



Quarterly Newsletter

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

Preserving the Past by Securing the Future

1st Quarter 2026



In Memory of...

Nicholas "Nic" Crews

The Men and Women of Pickens Post 149 mourn with Nic Crews family, friends and our community at his tragic loss. He served his nation by helping veterans fight the battle of mental illness associated with combat and became a casualty of war.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

Post 149 Officers

Commander – Jay Misback, Senior Vice-Commander – Angie Miller, Junior Vice Commander – Jim Adams, Finance Officer – Jim Yahres, Judge Advocate – Harford Field, Adjutant – James Anderson

Commander's Corner

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the First Quarter of 2026. Post 149 hit the new year running strong with an early sponsorship for local baseball teams so they could buy needed equipment, a refresh of our web page, and new procedures for assessing veteran needs that come our way. Our Veterans Hall Building Search Committee has reviewed some prospects and have more to do before we can nail down our forever home. Please be on the lookout for a suitable property and if you find one, let Dave Jones know so it can be investigated.



In the second quarter, we must hold elections for officers next year and I am a bit disappointed in the unwillingness to volunteer. I know many of you have done your part leading the Post over the years and I thank you for that. Those that have not, it is time to step up. We will announce nominations in May, hold elections in June and new leadership will be sworn in in July. Let's keep the Post strong and vibrant.

God Bless,

Jay Misback, Commander, Pickens Post 149

From the Senior Vice Commander

This has been a tough quarter for me as I look for a new residence in North Georgia. After careful consideration, I will stay in the Jasper area so I can be near you all. You guys make a big difference in my life and I hope to do the same for you.



God Bless and Stay Safe, Angie

**All Veterans Join Here Today!
First Year is Free**



www.americanlegion149.com

Community Engagement

Pickens Post 149 made our annual sponsorship contribution to local youth baseball this quarter. Generous donations last year enabled the Post to contribute \$1,200 to fund new equipment and uniform items this year.



Several Post 149 members worked with Pickens High School and local recruiters during Enlistment Prep Day. Veterans led students through the combat fitness exam needed to gain enlistment in the various services. Post members all came away with a great respect for the physical requirements to join the respective branches of the Military. Godspeed to all who enlist.

Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. hosted a Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony 30 March and many Post 149 members participated.



FROM THE ADJUTANT

We are at 101% of our membership in renewals and new memberships for the 2026 calendar year. Annual memberships ended on 1 Jan 2026, so if you have not renewed, please see James Anderson, Post 149 Adjutant for a membership application/renewal at our next meeting. Membership cards can be picked up at the meeting or downloaded at myLegion.com.

Veteran Recognitions



Several Pickens Post 149 members attended the 105th birthday celebration 13 Jan 26 at The Retreat for long time American Legion member and WWII Army nurse Lucile McMullin.



The Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented a Quilt of Honor to Korean War veteran Quentin Stiles at the March monthly meeting.



The Order of the Purple Heart presented Hayward Mathis with a eagle head / Purple Heart Cane 26 Jan 26. Each cane is decorated with the combat wounded Veteran's name, rank, unit and awards they earned while in service. The Purple Heart canes are presented once a year at a ceremony that is held at the National SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, FL.

Looking Ahead

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND HELP

- 11 Apr Monthly Post 149 Meeting Veterans Hall 10 AM
- 11 Apr Rifle Raffle Ticket Sales at Appalachian Gun 1-4 PM
- 25 Apr Jasper Live Main Street, 3 PM setup, Come Help Recruit at booth 5-10 PM
- 29 Apr Military Inductee Night Pickens High School Performing Arts Center 6 PM Wear Uniform!
- 30 Apr Quarterly SAL meeting at Rocco's 5:30 PM
- 9 May Monthly Post 149 Meeting Veterans Hall 10 AM Officer Nomination
- 13 Jun Monthly Post 149 Meeting Veterans Hall 10 AM MUST ATTEND Voting New Officers

Our regular monthly meetings are the second Saturday each month at Veterans Hall on West Church St. Breakfast starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m.

Recruiting and Fundraising

JASPER DOWNTOWN LIVE

Shopping, Food and Drinks, and Live Music.

Join us in 2026 for five Saturdays in Downtown Jasper, GA.

April 25

May 16

June 13

September 19

October 17

EVENT FROM 4 TO 10 PM (MUSIC STARTS AT 5 PM)



RIFLE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Pickens Post 149

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Drawing 27 June 2026



NEW Fulton Armory M14 Scout Rifle
Value \$3,325

and

200 Rounds of Ammo!

Do not need to be present to win.

GOAL: EACH MEMBER SELLS 10 TICKETS



2ND ANNUAL GEORGIA AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS RAFFLE



SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE
\$20 PER TICKET

DRAWING:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026 12:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 149
339 W. CHURCH STREET
JASPER, GA 30143

60 CHANCES TO WIN!

**A PRIZE DRAWN
EVERY
2.5 MINUTES**

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| 1. WINCHESTER SXP WATERFOWL 12 GA | 31. HENRY BIG BOY X .44 MAG |
| 2. STOEGER STR9-F 9MM PISTOL | 32. MOSSBERG RETRO FIELD 12 GA |
| 3. S&W M&P 15 SPORT III 5.56 NATO | 33. KIMBER MICRO STG 9MM |
| 4. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .308 | 34. RUGER GEN II RIFLE .30-06 |
| 5. MOSSBERG RETRO DEFENDER 12 GA | 35. TAURUS G3 PISTOL 9MM |
| 6. RUGER SECURITY 9MM | 36. CZ P10S 9MM |
| 7. WINCHESTER WILDCAT SPORTER RIFLE 22 LR | 37. STOEGER M3000 12 GA |
| 8. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II PREDATOR .308 | 38. STOEGER STR9-C 9MM |
| 9. WINCHESTER SXP 12 GA | 39. BERETTA AXP A1 9MM |
| ★ 10. \$1,000 CASH | ★ 40. \$1,000 CASH |
| 11. RUGER SECURITY 380 PISTOL .308 ACP | 41. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA |
| 12. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR | 42. CANIK METE SFT 9MM |
| 13. GLENFIELD MODEL A .308 | 43. MOSSBERG SILVER RESERVE 12 GA |
| 14. STOEGER CONDOR OVER/UNDER 12GA/410 | 44. TAURUS JUDGE 45/410 |
| 15. SMITH & WESSON M&P PISTOL 9MM | 45. WINCHESTER SXP MARINE DEFENDER 12 GA |
| 16. WINCHESTER XPRT 22 LR | 46. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .30-06 |
| 17. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II RANCH 6.5CM | 47. TAURUS G3 PISTOL 9MM |
| 18. SXP WATERFOWL CAMO 12 GA | 48. S&W FOLDING CARBINE 9MM |
| 19. SIG SAUER P322 PISTOL 22LR | 49. GLOCK G43X PISTOL 9MM |
| ★ 20. \$1,000 CASH | ★ 50. \$1,000 CASH |
| 21. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR | 51. WINCHESTER SXP WATERFOWL 12 GA |
| 22. S&W M&P 15 SPORT III 5.56 NATO | 52. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR |
| 23. WINCHESTER SXP HYBRID HUNTER 12 GA | 53. TAURUS JUDGE 45/410 |
| 24. GLOCK G43X PISTOL 9MM | 54. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA |
| 25. HENRY US SURVIVAL 22 LR | 55. BLACK RAIN AR-15 W/VORTEX SCOPE 5.56NATO |
| 26. SAVAGE AXIS II PRO .308 | 56. STOEGER STR9-C 9MM |
| 27. WINCHESTER SXP FIELD 20 GA | 57. SIG SAUER P345 PISTOL .380 ACP |
| 28. SIG SAUER P345 PISTOL .380 ACP | 58. KIMBER MICRO STG 9MM |
| 29. BLACK RAIN AR-15 W/VORTEX SCOPE 5.56 NATO | 59. HENRY BIG BOY STEEL .357 |
| ★ 30. \$1,000 CASH | ★ 60. GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000 CASH |

★ MUST TAKE AWARD - NO GIFT CERTIFICATE
ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS WILL BE ADHERED TO. MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO PURCHASE A TICKET. MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO BE ADMITTED TO DRAWING. TICKET SALES CUTOFF 11:00AM EST ON 11/07/2026. IF ITEM IS SUBSTITUTED THE VALUE WILL BE EQUAL OR GREATER.
YOU MUST PRESENT TICKET TO ENTER DRAWING. ALL CASH PRIZES ARE SUBJECT TO 20% IRS WITHHOLDING TAX. ALL TAXES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALL CASH PRIZES, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. CERTIFICATE MUST BE REDEEMED AT THE BASS PRO SHOP IN LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (5900 SUGARLOAF PARKWAY, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043). CERTIFICATE MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR A BASS PRO SHOP GIFT CARD IN THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. THE GIFT CARD CAN BE REDEEMED AT ANY BASS PRO SHOP OR WWW.BASSPRO.COM. ALL PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED BY MARCH 31, 2027. ANY PRIZES NOT CLAIMED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD WILL BE FORFEITED AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO AMERICAN LEGION.

AMERICAN LEGION PICKENS POST 149 ANNUAL CONCERT



Saturday 27 June 2026

Doors Open at 6 PM

Show Ends at 10 PM

Dress = Casual

ROCCO'S PUB

47 Mountainside Village Pkwy, Jasper, GA

Pre-Order

Tickets \$15 each

Or

\$20 at the Door

Buy Tickets at:

<https://americanlegion149.com>

or Scan Here



Did You Know We Are On Facebook?

Search Facebook for PickensPostonefournine and join the page to stay up to date with the latest Post 149 happenings.



Check Our Web Page for Upcoming Events and to Schedule Use of Veterans Hall

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THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Veterans Hall Building Search Committee



Pickens Post 149 Veterans Hall Building Search Committee (VHBSC) evaluated five properties this quarter. Two were sold before we could make a serious assessment, two were found to be inadequate and one is still under consideration. The Executive Board has approved further assessment of the property which will require an appraisal and permit search. If all goes well, we will need to meet with all major donors and seek funding for acquisition. Come to the meeting in April to find out more.

Dave Jones, Chairman VHBSC

On the Lighter Side



Active Duty



Retired

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VETERANS HALL ALL VSO CALENDAR

This section is used to reserve Veterans Hall for all VSO activities. Send reservation requests to pickenspost149@yahoo.com. Subject should Read: VETS HALL RESERVATION REQUEST

4/11/2026	Post 149 Monthly Meeting Meeting starts promptly at 10am. Come at 09:00 for breakfast.	09:00 - 11:30 Veterans Hall
4/18/2026	USMC League Meeting starts promptly at 10:00.	10:00am - 12:00am Veterans Hall
4/30/2026	SAL Monthly Meeting Meeting starts promptly at 5:30pm. THIS MONTH AT ROCCO'S PUB!	5:30pm - 6:30pm Rocco's Pub
5/7/2026	VFW Monthly Meeting Meeting starts promptly at 6:30pm.	6:30pm - 7:30pm Veterans Hall
5/9/2026	Post 149 Monthly Meeting Meeting starts promptly at 10am. Come at 09:00 for breakfast.	09:00 - 11:30 Veterans Hall