

MEETS 2ND SATURDAY 1000 HOURS 19TH HOLE, BENT TREE GOLF CLUB

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POST 149

YOUR POST NEWS!

AUG-OCT 2013

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!!! DO WE HAVE A COPY OF YOUR DD214? AUGUST 2013



National Commander Jim Koutz

Post 149 and Commander Gary Green brings home prestigious *Post Excellence Award*.



District 9 Commander Ray Rollins presents award to Past Commander Gary Green.



Post 149 Commander Gary Green





District 9 Sr. Vice Commander Geoff Toman **presents "Race to the Top"** Award to Past Commander Gary Green.

25 AUGUST 2013

Post 149 had the honor of presenting "Good Citizenship Award" and patch to Eagle Scout Hall. 12 Stone Farm hosts these events. We are honored to be partnered with Troop 288.





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Post 149, while having various fund raising events, there is always room for that fantastic event that one of our members is ready get started. Post 149 encourages that member to come forward and offer this event. The past fund raising events have been lots of fun and members get to know other members during these outings.

Don't be bashful and come to the meeting to present your event. There are those who are willing to help and even participate.

We have events that are scheduled annually, but there is room for some others. Any and all help and participation will be appreciated.



Being the first Post to achieve 100% membership this year Post 149 was awarded the **"Frank A. Pease, Sr." "Percentage Participation Award." Award was presented during** the meeting at Post 82 in Ellijay, on 8 September 2013. Post 149 was the first in the STATE to achieve 100 percent.

As we have been vigorously participating in the membership drive, there still remains those who are not aware that Pickens County, Jasper, GA has an American Legion Post 149. Our goal put forth that information while we encourage our own present members to actively invite veterans they meet along the way to join.

14 September 2013

American Legion Riders Post 149 sponsored a charity fund raising ride for a child needing assistance. This child has health issues restricting his quality of life and education. This ride was a great success contributing to, not only the financial needs of the family, but also items needed for his school attendance and personal items. Post 149 appreciated these efforts by ALR Post 149 and will do all possible to support these events.

22 September 2013

Trying to find a day to have a "fun and fellowship" event is a task by any means. The membership of Post 149 being busy with supporting veterans of Pickens County and interaction in the community, just finding a day to relax and enjoy is difficult. After many date changes and cancellations, that day came on the 22nd and the greatest place around to have such as this was at 12 Stone Farm.





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Post Social at 12 Stone Farms 22 Sept 2013



Bud's Corn on the Cob was a huge hit. Everyone clamored to get a serving of this most delicious treat. As you can see in the picture before this paragraph, Bud had his "big yellow corn on the cob roaster" right there on location. The corn was fresh and hot. Thank you Bud!



The covered pavilion, the lake, the shade, the food, the fellowship, the fun ... all of it was a grand time. Unused food was donated to a veteran family, with children, who was in need.

Many, many thanks to Elaine, the owner of 12 Stone, for her assistance and hospitality.

Springtime could possibly be a time for another get-together and meet members and potential members.





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IN MEMORY

There comes time when we must honor one of our own who has passed on before us. The memory of one who served so gallantly must be carved in the hearts and minds of Americans, veterans, civilians and citizens all.



Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Ellgass, Sr., USAF (Retired) July 18, 1928 – September 20, 2013 Final Resting Place – Georgia National Cemetery



Post 149 was able to honor Larry Ellgass by visitation at Roper Funeral Home and Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. American Legion Riders Post 149, at the family's request, were honored to Stand Guard and form the "Flag Line" at the Church, and participated with the "Patriot Guard Riders" as escort to Georgia National Cemetery.

OCTOBER

5 October 2013

Your Post 149 participated in the annual "Marble Festival Parade" here in Jasper. As in the past, we have decorated our "float" with proper attire along with veterans and family members.

Gary Green, Past Commander, towed the float with his vintage truck of "Red, White, & Blue" motif.







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WOW! Walter White and Bill Harvey went "Above and Beyond" with our 5th Annual Golf-A-Thon. Through their efforts, along with 149 members, and connections these members, as with the last four events, did the grand job and grew this annual fund raiser.

The Golf-A-Thon is our major contributor to our funds enabling us to support, aid, and assist our veterans and the community. Without this event, we would be very limited in our community service status.



Thank you Walter and Bill!



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25-27 OCTOBER 2013

Post 149 was well represented this year at the Fall Conference. Several seminars held were of great help to our officers who gathered information and instructions as to correctly executing their duties.

Gary Green, Ron Wheeler, Ron Strickland, and Paul Glaser were in attendance. Documentation of the information and notes gathered are on file with the Adjutant.

Officers of SAL and ALR attended the conference.

Gene Tritle, Commander of The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 149, attended the seminar. He and Gary Green, also an SAL member, made a showing for our Squadron. Our Squadron is thriving and doing great.

Thanks to Gene and all the officers for the jobs well done.

Officers of the American Legion Riders Post 149 were in attendance during the seminar and meetings. Craig Womer, Director and Kelli Blohm, Secretary, were there representing ALR 149.

Awards of excellence were bestowed upon our Riders. They have been working hard and diligently growing the membership and making belonging enjoyable.

Big Thank You to our ALR for all you are doing.

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