

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 2025

Pickens Post 149 Annual Dinner Concert Huge Success!!

On 31 May, the band A1A took the stage at Chatt Tech Auditorium and delivered a fantastic Jimmy Buffett Tribute show to a crowd of 300. Rocco's and Dos Margaritas catered the event providing cheeseburgers, fries, beer and margaritas.

Marie Lundquist led the planning team this year and everything went smoothly. The food and beverages were excellent and the decorations were lovely garnering praise from the band for our attention to detail and effort to make it a special evening. Steve Lawrence led the effort to garner donations and exceeded all expectations. His effort, along with basically sellout ticket sales, generated enough revenue to fund the Post 149 budget through 2026. The sponsors, attendees and volunteers deserve our thanks for supporting our local veterans.



Post 149 Officers

Commander – Jay Misback
Senior Vice-Commander – David Jones
Junior Vice Commander – Don Wilson
Finance Officer – David Jones (interim)
Judge Advocate – Harford Field
Chaplain – Frank Batkins
Public Relations/Historian – Chris Feldt



Loads of Fun



Commander's Corner

During the Second Quarter of 2025 Pickens Post 149 continued to serve the community and local veterans while planning and executing our annual dinner concert fundraiser.



I am so proud to serve beside such Legion members who give their time and talent to achieve our objectives. We have grown our membership in the Post this year to over 120 paid members. These are good numbers that will help all veterans as the American Legion advocates in Congress for our benefits. What I would like to see is more members stepping up to take leadership roles in the Post or even to take lead for a specific event. It is not fair for the same few members to do all the work when many of you have skills we need. Find a place to plug in and help where you can. Some opportunities for you to consider in the near term are:

1. Independence Day Parade coordinator
2. Jasper Live organizer
3. JeepFest coordinator
4. Marble Festival coordinator
5. Veterans Day Parade coordinator
6. Christmas Party organizer

The concert was a great success and we met our financial goal of funding the Post budget through 2026. I want to pass on my personal thank you to Marie Lundquist (Event Lead), Steve Lawrence, Dave Jones and Donna Bonnett for the many hours they put in in planning and executing the event. This was our third year hosting the annual fundraiser and our experiences have matured a good checklist for how to be even better next year.

God Bless,
Jay Misback

Commander, Pickens Post 149

Multi-Organization Color/Honor Guard Initiative



The Disabled American Veteran (DAV) Chapter 47 is opening up the opportunity for any veteran in the American Legion, VFW or Marine Corps League to serve on the Honor Guard and Color Guard. The DAV will provide uniform items, rifles and equipment and members can wear their organizational uniform (Garrison) cap to show pride in their organization. This is a great opportunity for veterans to show the public that we are present and willing to promote patriotism and honor veterans that have passed. This is so important to families as they lay to rest their loved ones who once served our country. Please reach out to James Anderson (678) 414-4229 or Don Wilson (706) 273-0725 for more information

FROM THE ADJUTANT

We will begin accepting membership applications and renewals for the 2026 calendar year in July. Our goal is to have 100% before Veterans Day 11 Nov. See James Anderson, Post 149 Adjutant for a membership application/renewal at our next meeting.

All Veterans Join Here Today!
First Year is Free





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Community Engagement

Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park (PCVMP)

Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

On 6 June, the PCVMP Board of Directors celebrated completion of Phase II construction with a ribbon cutting and short ceremony. Pickens Post 149 members have supported this effort from conception and it is good to see Phase II completed. Pickens County now has one of the nicest veterans memorials in the nation.



Memorial Day 2025

The Marine Corps League led the Jasper Memorial Day Ceremony and did an excellent job. Many Post 149 members attended and assisted in making the event special for our community.



Looking Ahead

Calendar of Events

- 4 July – Independence Day parade
- 9 July – Annual Audit by JAG
- 12 July – Monthly Meeting and Installation of Officers
- 12 July – SAL Annual Freedom Wheels
- 9 Aug – Monthly Meeting
- 17 Aug – District 9 Meeting
- 29 Aug – Sheriff's JeepFest

Our next regular monthly meeting is on 12 July at Veterans Hall on West Church St. Breakfast starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m.



REMINDER

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

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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June 2025

RESERVATIONS FOR VETERANS HALL

Times are blocked room reservations and not actual time of meetings/events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 1800-2000 VFW Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 0800-1200 American Legion Post 149 Regular Meeting
15 Room Reserved for Private Event	16	17	18	19 1730-1930 DAV Mtg	20	21 0800-1100 USMC Fellowship & USMC League Regular Meeting
22	23 PCVMP Quarterly Meeting 09:00 - 12:00	24	25	26 1700-1900 SAL / ALR / Jeep Brigade Meeting	27	28
29	30					



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