

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 2025

Pickens Post 149 Searching for a new "Veterans Hall" Location

During the past four years the Pickens County Sherriff's Department and Board of Education has graciously allowed the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Marine Corps League to utilize meeting space in the Mountain Charter High School building. However, planned highway changes will cause these

organizations to once again search for a new Veterans Hall to support all Veteran Service Organizations. A permanent home location to serve these organizations is needed for long-term stability and growth.



The new location has the same 339 W. Church St address, but entry is now on the front side of Mountain Education Charter High School.

Post 149 Officers

Commander – Jay Misback

Vice Commander – David Jones

Junior Vice Commander – Don Wilson

Finance Officer – David Jones (interim)

Judge Advocate – Harford Field

Chaplin – Frank Batkins

Public Relations/Historian – Chris Feldt

Community Engagement



Mar 29th, 2025

The National Vietnam War Veterans Day event was held on Saturday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m. The program was led by Michael Shea, President of PCVMP, who ensured its smooth execution. He was supported by James Anderson and others to recognize the contributions of those who served during the Vietnam War Era. The attendance was notably larger than previous events.

FROM THE ADJUTANT

We are accepting membership applications and renewals for the 2025 calendar year. Our goal is to have 100%. See James Anderson, Post 149 Adjutant for your new membership card. They will be available at the Legion meetings.

Looking Ahead

Our next regular gathering is on April 12th at the hall on West Church St. Breakfast starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m.

The following meeting is on May 10th at the hall. Breakfast starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. Jasper Downtown Live starts May 10th. Need people to set up, work and tear down our booth. Recruit and sell tickets.

The Post 149 Commander is asking all veterans to Contact local politicians and landowners who may be willing to donate property that can become a permanent home for Pickens County Veterans Hall. Together we can build a facility capable of serving Pickens County 3,000 veterans similar to what adjacent counties have done.

Commander's Corner

During the Fourth Quarter of 2024 Pickens Post 149 welcomed in 2025 following a great Christmas Party organized by Donna Bonnett and



Michael Shea. We had a semi-Potluck Christmas dinner followed by drawings for gifts at Veteran's Hall. I want to pass on my thanks to all you pitched in and helped make it a wonderful event.

Unfortunately, winter weather prevented us from having our January meeting. This did not stop work to plan the 2025 Fundraising Concert led by Marie Lundquist. We booked A1A, the "Official Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band" for a concert at Chattahoochee Tech Auditorium on 31 May. Plans are progressing well, and I expect every Post 149 member to be out there selling tickets to help fill our 400-person capacity. In February, we welcomed Frank Batkins to the Post, and he accepted the Chaplain position replacing Rick Rice. We appreciate Rick's dedicated service over the years and welcome Frank in this important role. We also said goodbye to Finance Officer John Phares who moved out of our area. We wish him and his family well and appreciate his service. I appointed Dave Jones as interim Finance Officer so he will perform those

duties as well as Senior Vice Commander duties. In March, members of the executive board briefed the membership on a proposal to purchase the old Coca Cola building to use as a permanent home for the Post. The membership approved the plan, but our excitement was short lived when Coca Cola executives countered our proposal with a higher purchase price.

Fortunately, one donor said we could keep the funds they provided if it is held for a future building fund. We agreed and have and haveplaced those funds in a Certificate of Deposit separate account. Finally, I want to welcome new member Chris Feldt who jumped right in and took over editor duties for this Quarterly Newsletter. The Newsletter goes to all members to keep them informed and provides our Post with a running documented history.

I wish the best of health and good fortune for you and your family.

God Bless,
Commander Jay Misback

REMINDER

Post meetings offer a pre-ordered breakfast biscuit and coffee. Pre-order biscuits with Donna Bonnett.

American Legion Pickens Post 149 Annual Concert

CHEESEBURGERS *in Paradise*



Saturday 31 May, 2025

Chattahoochee Technical College

100 Campus Drive, Jasper, GA

Doors Open at 5 0'Clock

Dinner Served at 6 0'Clock

Show Starts at 7 0'Clock

Tickets \$60 each
Open Seating

Includes: Cheeseburger French Fried Potatoes Assorted Beverages

Buy Tickets at:

<https://americanlegion149.com>

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VETERANS HALL SCHEDULE

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 13:30 - 16:00 Post 149 Exec Meeting 17:30 - 18:30 SAL / ALR Meeting	2 18:30 VFW Meeting	3	4 11:00 PCVMP Quarterly Meeting	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 09:00 Breakfast 10:00 Post 149 Regular Meeting
13	14	15	16	17 18:00 DAV Mtg	18	19 08:30 USMC Fellowship 09:00 USMC League Regular Meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 17:30 SAL / ALR / Jeep Brigade Meeting	30	31		



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