

# AMERICAN LEGION

Pickens Post 149 Meets the 2d Saturday each month at 10am in Veteran's Hall 339 W Church St, Jasper, GA  
Serving the needs of Veterans and Community throughout Pickens County

## Quarterly Newsletter

Preserving the Past by Securing the Future

1st Quarter 2024

### Pickens Post 149 Annual Dinner/Concert Fundraiser Huge Success

On Saturday 16 March, Pickens Post 149 hosted the Annual Dinner/Concert Fundraiser to support local veteran activities. Through generous sponsor donations and over 280 ticket sales, the Post was able to offer a full dinner catered by The Carriage House and entertainment from Conner Lorre who performed his Neil Diamond Tribute show. Pendley Creek Brewery and First Mountain Tasting Room offered beer and wine for the event. Attendees are saying "Outstanding Evening", "Everything was so good I'm not sure you can improve on it." Post 149 vows to improve each year and wishes to thank all the sponsors and attendees for their support.



*Conner Lorre performs Neil Diamond Tribute for Annual Fundraiser*



### Congressman Loudermilk

On Saturday, March 09, 2024 Congressman Barry Loudermilk addressed Pickens Post 149 of the American Legion. In a speech lasting almost an hour, the former Air Force Veteran displayed a rare talent to be open, vulnerable and compassionate with his audience.

## Commander's Corner

The first quarter of 2024 has flown by with so many great activities in Pickens Post 149. I am proud to see new members stepping up to help out and increasing support for our annual concert fundraiser that was a financial success as well as a fun night out for the community.

We have begun executing our budget this year with two baseball scholarships renewing our commitment to youth programs in the community. We are also soliciting applications for the 2024 Boy's State and Girl's State sessions. These programs helped two Pickens County youth earn academic scholarships last year to West Point and The Citadel. We expect this year to have some great candidates as well.

Looking ahead to Q2 of 2024, we will be nominating new officers and holding elections in June. I encourage all members to step forward and let us know where they can serve the Post in the coming year. We have great momentum and need to keep moving forward to grow the membership and contribute to our community and local veterans.



### WWII Vet Reaches 103!

On 18 Jan 2024, Mrs. Lucile Griffeth-McMullen celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. Members of Pickens Post 149 helped her celebrate along with the Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as staff and friends at The Retreat in Jasper, GA. Lucile served in the U.S.

Army during WWII using her professional training as a registered nurse to treat the sick and injured. Following WWII, she served in many Veterans Administration hospitals caring for those who served. Miss Lucile is a lifetime member of American Legion Pickens Post 149 .



**Children / Youth**

## Community Engagement

Pickens Post 149 sponsored two local baseball organizations this quarter.

The Jasper Bullets is a 100% non-profit youth travel baseball organization. Matthew Haydon is the head coach and a Navy Corpsman Veteran.

The Pickens County Recreation Department appreciated Post 149's donation and presentation of the colors on Opening Day. This money will be spent on Baseball and Softball helmets for use during the Spring Seasons.



## National Vietnam Veterans Day 29 March 2024

All citizens of Pickens County, are invited to the annual Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park. This annual event recognizes our eternal gratitude and respect for those who served during the Vietnam War Era. On March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, thus ending military involvement in what is now the longest war in our country's history. The last of the Vietnam War POWs held in North Vietnam arrived home on United States American soil during the same period. On March 29, 1974, Vietnam Veterans Day was declared by Presidential order and the support of Congress with Public Law 93-232. Over 58,000 honorable and brave souls who fought and died during the Vietnam War, the ones who are missing and those who died since the consequences of that war, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation.

Please join us in honoring our Vietnam Veterans on March 29th at 11:00 AM at the Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park.

## APEX Off-Road Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Go Topless Event supports Post 149

This event will be located at Choccolocco Mountain in Jacksonville, Alabama on Saturday 18 May from 10am to 10pm. The park is 450 acres of forest-covered mountains with a vast trail system. Most stock four-wheel drive vehicles are capable of traveling throughout the entire park on the easy roads. There are also moderate to extreme trails for the more advanced vehicles. Some of the most extreme off road obstacles in the southeast are located in Jacksonville, AL.

Apex Off-Road Club is putting on this charity event in support of Barricade Go Topless Day and all proceeds will go to benefit the American Legion Pickens Post 149 supporting our local homeless veterans.

REGISTRATION and ACTIVITIES  
FREE EVENT T-SHIRT for FIRST 50 Registrants!

- \*Music
- \*Door Prizes
- \*Raffles
- \*Best Dirty & Topless Jeep Contest after trail ride
- \*Refreshments will be available.
- \*All Trail entries will receive a free event swag bag a from Extreme Terrain and Barricade.
- \*Unofficial T-shirts will be available for purchase.
- \*Limited camping and RV spots available. Please call Choccolocco Mtn for reservation.

For more information see:

<https://us.commitchange.com/nonprofits/6096>



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**Next Monthly Meeting 13 April 2024**  
Join us at our monthly meeting at 10 AM  
We meet at the Veteran's Hall 339 W Church St, Jasper, GA 30143  
Behind the Mountain Education Charter High School  
Come at 09:00 for some coffee and biscuits!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Let's Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30				10am - Post 149 Regular Meeting Vet's Hall 09:00 Breakfast & 09:00 Meeting Guest Speaker at 10am



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