

COLE-MIERS COURIER

COVID-19 Updated

As most of you are aware, the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) threat is real, and here in Louisiana. Due to the affects of this virus, the Governor has put many businesses and functions on hold. The Post is not immune, as of 14 March 2020, we suspended Bingo at the

Post for all sessions until told otherwise. Additionally on 18 March, we closed the Canteen for the health and welfare of our Veterans and their families. Understanding that those are our two sole sources of income, money will be tight over the next couple of

months. Please bear with us as we move through these tough times and continue to follow the guidance put out by the State, health officials and the CDC.

Special points of interest:

- Happenings at the Post
- Commander/Bingo
- Riders Group/ Membership
- National/State Convention Updates

Happenings at the Post

May 7: Monthly Meeting 7pm we will hold a Virtual Meeting More details will be sent out prior.

All other Events are suspended until further notice.



From the Desk of the Commander

As we have nothing else really going due to the COVID-19 Virus, we did hold a Virtual Meeting on April 2, 2020. we were able to conduct elections and show some of the new Bingo stuff that was purchased. Congratulations to the fol-

lowing officers for the 2020-2021 VFW Year:
 Commander: Josh Morgan
 Sr Vice: Shane Fowler
 Jr Vice: Jeremy Golden
 QM/ADJ: Sam Levine
 Chaplain: Darryl Fontenot

3 yr Trustee: Bob Connors
 2 Yr Trustee: Chuck Allen
 1 yr Trustee: Cliff Stoneburner
 Service Office: TBA
 Surgeon: TBA
 Judge Advocate: TBA
 Commander Josh Morgan

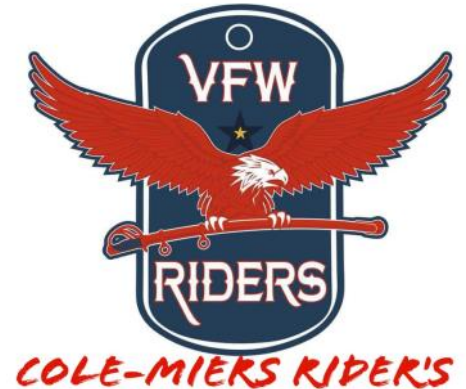
Bingo

Bingo is suspended until further Notice.



From the VFW Riders Group

No events
to post at
this time.



Membership

Folks we are currently at 96.18%, and need 19 Members to renew or extend their dues to achieve 100%. Now is the time to extend your dues! If you are annual member and have dues that will expire before 30 June 2020, let's not wait until then to pay your dues. By extending your dues, you are showing you are committed to the

success of the Post and want to help us achieve 100%.

If you have a new prospective member and want to bring them in, come see Sr Vice Shane Fowler or QM/ADJ Matt West, and we will help get you squared away. All it takes is asking someone if they

meet qualifications, then we can do the rest.

The lifeblood of the VFW is our Membership, that is how we get a seat at the table in front of Congress, to help move Veteran related Legislation through the system, for final approval!

National Convention

VFW & Aux National Convention in Reno, NV., is canceled and the attachment regarding the Reno housing bullet points is for you to note what has been done by VFW National. Please read the bottom for National Convention cancellation bullets sent from Vanessa Kane, VFW National Housing. If you made your reservation through VFW National, all rooms were cancelled by National. Please note, hotel cancellations will not receive a penalty and refunds will be made, if your reservation was made through VFW National. If you made other arrangements with outside Hotels, **YOU WILL HAVE TO CANCEL you own room.** Please share this email with those you know that made hotel reservations.

RENO 2020 HOUSING RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS

As of 4/20/2020

If you made your hotel reservation with **Orchid Events/VFW Housing**, your reservation has been **cancelled automatically** and you were sent a notification of the cancellation via email (if an email was provided).

No fees (1st night deposits) have been charged to credit cards. **No action is required on your part.**
If you paid a hotel deposit by check, you will be refunded.

If you booked a hospitality suite, please email our housing manager, Susie Brenner at susie@orchid.events

NOTE: If you made a hotel reservation at a hotel outside of the VFW room blocks – Official VFW Hotels - Grand Sierra, Atlantis, Nugget, you will need to call the specific hotel directly you made the reservation with and cancel that reservation yourself.

State Convention

VFW & Aux State Convention has been cancelled for Alexandria. It will now take place as a 1 day convention at VFW Post 8971, Eunice, LA. The convention will begin at 10:00 AM, and will only conduct absolute necessary business (i.e. elections). No awards or other business will be conducted, all Delegates and fees still must be paid. Post, District and Department representation should plan on attending. We have a contested State Junior Vice election, so be prepared to vote. We have Roland Huson (D5) and Don Reber (D7) that are running for Department Junior Vice Commander.

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