

# 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

2nd Quarter 2024

### Apex Off-Road and Extreme Terrain Support Pickens Post 149

The Apex Off-Road Club held a charity fundraising trail ride and raffle on 18 May at Choccolocco Mountain Off Road Park in Jacksonville, AL. Attendees camped and drove a series of complex trails in all types of vehicles before having lunch and participating in raffle prize drawings from several sponsors. Extreme Terrain Off-Road Outfitters pledged a 50% match for funds raised by Apex. All total, the organizations donated more than \$1,500 to Pickens Post 149 to help veterans in the local area.



*Deni Beach from Apex Off-Road presents donation to Post 149 Finance Officer David Jones*

### Post 149 Officer Elections

At the regularly scheduled meeting on 8 June, Pickens Post 149 elected new officers for 2024.

Incoming officers are:

Commander – Jay Misback  
Senior Vice-Commander – David Jones  
Junior Vice Commander – Don Wilson  
Finance Officer – John Phares  
Judge Advocate – Harford Field

The new officers will be installed at the 13 July Meeting by a GA District 9 Representative

## Commander's Corner

During the Second Quarter of 2024, Pickens Post 149 has accomplished many of our goals for the year. We have awarded two academic scholarships, two baseball sponsorships and a Boys & Girls Club sponsorship. We participated in the first enlistment ceremony held by the Pickens County high School, several honor guard presentations and decorated the Pickens Veterans Memorial Park for Memorial Day.



On the administrative side, we completed our Annual Finance Audit and concluded elections for new officers. We added a 65-inch TV monitor in Veterans Hall so presentations are easier to see. We installed new signage around Jasper and at Veterans Hall to bring awareness to our presence and help new members find the meeting location. We currently have 112 active members but need to work together to bring in younger members who can get involved with some of the upcoming events.

I am honored to lead as Post Commander in 2024 and look forward to working with our new members to get everyone involved and expand our goals and objectives.

We have great momentum and need to keep moving forward to grow the membership and contribute to our community and local veterans.

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

Commander Jay Misback

## Veterans Hall Improvements



Thanks to Don Smith for the engraved plaque to honor the Sons of the American Legion who meet in Veterans Hall the last Thursday each month.



Thanks to Jasper Wal-Mart for the significant discount on a 65-inch TV to use in our meeting hall.



Thanks to Commander Misback for getting the new multi-organization sign out front and American Legion sign on the building.



# Community Engagement

Pickens Post 149 increased our visibility and recruiting efforts this quarter with new signage around Jasper.

Post 149 and DAV member Ron Coulter launched “Veterans Hall of Pickens County Georgia” Facebook page and took the initiative to reserve a booth spot at Jasper Downtown Live every second Saturday. Several members of Pickens Post 149 and the DAV took turns staffing the booth to show our presence in the community. So far, interest has been very good with many veterans coming by asking about our organizations and how to get involved.



## Pickens High School First Annual Enlistment Ceremony



Commander Jay Misback and Finance Officer David Jones attended the enlistment ceremony at Pickens High School where 16 students enlisted in the various services. It was a good opportunity to talk with the young recruits and show our support for the community.

### Pickens Post 149 Supports Boys & Girls Club



### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTH GEORGIA

The Sons of the American Legion Post 149, Pickens Post 149, the American Legion Riders Post 149 and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 presented sponsorship checks to the Boys & Girls Club of North Georgia. This supports our mission to support the community and promote 100-percent Americanism. We do this by sponsorships, scholarships, and mentoring through a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. The Boys & Girls Club of North Georgia programs are reducing high school drop rates by 43% and drug use rates by 51%. Take a minute to check out their web site at <https://bgcng.org/>

Pickens Post 149 Sponsored Jasper Optimist Club's Annual 5K Flapjack Run. Proceeds go to help the youth in our community.



### DAV Honor Guard Presents Colors for First Annual Bronco Stampede Talking Rock, GA

Steve Lewis, David Jones, Don Wilson and Homer Sewell presented the colors at the opening ceremony for the Bronco Stampede. Each is a dual member of Pickens Post 149 and the DAV Chapter 47.

## Awards and Achievements



David Jones and Harford Field were presented Certificates of Appreciation for coordinating and executing the Annual Concert Series Fundraiser this year. Nearly 300 people attended the dinner and Neil Diamond Tribute Concert performed by Conner Lorre.

### The Daughters of the American Revolution

Five members of Pickens Post 149 were honored for their military service during their April meeting by receiving Certificates of Honor and beautiful handmade quilts given to them by the Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Recipients include, Larry Brown, Harford Field, William Dilbeck, Tim Pearson and Steve Lewis.



### Scholarships Awarded

Pickens Post 149 conducted its annual scholarship evaluation board led by John Johnson this quarter. The following were awarded scholarships based on academics, community involvement and leadership:

Boys State – Hunter Bryant

Academic Scholarship to The Citadel – Eleina Bryant

Academic Scholarship to Kennesaw State University – Luke Green



# Honoring and Serving Local Veterans



Members of Pickens Post 149 American Legion Riders and several other local veteran organizations met 19 June and escorted the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial to Ellijay where it was on display for all to see. The wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC, it stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. A ceremony was held on 22 June honoring those who gave all in service to our country and officially opening the display to the public.



# Did You Know We Are On Facebook?

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## Check Our Web Page for Upcoming Events

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