CHAIRMAN NEEDED

(1) SGT-AT-ARMS; (2) JUDGE ADVOCATE; (3) BUILDING CHAIRMAN; (4) HISTORIAN; (5) HONOR GUARD CHAIRMAN; (6) YOUTH/JROTC/EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR; (7) BUDDY CHECK COORDINATOR; (8) FUNDRAISING (AKA BENEFITS) COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

These positions are needed to be filled asap. As you can see from the post officer list of the job that each person has been tasked to do because of the lack of volunteers. Please help.



POST PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS

American Legion Brunswick Post 9 4470 Highway 17 N Brunswick, GA 31525

Post Phone Number; 912-265-2233 Note: The post phone is forwarded to a post officer to Assure that you get a live person.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 9

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1925

NEWSLETTER

July 2022 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY UNIT 9

Your new 22-23 officers for Unit 9 are all on the right of the page. Please try and come and support your new officers, help us make Unit 9 an awesome unit. A new year will start on July 1st. If you have **not** paid your dues for last 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. If there is any information that needs to be updated; please email Teresa with the changes. Changes are name, address, phone number, email, etc.

If someone would like to fill the following positions of Sgt.-at-Arms and Historian, please contact me. Please think and pray about what you can do to help, I will be praying also for someone to be able to fill those spots. I want to thank everyone for helping and supporting us, and for being willing to do all that you can do, to help Unit 9 keep going.

BIG THANK YOU to all the Auxiliary members for another year. 2021-2022 came and went very quickly. 2022-2023 starts this

Friday, July 1, 2022, is the new year; I have ideas for the unit, if you can please try and come to the meetings; and voice your opinion. I want to hear all that you think as we go through the new year.

If you know of any member of the Auxiliary that needs prayer, something done for them, or a ride somewhere; please let me or another Auxiliary member know. We as a Unit can help others when they need a helping hand. This includes legion, SAL members. If you have a family member, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

July's spaghetti dinner is next Thursday; 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



OFFICERS 2021-2022

PRESIDENT Teresa Autry (912) 506-5881 tla9400@gmail.com

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TREASURER Robin Putnam (912) 269-0026 robkputnam@gmail.com

CHAPLAIN/SGT-AT-ARMS Chris Geren ((912) 230-8665 gerenchris087@gmail.com

SECRETARY Regina Blauvelt (912) 269-6078 reginablauvelt@kw.com challenge all members to come to purchase a dinner, sit down with us and eat at the post or take it home with you. If you can't, think about donating.

KITCHEN HELP

We need help in the kitchen. Kitchen work does not mean you have to cook. 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.

Membership

Dear Members,

Remember the Auxiliary membership is from July 1 till June 30 each year. Send your payment to

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

Thank you, Teresa Autry & Yvonne Dixon

PRAYER CORNER

<u>Health</u>

Reba Reyner Linda Cooper Karol and Bennie Williams

<u>General</u>

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

Loving Memory

Brenda Trent, Aug 20, 2021 Dot Campbell May 13, 2022 *Members we have lost:* Martha Cormican, Nov 19, 2021

Jo Mason, Feb 11, 2022



We (the Legion) needs help working Bingo on Saturday nights, the operation of our Bingo keeps our membership dues low. If you just have time from 4:30p - 6:30p to help park cars 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 May. Our next Retirement ceremony will be on July 12, 2022.

Our membership year has started July 1, we are still waiting on membership cards. Our membership is at 20 members paid for the year 2023 which is about 43% we have a way to go but don't delay we need to get the membership into the Department of Ga.

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Squadron Officers for 2022-2023

Installation of 2022/2023 Officers June 27



L-R, Bennie Williams, Jr. Vice Cmdr.; Tony Parker, Chaplain, John Orr, Jr. Vice Cmdr.; J. Steven Hinson, Commander; Otis Putnam, Sr. Vice Cmdr.; John Cormican, Jr. Vice Cmdr.; Janice Westberry, Jr. Vice Cmdr.



L-R, Karol Williams, At-Large, Past President; Regina Blauvelt, Secretary; Yvonne Dixon, !st Vice President; Robin Putnam, Treasurer.



Sons of American Legion Squadron 9 inducts FY 2022-2023 Officers: L-R, J. Steven Hinson, Adjutant; John Cormican, Commander.

July

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday (Westberry/Willia ms)	2 Bingo
3 1775 - Geo Washington took Command of the Continental Army	4 Independence Day Commanders Birthday	5 Bingo Mtg 6:30p	6	7 Bi-Monthly Spaghetti Fundraiser 4:30 - 7:30p	8	9 National Sugar Cookie Day Bingo
10	11 Exec Mtg 6:30p	12 SAL Mtg & Flag Ret 5:30p	13	14	15	16 SAL Meet & Greet 10-2p Bingo
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Bingo
24	25 Gen Mtg Eat 5:45p-6:15p Price \$3.00	26	27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps	30 SAL Bingo
31	8/1 Bingo Mtg 6:30p	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5 First Friday	8/6 Bingo