



BRUNSWICK POST 9 NEWSLETTER

"104 years serving the Veterans of Glynn County".

August 2023 Edition

IMPORTANT NOTICES

POST 9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **J. Steven Hinson** •
Commander
- **Michael Williams** •
Sr-Vice Commander / VRD
- **Karen Williams** •
Jr - Vice Commander / Membership
- **John Cormican** •
Jr - Vice Commander
- **Otis "Skip" Putnam III** •
Jr - Vice Commander / Sgt-At-Arms
Asst Finance Officer
- **Linda "Gidget" Seawell** •
Jr. Vice Commander / Adjutant
- **Randall Sikes** •
Jr - Vice Commander
Post Financial Officer
- **Jim Angle** •
Post Judge Advocate
- **Sal Glorioso** •
Post Chaplain
- **Rob Erhardt** •
Asst - Post Chaplain



Front: Auxiliary: Teresa Autry-President; Regina Blauvelt-1st Vice; Lillian Sikes-Chaplain; Robin Putnam-Treasurer; Marcie Jones-Historian.
Back Row: Legion Sal Glorioso-Chaplain; John Cormican, Karen Williams, Michael Williams-Vice Commanders; J. Steven Hinson-Commander; James Angle-Judge Advocate; Otis "Skip" Putnam III-Sgt-at-Arms; Randall Sikes-Financial Officer

Legionnaires, Welcome to the Dog Days in August. Sweltering mornings and afternoons, and taking three showers per day. Gotta Love it. Well, we will not be Hot at the Post anymore. The days of the 1986 Thermal Cooled Units are GONE. We now are the proud owners of two new 5-ton Heat Pump units which now includes the Auxiliary Hall. A/C in the kitchen is coming, why because Bill Mason told me so. Starting in August we will having guest speakers and the meeting format will change to make things more interesting.

On question I have to ask most of you that is reading this is, why do you not come to the meetings or events held by the post. Let me know if you will so I can attempt to correct the problem.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Next General Meeting on August 28.

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

A message from your Sr. Vice Commander Mike Williams

In this opening I just want to make sure that everyone is aware of the dangers hurricanes present. When I first moved to Brunswick in 2018 I was oblivious to just how dangerous they can be. So this post is aimed at anyone that is like I was and unaware of these dangers. (You lifelong Brunswick natives can laugh at this young whipper snapper) In addition to the hours to possibly days of intense winds and rain bombarding your house, the storm surge is arguably the most dangerous aspect of a hurricane. I am including a couple of links to help educate you about hurricanes in general, links to storm surge maps, and evacuation groups and routes. [Glynn County Storm Surge Map](#) [Hurricane Safety](#) [Evacuation Info](#) [Hurricane Prep](#) As of this writing there is one system in the Atlantic near Africa that could turn into a tropical "System."

In other news, I have a history question for you. How many events have Post 9 joined forces with another post in Glynn County to pull off? Going way back in time there may have been a few at best, but in recent history only one. All three posts presented awards to the workers of the Golden Ray. July 1, 2023, Post 9 and Post 507 combined forces with a color guard that presented the colors for an awards ceremony honoring Dr. Rosemary Woods who received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. Commander Howard and two of his post members were present along with Sr. Vice Commander Mike Williams, and Jr. Vice Commander Karen Williams. Post 507 carried the American Flag, and the Legion Flag, while Post 9 carried rifles. The event went off without a hitch (At least on the combined color guard's part) and it was a beautiful ceremony. In addition to this, ALL 3 POSTS are working together on a Ceremony called "A Day to Remember." This is a very involved event, remembering those First Responders that lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks and the veterans that lost theirs as a result of the Global War on Terrorism. It will be held at the Brunswick Veterans Memorial Park. We are currently still in the planning stage, but as it stands now church bells will ring at the time each plane struck a tower, the Pentagon, and went down in a field in Pennsylvania; The Brunswick Fire Department will be striking the four fives as a tribute to the fallen Firefighters, and Post 9 is hosting a special blood drive on September 11. Please if you are able, attend this event. It will be a special event, and one you will remember.

MEMBERSHIP

We are starting a new year for the American Legion and it's time for dues again. The annual dues are \$35 as they have always been. The most members recruited and the most active participating members winner was the same person Otis "Skip" Putnam. We have 64 members that have already paid for this upcoming year. This puts us at 24% this year, going with last year's numbers. We do not have our new goal for the upcoming year as of yet. If your dues are paid by Aug 31st you will receive a coin with your member card. If you are mailing your membership dues I will go by the date on the check/post date.

Also, I want to make sure everyone knows that we need help, with Bingo, First Friday, and Blood Drives all have to be staffed. Due to the above factors, if you give up 10 days per year to work at Bingo and/or other events, the Post will pay your dues for you for the next year. And the recruiting awards will continue next year as well. For PUFL members if you send in \$35 we will get you a hard membership card and a case. The membership contest will continue this year, going from July 1st to May 15th, 2024. I have the Membership Cards now and will be sending them out as people pay their dues.



Thoughts from the Chaplain

Forgiveness

Being human, we have a tendency to hold a grudge or stay mad at someone for something that may not be their fault at all. What good is it to stay mad at somebody because they may have hurt your feelings?

No one is perfect. Only Jesus is Perfect. The Lord tells us to forgive our enemies and love our neighbors as you would love yourselves. God is love and we were created in his image.

There is way too much hatred in this world. So let's all learn to love one another and forgive our enemies. Don't forget to also forgive yourself. When the Lord forgives your sins, they are forgiven and he forgets about it. You need to do the same.

Chaplain Sal Glorioso

POST 9 PRAYER LIST

Bold indicates new addition to Prayer List

- **The passing of Jacqueline Marie Maassen, wife of Legionnaire Donald Maassen.**
- Mrs. Jo Braley - Wife of Legionnaire Gerald Braley, recuperating from trauma from a car wreck.
- David Gallager Jr - Health
- Yank Hunsinger - Baptist Village - Health
- Terry and Gail Barker - Health
- James K Miller - Health
- Bill Mason – Health
- John Mistisshen – Health
- Linda "Gidget" Seawell - Health
- Stephen Williams - Health
- Squadron 9, Sons of the American Legion.
- Unspoken for Health, Travel, and Finances
- The protection of our Law Enforcement and First Responders
- Our Veterans

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

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. The more that helps means the less time it takes. By the post cleaning up after itself saves us about \$145.00/Week or a savings per year of \$7,500.00. There will come a day when the faithful few are not able to clean.

Service Page

IMPORTANT WEB and FACEBOOK SITES.

www.americanleg9bwk.com (Post 9 Website)

www.legion.org (Main Legion)

www.mylegion.org (Personal Information)

www.legion.org/betheone (Be The One Initiative)

www.emblem.legion.org (Legion Products)

www.georgialegion.org (Department of Georgia)

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

[National Hurricane Center \(noaa.gov\)](http://noaa.gov) (Hurricane Info)

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

\$25 for the member that recruits the most members

\$50 for the member that recruits the most active participants

The time frame is 01 July 2023 till 15 May 2024

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 of a passed Legion, Sons, or Auxiliary member contact the Teresa Autry, with the name and birth year and death year.

Post Physical and Mailing Address

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Post 9 Officers For 2023-2024

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Auxiliary Officers For 2023-2024

<p>President Teresa Autry (912) 506-5881 ta9400@gmail.com</p>	<p>1st Vice President Regina Blauvelt (912) 269-6076 reginablavelt59@gmail.com</p>	<p>Chaplain Lillian Sikes (912)580-1422 sikeslillianms@gmail.com</p>
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**AMERICAN
LEGION**

AUXILIARY

UNIT 9

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1925



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

New website www.americanleg9bwk.com/auxiliary.

Wow, can you believe the 1st month of our new Auxiliary year has already come and gone? We are off to a great start, Robin Putnam has taken membership off of my plate this year and so please look out for anything in the mail from Robin about membership. Please know if you get anything in the mail about membership from National or Department, that has nothing to do with Unit 9. Please do not send your dues to them, please send them to the Aux. P.O. Box. Robin and I thank you for all of you that have sent in your dues.

I would like everyone to welcome our newest member Ashley Deane, she has jumped in with both feet. Ashley has been a great help already. Thanks to her we have 3 items for 3 different fundraisers back to back. Our 1st fundraiser will start the 1st Saturday in August. If you want to help sell tickets please email, text, or see me and I will get them to you.

Please if all of you know Penny Clark (she is a bingo player), please, thank her for all the donations she has given us for our Christmas bags. She has donated puzzles, cards, blankets, etc... We have so much just from Penny that I believe we could start packing bags for our Dec. project and be ahead of the game.

I want to give a BIG thank you to the Post for ALL the hard work that they have done this last couple of weeks, with the A/C repairs, the painting, and ALL the improvements that they have done not just for the building but for ALL of us. Thank you Legionaries for all that you have done for all of us.

I am excited to see where God takes Post/Unit 9. We have a busy August, please try and join us.

I am learning to delegate. With Karen Williams helping with the kitchen, Robin Putnam doing membership, and Ashley Deane taking over fundraising, I honestly have to start cleaning off my plate a little, and this helps. My mom is not doing well, but please know as your President I will continue to do my part plus some.

President: Teresa Autry alaunit9brunswickga@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Membership

We are in the second month of the new 23/24 year. Remember, the American Legion Auxiliary calendar year runs from July 1 through June 30. If you have not paid your 22/23 dues yet, they are \$35. As of July 1, our unit had to increase our dues because Department and National dues increased. The new due amount is \$45 for seniors and \$10 for juniors. As a senior member, you have another option, a paid-up-for-life membership. This is a one-time payment based on your age, for more information please contact Robin Putnam.

Membership information contact: Robin Putnam (contact information is on Post 9 contact officer page.)

When paying your dues please include

Name _____

_____ **22/23** **\$35.00**

_____ **23/24** **\$45.00**

Total included **\$** _____

Send to:

**Robin K Putnam
American Legion Auxiliary
139 Altama Connector #319
Brunswick, Ga 31525**

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Coast Guard Started 1790	5 BINGO Aux. raffle starts WASP Started 1943
6	7 Post Cleanup 9 am Purple Heart Day Vietnam War Began 1964 Bingo Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Jr. CAP @ 7p Victory over Japan (VJ) Day	9 QPR Suicide Prevention 5:00 pm	10 US Department of Defense Birthday Agent Orange first used in Vietnam 1961	11	12 BINGO Aux. raffle
13	14 Post Cleanup @ 9 am Official end of WWII Spirit of '45 National Navajo Code Talkers Day Post Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Jr. CAP @ 7p	16	17	18	19 BINGO Aux. raffle District Meeting Lumbercity National Airborn Day
20 Girl Scouts 3 PM - 5 PM	21 Post Cleanup @ 9a	22 Jr. CAP @ 7p	23	24	25	26 BINGO Aux. raffle
27	28 Post Cleanup @ 9a Gen. Mtg. Eat 5:45 Mtg. 6:30	29 Jr. CAP @ 7p Marine Forces Reserve Birthday	30	31		