

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

3rd Quarter 2025

See and Be Seen as Pickens Post 149 Grows Membership

Post officer elections are held each July and this year brought two new faces to the executive board. Angie Miller assumed the Senior Vice Commander position which primary duty is recruiting and assisting the Commander as needed. Jim Yhares assumed the Finance Officer position who has primary fiduciary responsibilities for the Post. Both hit the ground running with Angie driving the Post members to be visible in the community beginning with the Independence Day Parade, Jasper Live downtown events and finishing the quarter with a strong showing at JeepFest. Jim engaged making sure everyone is involved with the District 9 raffle and soliciting donations. The Sons of the American Legion Chapter rallied the American Legion

Riders and the Jeep Brigade for a show and ride to raise funds for a local girl named Rose who is fighting cancer. All in all the Post is engaged and several new members have joined and become active.



Post 149 Officers

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

Commander's Corner

During the Third Quarter of 2025

Pickens Post 149 welcomed new officers to key positions and increased our visibility in the local community.

We have established and are growing a building fund to support any opportunity to obtain a permanent home for all the local veteran service organizations. We continue to grow our membership in the Post and I encourage everyone to be active and involved in Post activities.

It is with great sadness that I must report that two of our members passed away this quarter. Both Steve Whitt and Steve Hammer were active and loved members of Pickens Post 149. We celebrate their lives and honor their memories by continuing to serve local veterans and our community.

God Bless,

Jay Misback

Commander, Pickens Post 149



Multi-Organization Color/Honor Guard Serves at Patriot Day Ceremony

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 47 led Honor Guard participated in the Patriot Day Ceremony hosted by the Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park Association. Most of the seven members in the rifle squad and the key note speaker Steve Lawrence are



Pickens Post 149 members. Events like this serve to honor our Nation's important remembrances. All local Veteran Service Organization members are eligible to join the Honor/Color Guard. Please reach out to James Anderson (678) 414-4229 or Don Wilson (706) 273-0725 for more information on how you can become involved.

From the Senior Vice Commander

I am honored to serve Pickens Post 149 and look forward to working alongside each of you to see and be seen in our local community. Together we can

help veterans in need and offer the unreached veterans a place they can find camaraderie with others who have "Been There and Done That."



FROM THE ADJUTANT

We began 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.



On the
Lighter
Side



Community Engagement

Veterans From Across the County Honor a True Rosie the Riveter

Mrs. Jo Niblett turned 103 years old on 18 Sept 2025 and many Pickens Post 149 members and other veterans celebrated with her at The Retreat in Jasper, GA. The party was hosted by the Sequoyah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Jo served our nation during WWII at the Bell Aircraft Corporation plant in Marietta, GA. Because of her small stature, she was selected to perform riveting & welding construction in the nose section of the B-29 Superfortress bomber. The aircraft's pressurized cabin was a new innovation and required exceptional attention to detail during installation in order to seal properly. Attending the birthday celebration was Georgia District 11 Representative Rick Jasperse and his wife Marcia along with several members of Mrs. Jo's family.



Looking Ahead

Calendar of Events

- 11 October – Monthly Meeting @ Veterans Hall
- 11 October – Steve Whitt Brick Ceremony & Lunch
- 8 November – Monthly Meeting @ Veterans Hall
- 11 November – Veterans Day Parade Main Street
- 11 November – Veterans Appreciation Luncheon 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.

District 9 Annual Raffle

Firearms and Cash Prizes -- 45 Chances To Win. American Legion District 9, Post 232 in Snellville, GA is conducting this raffle and a portion of all tickets sold here will be returned to Pickens Post 149.

Details are below. Please add "Pickens Post 149" in the notes section to ensure we get credit.




1ST ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS RAFFLE

DRAWING:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025 12:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 232
3163 MAIN STREET WEST
SNELLVILLE GA 30078

\$20 PER TICKET **45 CHANCES TO WIN!** **A PRIZE DRAWN EVERY 3 MINUTES**

1. WINCHESTER SXP WATERFOWL 12 GA
2. STOEGER STR9-F 9MM PISTOL
3. RUGER 10/22 MOE 22LR
4. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .308
5. STOEGER P3500 SHOTGUN CAMO 12 GA
6. RUGER MAX 9 PISTOL 9MM
7. WINCHESTER WILDCAT SPORTER RIFLE 22 LR
8. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II PREDATOR .308
9. WINCHESTER SXP 12 GA
- ★ 10. \$1,000 CASH
11. RUGER SECURITY 380 PISTOL .308 ACP
12. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR
13. STEVENS #334 .308
14. STOEGER CONDOR OVER/UNDER 12GA/410
15. SMITH & WESSON M+P PISTOL 9MM
16. SAVAGE B22 RIFLE 22LR
17. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II RANCH 6.5CM
18. STOEGER P3500 SHOTGUN CAMO 12 GA
19. SIG SAUER P322 PISTOL 22LR
- ★ 20. \$1000 CASH
21. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR
22. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .30-06
23. WINCHESTER SXP HYBRID HUNTER 12 GA

24. GLOCK G43X PISTOL 9MM
25. ROSSI RIO BRAVO RIFLE 22L
26. SAVAGE 110 TRAIL HUNTER RIFLE .308
27. WINCHESTER SXP HYBRID HUNTER 20 GA
28. SIG SAUER P365 PISTOL .380 ACP
29. SAVAGE MARK LL 22 LR
- ★ 30. \$1,000 CASH
31. HENRY .44 MAGNUM RIFLE
32. MOSSBERG RETRO FIELD 12 GA
33. KIMBER MICRO 9 PISTOL 9MM
34. BROWNING AB3 HUNTER RIFLE .30-06
35. TAURUS G2S PISTOL 9MM
36. CZ P10S 9MM
37. STOEGER M3000 12 GA
38. STOEGER STR9-C 9MM
39. BERETTA AXP A1 9MM
- ★ 40. \$1,000 CASH
41. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA
42. CANIK METE SFT 9MM
43. MOSSBERG SILVER RESERVE 12 GA
44. TAURUS JUDGE 45/410
- ★ 45. GRAND PRIZE - \$5,000 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 16 YEARS OLD TO BE ADMITTED TO DRAWING. TICKET SALES CUTOFF 11:00AM EST ON 11/08/2025. IF ITEM IS SUBSTITUTED THE VALUE WILL BE EQUAL OR GREATER.

YOU MUST PRESENT TICKET TO ENTER DRAWING. 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, 2026. ANY PRIZES NOT CLAIMED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD WILL BE FORFEITED AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 232 GENERAL FUND.

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Post 149 happenings.



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

www.americanlegion149.com

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Veterans Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	2	3	4	
5	6	7 Veterans Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	8	9	10	11 Post 149 Regular Meeting Veterans Hall 09:00 Breakfast & 10:00 Meeting
12	13	14 Veterans Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	15	16	17	18 11:30 Steve Whitliff Ceremony & Rocco's Lunch
19	20	21 Veterans Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Veterans Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	29	30	31	



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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."

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER...This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors-and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation.

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms-went to wars-to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM...Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN ALL WARS...Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the unerasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION...Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward, are never finished.

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF CLASSES AND MASSES...This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass when this threatens. In a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, there are bound to both classes and masses. Indeed, the masses are composed of classes-but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations. There must be no hyphenated Americans-just Americans all.

TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT...All wars from the veterans of which The American Legion draws its membership were started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. If human freedom is not to perish from the earth, right must always be master of might. The rights of small nations must be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them- just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Our belief in enthroning right over might is the main essence of our ideological conflict with Communism today. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual. This concept is the basis of The American Legion's continued advocacy of a strong national preparedness so as to achieve the ideal situation that right will be backed by adequate might.

TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH...Until all the world becomes a good neighborhood, Legionnaires must continue the effort to promote peace and good will on earth. It is in pursuance of this founding ideal that The American Legion has supported from the beginning and seek to strengthen the United Nations organization. Obliquely, The American Legion also contributes to this ideal by firmly supporting a strong national defense to discourage breaking of the peace by aggressor.

TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY...On this ideal of safeguarding and transmitting to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, all of the youth-training programs of The American Legion are built. All Americans can be proud that in our international relations we have tried to live by the golden rule, the mark of justice. We have granted to others, as we prize it ourselves, the great boon of freedom. Through the Monroe Doctrine, we call a halt to foreign imperialism in the Western Hemisphere. These principles are part of the American heritage. Legionnaires are pledged to protect & preserve that heritage.

TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.The last or 10th clause of our Preamble is the most important ideal expressed in our Preamble. It marked a new concept in America - a concept that made The American Legion the greatest force for social betterment in all the history of the United States. Let us be factual and examine this.