



Quarterly Newsletter

Preserving the Past by Securing the Future

2nd Quarter 2026

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

Pickens Post 149 Moves Out on Veterans Hall Purchase

On 8 May 2026, Commander Jay Misback and Building Search Committee Chairman David Jones toured the property at 1997 Camp Rd in Jasper, found it suitable for a permanent meeting hall and placed a deposit to purchase it. Built in 1997 as a church, it has served that use well and is Zoned "Highway Business" making it ideal for our use. It has a large auditorium, ample parking, a 1,200 sq ft kitchen/dining area and four bedrooms with baths upstairs. We can immediately use it for meetings and it has lots of growth potential, but first we must obtain funding and close on it by mid-September. The current and presumptive officers are working diligently to make this happen. The building will be owned by Post 149 and we will establish agreements with the other area VSOs for their use. Scheduling and facility use will be coordinated like we are doing now with the current Veterans Hall.

Building Front with Conceptual Branding



Meeting Hall with Conceptual Decor



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

We accomplished a great deal this quarter selecting nominees for next year's officer positions, accelerating our fundraising activities and closing in on the purchase of a long-awaited Veterans Hall building. This will be my last Commander's Corner in our newsletter so I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all the members who stepped forward to help me lead the Post, volunteer your time to make our activities a success and set us on a growth trajectory. I especially want to thank Angie Miller for her hard work on the Annual Concert fundraiser and other ad hoc tent events that have raised funds and helped increase our membership. I also want to thank Dave Jones for his work leading the building committee and coordinating with the other VSOs to find and set us up to purchase a permanent Veterans Hall. I look forward to working with the new officers and supporting our Post in future activities. Let's work together keep the Post strong and vibrant. God Bless,

Jay Misback, Commander, Pickens Post 149

From the Senior Vice Commander



Wow, I survived Q2'26! So much occurred from officer elections, to Farmer's Market, Bronco Stampede and the Annual Concert. I am glad these events are over and appreciate those who stepped up to make them a success. We will need more volunteers to lead & help with future events. I look forward to working with the new officers to take us to the next level. God Bless and Stay Safe, Angie



Community Engagement

Pickens Post 149 made our annual contribution to Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Several Post 149 members attended the Pickens High School Enlistment ceremony honoring students who have volunteered to serve in our armed forces.



Ms. Jo Niblett "Rosie the Riveter" also received her HS diploma having set aside education to work on aircraft for the WWII effort.

The Marine Corp League hosted the Annual Memorial Day ceremony at Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park, 25 May and many Post 149 members participated.



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FROM THE ADJUTANT

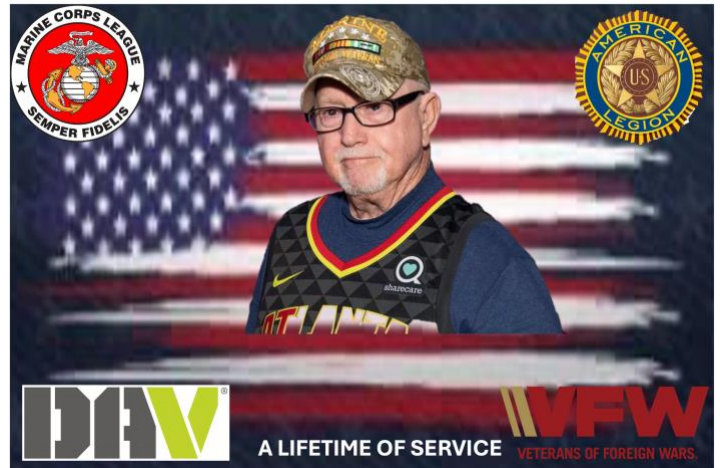
We are at 101% of our membership in renewals and new memberships for the 2026 calendar year. Annual memberships ended on 1 Jan 2026, so if you have not renewed, please see James Anderson, Post 149 Adjutant for a membership application/renewal at our next meeting. Membership cards can be picked up at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

Veteran Recognitions

It is with great sadness that we laid to rest Post 149 member Bill Craig this quarter. The Marine Corps League's North Georgia Mountain Detachment 1280 is saddened by the loss of Bill Craig, a valued Marine veteran. In addition to his service with the detachment, Bill was also a member of American Legion Post 149 and the VFW.

Bill served in the United States Marine Corps from June 22, 1965, to April 18, 1969, including a tour in Vietnam from July 1966 to August 1967. After his military service, he joined the Atlanta Police Department in November 1971, moved to Fulton County in 1975, and retired on March 5, 1996. He later served with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office from 1998 to 2000.

Bill made a lasting impact in Pickens County as both a veteran and a dedicated member of the community. Fellow veterans quickly spoke of his honor and character, and he was widely respected as a true leader. He served for many years as Commandant of North Georgia Mountain Detachment 1280.



Looking Ahead

- 11 Jul Monthly Post 149 Meeting Veterans Hall 10 AM
- 11 Jul SAL Squadron 149 Annual Freedom Wheels Ride
- 18 Jul Jasper Farmer's Market, 7 AM-12PM, Come Help Recruit & sell raffle tickets
- 15 Jul Jasper Farmer's Market, 7 AM-12PM, Come Help Recruit & sell raffle tickets
- 1 Aug GA District 9 Meeting – Jones attending. All welcome to experience district governance.
- 8 Aug Monthly Post 149 Meeting Veterans Hall 10 AM
- 15 Aug Jasper Farmer's Market, 7 AM-12PM, Come Help Recruit & sell raffle tickets
- 22 Aug Jasper Farmer's Market, 7 AM-12PM, Come Help Recruit & sell raffle tickets
- 29 Aug Jasper Farmer's Market, 7 AM-12PM, Come Help Recruit & sell raffle tickets

See Angie to Sign Up and Help

**Everyone Should be able to help a minimum 1 hour per month at a Farmer's Market
Pick a Date and Volunteer to Lead Set-up and Tear-down of the booth**

ATLANTA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM NON-VA HOSPITAL EMERGENCY 72-HR NOTIFICATION POLICY



CARE IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Who do I call?

COMMUNITY CARE BILLING QUESTIONS 1.888.901.6613

Call the Centralized Community Care Call Center (C4) for billing issues, unpaid claims, adverse credit reporting, debt collection issues as a result of using Care in the Community previously.

72-HOUR NON-VA EMERGENCY CARE NOTIFICATION 1.844.724.7842

Call within 72 hours of presenting to a non-VA emergency room or if you are admitted to a non-VA hospital.

ATLANTA VAHCS CARE IN THE COMMUNITY TEAM

404.321.6111, then press option 6
Call the Atlanta VAHCS Care in the Community Team (CITC) for any questions related to authorizations for care in the community services needing to be scheduled or to see what services the authorization covers.

Please note, Atlanta VAHCS CITC team does not have access to view billing issues. All care in the community billing issues will need to be addressed through the C4 team at: 1.877.881.7618

For more information, visit
va.gov/communitycare



VA

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Atlanta VA Health Care System

If you present to an Emergency Room or are admitted to a community hospital, **within 72 hours of a Non-VA ER or Hospital visit, notify the VA at 844.724.7842 to be considered for VA payment.**



If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately. Veterans do not need to check with VA before going to an emergency room in the community or calling an ambulance. During a medical emergency VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay.

It is important to **notify VA within 72 hours of arrival** because it allows us to assist in coordinating care or transfer to a VA facility and helps ensure administrative and clinical requirements that allow VA to pay for the care are met. Ask the Non-VA facility to fax your records to your clinic - Attn: Your Primary Care Provider

Please note, VA payment is not guaranteed.

*** The 72-hour time frame begins at the
START of your visit or admission**

**The Joseph Maxwell Cleland
Atlanta VA Medical Center ER is open
24/7 at 1670 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033**



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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



2ND ANNUAL GEORGIA AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS RAFFLE

SEE ANY POST 149
MEMBER TO
PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS

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

\$20 PER TICKET

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. SAW MAP 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 PDS 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 XPERT 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. SAW 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. SAW MAP 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 30 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 |

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 (9900 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



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**

Veterans Hall Building Search Committee



Pickens Post 149 Veterans Hall Building Search Committee (VHBSC) received a favorable vote of the membership at the May meeting proceed with all due diligence and purchase requirements for the property at 1997 Cap Rd. Community Bank has agreed to perform an appraisal and provided favorable terms for a commercial loan. The building and termite inspections found no significant issues. Significant fundraising efforts are needed to make the down payment and close mid-August.

Dave Jones, Chairman VHBSC

www.americanlegion149.com

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."

On the Lighter Side

Sr Vice
Commander
Angie
Miller was
busted for
"Excessive
Fundraising
In-Support
of Local
Veterans"



Pickens Post 149
PO Box 477
Jasper, GA 30143
Phone: 706-253-1715



American Legion Pickens Post 149 Annual Concert



Saturday 27 June 2026

Doors Open at 6 PM
Show Ends at 10 PM

ROCCO'S PUB

47 Mountainside Village Pkwy, Jasper, GA

Tickets available at the Door \$20

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS

Rocco's Pub	Pizza Hut	Medcorp EMS Billing	A&Co Hair Studio
A&T Towing	Gypsy Roots	Jasper Tire Company	Talking Rock Cigar Co.
Renasant Bank	Annie's Restaurant	Pendley Creek Brewery	Ami Cooper Nails
Day's Chevrolet	The Beauty Bar	Rustic Roots Boutique	Arrowhead Country Club
Datwyler	Longhorn Steakhouse	Bell's Family Pharmacy	Elite Jewelers
Community Bank	Sidelines Grill	Cherokee Closeouts	Appalachian Gun
Parrish Lowrie State Farm	Boxcar Grill	Martin's Produce	Angie's Picture
Bledsoe Home Inspections	Talking Rock Brewery	The JeepHut	
Nancy Cochran Maddox Law	First Citizens Bank	GA Mountain Customs	
Arrow Exterminators	Cambria & Clover	Southern Paint & Body	
Jasper Family Dentistry	The Social Patch		



**THANK YOU
ALL
VOLUNTEERS
Annual Concert
was a great
success!!**





Check Out the New VSO All Events Calendar <https://americanlegion149.com>

July 2026 Pickens VSO All Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		11:00 All Veteran Lunch at Rocco's	1	2 HALL 18:30-20:00 VFW Meeting	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Parade 10:00 Jasper
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		11:00 All Veteran Lunch at Rocco's				07:00-12:00 MCL Farmer's Market Booth
						HALL 09:00-11:00 Post 149 Regular Meeting 09:00 Breakfast & 10:00 Meeting
						SAL Annual Freedom Wheels Jeep Ride 12:00- 17:00
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		11:00 All Veteran Lunch at Rocco's				07:00-12:00 Post 149 Farmer's Market Booth
						HALL 09:00-11:00 USMC Fellowship & USMC League Regular Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		11:00 All Veteran Lunch at Rocco's				07:00-12:00 Post 149 & MCL Farmer's Market Booths
						HALL 10:00 DAV Monthly Meeting
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		11:00 All Veteran Lunch at Rocco's				

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.