



Post 149 Pickens County Newsletter 3rd Quarter 2026

On 10 September 2026, Post 149 Commander Dave Jones, David S. Collins VFW Post 12239 Commander Derrick Mann, Marine Corps League Post 1280 Commandant Craig Knutson and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 Commander James Anderson used a bayonet to cut the ribbon on Pickens County Veterans Hall. The property at 1997 Camp Rd in Jasper will serve as a meeting hall for any veteran organization that would like to use it. The purchase was made possible by generous donors who contributed enough funds to make the downpayment. A building committee made up of representatives from each of the four Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) quickly met to prioritize actions needed to make the hall usable. This hard work enabled each of the local VSOs to hold their September meetings in the new hall. Work included installing a security system, keypad door locks, required emergency/ fire protection items, removing existing pews and moving in our tables and chairs. These actions enabled Post 149 JAG Harford Field to apply for and receive our business license and certificate of occupancy.

A New Home for Post 149



August 14, 2026
Commander Dave Jones and Finance Officer Mark Ruse sign mortgage paperwork purchasing Pickens County Veterans Hall

September 10, 2026 – Joint VSO Ribbon Cutting

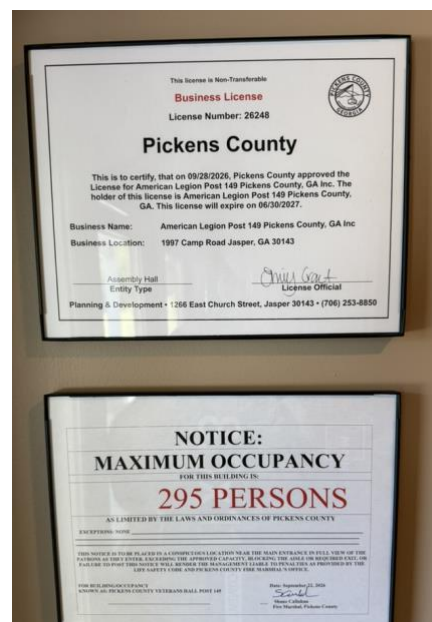


September 28, 2026
Business License Approved

THANK YOU!
The veterans of Pickens County are grateful to the Sheriff's Department and Pickens County School District for allowing each organization to meet in their facilities until we found our home.

Post 149 Officers

Commander – Dave Jones, Senior Vice-Commander – Angie Miller, Junior Vice Commander – Jim Adams, Finance Officer – Mark Ruse, Judge Advocate – Harford Field, Adjutant – John Johnson



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – National Security – Americanism – Children & Youth

Commander's Corner

Wow! What a quarter we have had. Members stepped up their fundraising efforts enabling us to make the downpayment on the purchase of a long-awaited Veterans Hall building. We closed on 14 Aug and the Joint VSO Building Committee completed two of the three tasks our Executive Board gave them. They got it ready for us to meet in the main hall and they made it presentable for the 10 Sept Ribbon Cutting. Our JAG Harford Field worked hard to get the final Fire Marshal approvals and obtained our business license so we can generate rental income to make the monthly payments. On top of all of this, Post 149 facilitated over \$58,000 in support to the community and local veterans in need. It is a great time to a member of Post 149 and I ask each member to get involved and bring a friend. We have more to accomplish.

God Bless,

Dave Jones, Commander

Post 149 Pickens County, GA



From the Senior Vice Commander



Thank you to those who helped with recruiting and fundraising at the Farmer's Market, Independence Day Parade and Rally Around Town event.

We have a busy Q4 ahead as we roll right into Marble Festival and the exciting Night of Fire (NoF) event 24 Oct. The NoF is being donated by Northern Roots Farm who is excited to help us fundraise to maintain & upgrade Veterans Hall. Please volunteer to support this event and enjoy it.

God Bless and Stay Safe,

Angie Miller, Sr Vice Commander

Community Engagement

Pickens Post 149 responded to a veteran in need who had a flooded basement causing life-threatening mold growth. Post 149 coordinated with the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Veterans Helping Veterans and local businesses to quickly



make repairs and mitigate future mold growth.



Ron and Sue Wheeler were selected this quarter by Phoenix Roofing for "Operation Rooftop Rescue" by Phoenix Roofing. This is an annual program to provide a roof to a veteran.

We celebrated with Ms. Jo Niblett "Rosie the Riveter" who turned 104 this month.



FROM THE ADJUTANT

We are at 72% of our membership in renewals and new memberships for the 2027 calendar year. While we are ahead of the district goals; we must contact every veteran and continue to grow to meet our objectives. Please see James Anderson, Post 149

Membership Chairman for a membership application/renewal. Membership cards and applications can be picked up at the meeting or downloaded at myLegion.com.

Veteran Recognitions

Two "Hard Chargers"
Recognized in September



Jim Adams Mike Summers
Community Service Building Committee

2025 Commander
Jay Misback was
selected for Honor
Flight to Wash,
D.C. and received
a
"Hero's Welcome"



2025 Adjutant
James Anderson
receives Post 149
award for
exceeding
recruiting and
retention goals.



Events – Recruiting - Fundraising

NIGHT of FIRE
OPEN FIRE DINING EXPERIENCE
24 OCTOBER
4 - 8 PM
FEATURING CHEF THOMAS
★ FUNDRAISER FOR ★
PICKENS COUNTY VETERANS HALL
NORTHERN ROOTS FARM
JASPER, GEORGIA
LIVE MUSIC

JOHN JOHNSON
5 - 6 PM

T & REA
6 - 8 PM

USAID COUNTRY
CAR SHOW
PUNCHED BY
DRINK
CIGARS
TALKING ROCK
SWEETS
Local Batch Co.
SOUNDED CLOSE TO HOME
WWW.NORTHERNROOTSBAR.COM

**2ND ANNUAL
GEORGIA AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS RAFFLE**

DRAWING:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025 12:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 149
339 W. CHURCH STREET
JASPER, GA 30143
60 CHANCES TO WIN!

\$20 PER TICKET

A PRIZE DRAWN EVERY 2.5 MINUTES

1. WINCHESTER EXP WATERFOWL 12 GA	31. HENRY BIG BOY X 44 MAG
2. STOEGER STR 9 PMA PISTOL	32. MOSSBERG RETRO FIELD 12 GA
3. SAW MAP 12 SPORT II 5.56 NATO	33. KIMBER MICRO S&W 9MM
4. SAVAGE AXIS 30 RIFLE 308	34. RUGER GEN 8 RIFLE 30-06
5. MOSSBERG RETRO DEFENDER 12 GA	35. Taurus G3 PISTOL 9MM
6. RUGER SECURITY 9MM	36. CZ PISTOL 9MM
7. WINCHESTER WILDCAT SPORTER RIFLE 22 LR	37. STOEGER AK3000 12 GA
8. RUGER AMERICAN GEN 8 PREDATOR 308	38. STOEGER STR-C 9MM
9. WINCHESTER S&W 12 GA	39. BENETTA ACP 40 PMA
10. \$1,000 CASH	40. \$1,000 CASH
11. RUGER SECURITY 280 PISTOL 308 ACP	41. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA
12. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR	42. CAIINK METE S&W 9MM
13. GUNFIELD MODEL A 308	43. MOSSBERG SILVER RESERVE 12 GA
14. STOEGER CORDON OVER/UNDER 00A/40	44. Taurus Judge 45 A&D
15. SMITH & WESSON MAP PISTOL 9MM	45. WINCHESTER S&W MARINE DEFENDER 12 GA
16. WINCHESTER XPRT 22 LR	46. SAVAGE AXIS 30 RIFLE 30-06
17. RUGER AMERICAN GEN 8 B&C 6.5CM	47. Taurus G3 PISTOL 9MM
18. EXP WATERFOWL CARGO 12 GA	48. SAW FOLDING CARBINE 9MM
19. S&W SAUER P322 PISTOL 22LR	49. GLOCK 43X PISTOL 9MM
20. \$1,000 CASH	50. \$1,000 CASH
21. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR	51. WINCHESTER EXP WATERFOWL 12 GA
22. SAW MAP 12 SPORT II 5.56 NATO	52. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR
23. WINCHESTER EXP HYBRID HUNTER 12 GA	53. Taurus Judge 45 A&D
24. GLOCK 43X PISTOL 9MM	54. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA
25. HENRY US SURVIVAL 22 LR	55. BLACK B&W AIR 12 V/VORTEX SCOPE 5.56 NATO
26. SAVAGE AXIS 8 PRO 308	56. STOEGER STR-C 9MM
27. WINCHESTER EXP FIELD 30 GA	57. S&W SAUER P345 PISTOL 380 ACP
28. S&W SAUER P345 PISTOL 380 ACP	58. KIMBER MICRO S&W 9MM
29. BLACK B&W AIR 12 V/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 THE RAFFLE. TICKET SALES END AT 11:00 PM EST ON THE DAY OF THE RAFFLE. IF FEW OR NO TICKETS ARE SOLD, THE RAFFLE WILL BE CANCELED. YOU MUST PURCHASE A TICKET TO PARTICIPATE. ALL CASH PRIZES ARE SUBJECT TO PAYING WITHIN THE 60 DAYS OF THE RAFFLE. ALL WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLAIMING THEIR PRIZES. NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE PAID OUT. NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE PAID OUT. NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE PAID OUT.

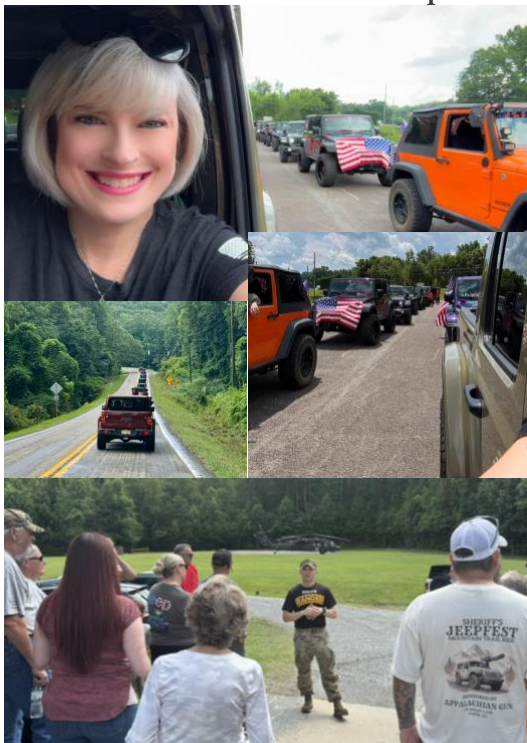
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALL CASH PRIZES, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXCHANGED AT THE RAFFLE AND SHOWN TO THE WINNER. ALL OTHERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLAIMING THEIR PRIZES. CERTIFICATE MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR A B&W SAUER P345 PISTOL 380 ACP IN THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. THE CERTIFICATE CAN BE EXCHANGED AT ANY B&W SAUER SHOP OR WINNERSSTORE.COM. ALL PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2025. ANY PRIZES NOT CLAIMED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD WILL BE FORFEITED AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO AMERICAN LEGION.

Night at the Range with Sec VA
Doug Collins 28 Sept



** Official American Legion apparel is not to be worn at political events. This activity was VA engagement and approved by the 9th District Commander and State JAG.

SAL Squadron 149
Annual Freedom Wheels visits Camp Merrill



Annual Independence Day Parade



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

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."

Our regular monthly meetings are the second Saturday each month at Veterans Hall 1997 Camp Road, Jasper, GA. Social starts at 9 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m.

Looking Ahead

- 3-4 Oct — Marble Festival community service
- 6 Oct — Executive Committee meeting
- 10 Oct — Regular monthly meeting
- 17 Oct — Talking Rock Color Guard and recruiting/raffle booth
- 24 Oct — Night of Fire fundraiser for Veterans Hall
- 10 Nov — Executive committee meeting
- 11 Nov — Veterans Day parade, ceremony, lunch @ Rocco's
- 14 Nov — Last regular monthly meeting of 2026
- 12 Dec — Annual Post Christmas Party

Watch for emails that have a signup link or see Angie
Everyone Should volunteer a minimum 1 hour per month
BPOTS! – Be Part of the Solution!

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



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On the Lighter Side



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