Greetings Post #9 family, June 10, 2026

NOTICE: Our next Post #9 General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th starting at 1800 hours. No Post meetings will be held in June or July as the Executive Board will handle any business that arises.

Your current Post officers are listed below:
Commander: Dan Stowers
1st Vice Commander: Kevin Gurley
2nd Vice Commander: Demond Harris
Adjutant: Jim Cote
Finance Officer: Jim Ash
Chaplain: Joe Stowers
Judge Advocate: John Jett
Historian: Kevin Gurley
Service Officer: John Jett
Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Manning

Currently Post #9 has 116 paid up members out of our 100% goal of reaching 120 that we have in the Post. That equals 96% and thank you for helping us reach this goal. The new membership year starts on July 1st and depending on when we get our new membership cards sent to us is when we can start the renewal process. More information on this will be forthcoming after July 1st.

As a reminder and in compliance with NH state law, you must now have your American Legion 2026 card on you to be served in any American Legion canteen **AND** if you do not have your 2026 card, you are now showing as EXPIRED in mylegion.org. Please pay your dues to get back your continuous years you have earned and help our Post reach our membership goals. We are stronger with you as a paid-up member.

To view this newsletter online along with past editions, visit https://americanlegionpost9nh.org/newsletter .

Convention Awards:

At the State Legion Convention held in Nashua last month, our Post won two Publicity Awards.

Maurice L. Quillen Award: Best Post Periodical: Post #9
Best Post Newsletter: Post #9

Congratulations to all Post Family members for volunteering your time and efforts to make our community exposure shine at the Department level.

Post #9 Storage Shed Move:

Planning has begun for the move from our existing storage shed that has the remnants from our Post Home on East Broadway to smaller lower cost storage facility. We will need a few volunteers to make a couple of runs to the transfer station and others to transfer items to our new shed. More information will be forthcoming on these plans in the July Newsletter. Our target date for the move is August 1st.

Derry War Memorial Update:

If you were a resident of Derry at the time of your enlistment in the Armed Services, you are eligible to have your name engraved for free on the McGregor Park monument associated with your service campaign. If you, or a veteran you know, qualifies and are not listed on a town monument, please contact me for more information on the current effort underway to update Derry veteran honorees.

Boys State:

Post #9 is proud to sponsor Asher Farrar, a Pinkerton Academy Senior, as our Boys State representative at this years Boys State Convention to be held at Saint Anselm's College in July. We have asked him to come back and speak at our General Membership meeting in August about his experience.

Our Post #9 Website:

Please visit your website at https://americanlegionpost9nh.org that is always being updated to keep abreast of what the membership is up to and includes Post #9 officers contact information. **NEW:** If you would like to submit a picture to be included on the post website photo gallery of yourself while you were serving during your military years, it would be an honor for us to have that included. (Your choice what to include and subject to the website administrator). It would be a tribute for all who view the pages to see ourselves when we were serving this great country of ours. Service pictures can be sent to americanlegion9@yahoo.com.

If you or some other Post/Squadron member you know would like to be included in email correspondence that is sent out concerning your Posts activities including this monthly newsletter, please send your contact information to myself at coj614@aol.com and I will include you.

Finally, if you have not yet created your on-line mylegion.org account, please do so. This is our national organization's computer system that lets you update, change your contact information and/or pay your dues online. Having your current information available to us at the Post allows us to mail you any correspondence and your membership card using your current address. HEADS UP!! This may soon be the only way for members to obtain membership cards.

Jim Cote, Adjutant, Post# 9

FROM THE COMMANDER:

I want to thank everyone who participated in the 2026 Memorial Day Parade and the Second Annual Derry Ruck March. I also want to thank the Town of Derry who was very supportive of our requests for both events. Plans are already underway for next year's events, stay tuned.

Dan Stowers, Commander, Post# 9

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICER:

On July 4th from 0730-0930, Post #9 will man a water stop at 20 Chester Road in Derry during the Run For Freedom event to benefit the Liberty House. This is a quick event to support a worthy cause. Volunteers will cheer on and provide water to runners during the event.

James Ash, Finance Officer, Post# 9

FROM THE HONOR GUARD:

Hope all are doing well. May is a busy time of year for the Post# 9 Honor Guard, and this year was no exception. On May 13th, our very close friend Charlie Andriolo passed away. The honor guard rendered honors for Charlie at the Carrier

Funeral Home and at the New Hampshire State Cemetery in Boscawen. During the month the honor guard also rendered a rifle salute for David Suter and participated in numerous Memorial Day ceremonies.

Additionally, the honor guard presented the Colors at the 18th annual Veterans Recognition Dinner hosted by the East Derry Rotary and East Derry Village Rotary Clubs on May 28th to a packed room of area veterans. Once again, the staff of the Rotary Clubs outdid themselves with this event. A letter of appreciation was sent to the group from Post #9 and VFW Post #1617. Please remember to keep your parents & loved ones in during days of higher heat.

Kevin Gurley, Post# 9 Honor Guard Captain

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

SQUADRON #9:

Currently Squadron #9 has 45 paid up members out of the 49 we need for our Squadron to reach its 100% goal. Thank you to everyone who has paid.

The next Squadron #9 meeting will be held in October 2026. More information will be available on the Post #9 website https://americanlegionpost9nh.org and if I have your email address on file or if not, in the mailing that will be sent.

Eligibility to becoming a Sons member and joining Squadron #9 is included here:
All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, 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. If you have any questions and would like to join our Squadron, please just contact myself at coj614@aol.com.

If you have not yet created your on-line mylegion.org account, please do so. This is our national organization's computer system that lets you update, change your contact information and/or pay your dues online. Having your current information available to us at the Squadron allows us to mail you any correspondence and your membership card using your current address.

HEADS UP!! This may be our only way to renew our dues starting in July for the coming 2027 year. Depends if and when we receive our Squadron #9 2027 membership cards and current roster from Department!

James Cote, Squadron #9 Commander