

# 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

4th Quarter 2024

### Pickens Post 149 Leads Jasper's Veterans Day Parade

A light drizzle welcomed parade participants on 11 Nov for the Jasper Veterans Day Parade but that did not dampen the participants and spectators spirits. Korean War Veteran Joe Fore led the way as the Parade Grand Marshall with Mrs. Joe Niblett, a WWII Rosie the Riveter, following with the American Legion members. It was great to see the children from Tate Elementary and Jasper Middle School lining the streets with flags honoring our veterans. Parade participants were welcomed to the Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park by patriotic music provided by the Pickens High School Band and Chorus.

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### Post 149 Officers

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

## Commander's Corner

During the Fourth Quarter of 2024 (Q4 '24), Pickens Post 149 continued to add many new and first time members to the American Legion. The new location and signage along West Church Street is helping us improve visibility and given us space to grow.



Our members coordinated with the City of Jasper to organize and execute the Veterans Day Parade. This was the first time in two years that the parade was not cancelled due to severe weather. The American Legion float worked great carrying veterans from the Korean War era through the modern Middle-East conflicts. We were honored to partake in a Veterans Appreciation luncheon at Rocco's Pub immediately following the parade and thank the local sponsors for supporting all local veterans.

The Post supported the Marble Festival by providing shuttle drivers and traffic control as we have in the past. I am a bit disappointed in the number of volunteers we had this year and hope we can do better next year as this is a way we can give back to our great community.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to Donna Bonnett and Michael Shea for their work in organizing a great Christmas Party. Many members from multiple veterans' organizations attended, enjoyed a great meal and participated in gift drawings.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays. God Bless,  
Commander Jay Misback

### REMINDER

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

## Veterans Day Parade (Cont'd)

The Veterans Day Ceremony followed with the presentation of a proclamation made by the Jasper Mayor and presented to Pickens Post 149 Commander Jay Misback by Mr. Brandon Douglas.



The guest speaker for the event was Jasper local Mr. John Martin who described his life's path that led

him into the Army in July of 1965. In November 1965, John deployed to Vietnam as an infantry Specialist 4 machine gunner assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. He described his time there recalling the events leading up to wounds earning him the Purple Heart. Despite the challenges he faced, John found humor where he could and entertained the crowd.



The ceremony concluded with Mrs. Carole English from the Daughters of the American Revolution awarding Mr. Joe Fore with a Quilt of Honor for his service to our country.





# Community Engagement

**5 October 2024**

Pickens Post 149 Supported the Pickens Country Chamber of Commerce during Marble Festival.

**19 October 2024**

Pickens Post 149 and the DAV Supported Talking Rock's Heritage Days Festival with a Color Guard and Booth.



## DAV Honor Guard Presents Colors for Jasper Christmas Parade

David Jones, Don Wilson, Tiffany Green and James Anderson presented the colors for the Jasper Christmas Parade 8 December 2024. Each is a member of Pickens Post 149 and/or the DAV Chapter 47.

### FROM THE ADJUTANT

We are accepting membership applications and renewals for the 2025 calendar year. So far we have received 76 renewals. Our goal is to have 100% by December 2024. See James Anderson, Post 149 Adjutant for your new membership card. They will be available at the Legion meetings.



## LOOKING AHEAD

**31 May – Annual American Legion Concert Series Fundraiser**

### *Presenting*



A1A is The Official and Original Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show performing an energetic show consisting of all of Jimmy Buffett's top hits and popular songs. Contact Marie Lundquist to volunteer.



# American Legion Pickens Post 149 2024 Accomplishments

Helped local veterans with shelter, food, utilities and VA benefits

Funded two academic scholarship

Awarded Boy's & Girl's State Scholarships

Sponsored Marble Festival

Sponsored Optimist Club Flapjack Run

Donated two youth baseball sponsorships

Assisted with Color Guard Services for local events

Retired United States Flags properly

Honored local veterans/first responders with picnic

Obtained new Meeting Hall with three times the room

Installed new signage around Jasper and at Veterans Hall

Supported DAR Quilts of Honor Program

Sponsored Veterans Day Middle School Poster Contest

Conducted Veterans Day Parade and ceremony in Jasper

Hosted Christmas Party for all local Veterans Service Organizations

## NOTICE

**Use of Veterans Hall is by RESERVATION ONLY. Reservations can be made by submitting your request to pickenspost149@yahoo.com.**

Check Room Availability at:

<https://americanlegion149.com/vets-hall-schedule>

January 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 08:00-15:00 DAV Meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 1800-2000 VFW Meeting	17	18 08:00-12:00 Post 149 Regular Monthly Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 08:00-11:00 USMC Fellowship and USMC League Regular Meeting
26	27	28	29	30 17:00-19:00 SAL & ALR Meeting	31	

Send Reservation Requests to pickenspost149@yahoo.com



# 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](http://www.americanlegion149.com)



## Next Meeting January 11, 2025

Join us at our monthly meeting the second Saturday of each month at 10am. Come early at 9am for breakfast. Cash donation requested.  
 We meet at the Veteran's Hall 339 W Church St, Jasper, GA 30143  
Front Side of the Mountain Education Charter High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			NEW YEAR'S DAY			
	6	7	8	9	10	11
5		Vet's Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	15	16	17	18
	12	13	14	22	23	24
		Vet's Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	21	28	29	30
	19	20	Vet's Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30	27	31	
	26	27	Vet's Lunch Bunch at Rocco's 11:30			
					SAL & ALR Meeting Vet's Hall 5:30pm	
						10am - Post 149 Regular Meeting Vet's Hall 09:00 Breakfast & 10:00 Meeting
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