



BRUNSWICK POST 9 NEWSLETTER

“104 years serving the Veterans of Glynn County”.

FEBRUARY 2023 Edition

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COMMANDER NEWS

The Post has returned to a busy January and a busier February. Well Sadly the time has come to say goodbye to our Adjutant Janice Westberry, who is moving to North Carolina to be closer to her family, she has done an EXCELLENT job for the Post and District. She was our celebrity on the Scott Ryfun Talk Show, telling the world about our events for the Post. I also want to thank a new Legionnaire Randall Sikes for all the enthusiasm he brought to the Post. He and his family have really jumped in a started working. At the last meeting, he brought a table full of guests with him. Go, Randy. I would also like to thank Chris Geren, an ALA and SAL member, for painting the main hall of the Post, what a difference that has made The newsletter, well let's just say it is like pulling teeth to get input, even mine, but Robin Putnam gets it put together, Skip get it printed, folded and stapled for me to mail out to some you. When you walk up to the post you will notice the great Mural that the Auxillary had painted where their Memorial Garden is. The artist was Greg Driggers, a retired Fireman and a classmate of mine.

This time of the year we start getting into the Post Budget and updating the Constitution and By-Laws. This is one of the toughest parts of being a Commander. But it all gets better. But we need your help by comin' to the meeting a be a part of the Post.

February we will start back with guest speakers. If you know of a good topic or someone to speak please let me know.

Last month in membership we picked up 7 members from Post 400, a couple of new Legionnaires, and three former members returning to the post, Mike and Karen William and Gidget Seawell. Welcome Back. We were in the Honor Guard in January for 2 Korean War Service Members.

Keep the Post in your prayer as we go out to our Veterans and

community.

For God, Country, and Family,
Commander J. Steven Hinson

Post 9 Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

*Spaghetti, Salad, Roll and Beverage
Desserts \$1.00 extra*



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
4:30P - 7:30P

Post Proceeds go to the Manna House of Brunswick to help feed the Veterans



Eat-In or Take-Out
.....
4470 Highway 17N
Brunswick, GA
.....

\$8.00

\$5.00
5 - 10 yrs of age

Contact American Legion Brunswick Post 9
Csaleg9@gmail.com
912-574-7037 Ask about Membership

THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

From the Adjutant: Quick reminder that if you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, please send them in (\$35) to the Post at 4470 Hwy 17 North, Brunswick, GA 31525. Thank you!!!!

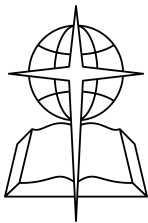
Now, let's look forward to next year and HONOR FLIGHT! The next Honor Flight will depart on Saturday, May 13, 2023. NOW is the time for you to go ahead and get your application in. Remember, Honor Flight is FREE for Veterans. It is all expenses paid, including food, flight to Washington, D.C. to spend the day seeing ALL of the Memorials and Monuments to YOUR service. World War II and Korean War Veterans get first priority, and then come Vietnam Vets. We would love to have a FULL flight, so please go to their website and scroll to the bottom and you will see a button marked "VETERANS." It will give you all the info you need. The website is: coastalgeorgiahonorflight.org I'll be there for sure and hope to see you too!!! - Jan

Janice Westberry

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Thoughts from the Chaplain

The Four Chaplains



It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.



It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, a German submarine U2 spotted it, targeted the ship, and fired upon it. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more. Others, stunned by the explosion, were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying, or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded, and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist, Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi, Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest, and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed Minister.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic.

Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin. "Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distress asked. "To get my gloves," Mahoney replied. "Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode "I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied. "Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs." It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage, and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So, a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961. It was never given before and will never be given again.

Tony Parker (704) 438-6684 tony.parker6898@gmail.com



Richard Newbern (Korean Veteran)

POST 9 PRAYER LIST

Bold indicates new addition to Prayer List

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The families of Richard Newnern in his passing. Father of Legionnaire Cindy Holloway. ● James Atwood - WWII (97) ● Mrs. Jo Braley - Wife of Legionnaire Gerald Braley, recuperating from trauma from a car wreck. ● Paul Cormican - Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Al Dorcus - WWII (94) ● David Gallagher Jr - Health ● Yank Hunsinger - Baptist Village - Health ● Terry and Gail Barker - Health ● James K Miller - Health ● Bill Mason - Health ● John Mistisshen - Health ● Gordon Poppell - WWII (96) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frank Vandelinde - WWII (98) ● Stephen Williams - Health ● James Cormican Jr. - Health ● Unspoken for Health, Travel, and Finances ● The protection of our Law Enforcement and First Responders ● Believers in Nepal |
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Special Prayers to all of our Military Serving at home and abroad

*Please send any updates and additions/deletions to csaleg9@gmail.com

WEEKLY POST-CLEAN-UP

Every Monday at 9 am (new time) 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, csaleg9@gmail.com, know or just come. The more that helps means the less time it takes.

New Membership Incentive Program

\$25 for the member that recruits the most members

\$50 for the member that recruits the most active participant members

The time frame for this is Jan 1st to December 31st.

PAST DUE

**Membership Dues For Year 22 - 23 are now
PAST DUE**

“at this point your voting rights have been suspended”

- **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



Presidents Served in the Army

In total, 31 presidents have served in the United States Armed Forces, and 16 of those, including Theodore Roosevelt, served in the Army specifically. Of those 31, 24 presidents served during wartime.

POST PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS

4470 HIGHWAY 17N

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 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, with the name and birth year and death year.

IMPORTANT WEB and FACEBOOK SITES.

www.americanleg9bwk.com (Post 9 Website)

www.legion.org (Main Legion)

www.mylegion.org (Personal Information)

www.emblem.legion.org (Legion Products)

www.georgialegion.org (Department of Georgia)

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070194289475 (Post Facebook)

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VACANT

4th Junior-Vice Commander

VACANT

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VACANT

At-Large Member:

VACANT

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 9

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1925

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Unit 9's new email address; alaunit9brunswickga@gmail.com, and will pass from President to President. We also have a page on the new website of www.americanleg9bwk.com/auxiliary.

Wow, January has come and gone. Time is flying by. We are preparing for our rock garden ceremony on March 18th. The ceremony is open to the public. The ceremony will start at 11:30 AM, we will then go inside and have finger foods and fellowship with the families. Please join us. We have a district meeting on February 18th, in Baxley.

Thank you to Chris Geren for all he does to keep the kitchen going. On the 12th, Chris and I spent 6 hours getting the pantry organized and cleaned up. Not just Chris, but all members doing everything they can to help us. We may be a small group but we are rocking it. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF the UNIT 9 MEMBERS.**

We had another successful blood drive in Jan. We collected 37 units of blood that will be used to save many lives. The next blood drive will be March 21st, 1-7 PM.

President: Teresa Autry alaunit9brunswickga@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE FEBRUARY 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 Teresa Autry or me for more information.

Membership information contact:

Yvonne Dixon

Teresa Autry

PRAYER CORNER

Marcie & Ernie Jones
Karol and Bennie Williams
Gloria Yarborough & Family

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

The New Auxiliary Rock Garden Wall





SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 9

FEBRUARY 2023

Membership We have 47 of 47 members paid which are 100.00%. We still need to recruit Members. We had a Flag Retirement, we retired 192 Flags for a total of 1435 for the year. Please talk to your friends and neighbors to see if they are interested in joining the SAL. Remember our strength is in our numbers.



What is the purpose of the Sons of the American Legion?

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. This includes (Sons, Step Sons, and Adopted Sons).

John Cormican
SAL Commander



February 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | 3 1st Friday Brunswick | 4 BINGO |
| 5 | 6 Post Cleanup @ 9a BINGO MEETING 6:30 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 BINGO |
| 12 | 13 Post Cleanup @ 9a Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm | 14 SAL Meeting 5:30p | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 District Meeting Baxley Post 26 - All Invited BINGO |
| 19 | 20 Post Cleanup @ 9a VCGI 6:00 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 BINGO |
| 26  Girl Scouts 3-5 | 27 Post Cleanup @ 9a Gen. Mtg. Eat 5:45 Mtg. 6:30 | 28 | March 1 | March 2 | March 3 | March 4 BINGO |

Concept of the painting of the outside of the Post and Conex

