

# Cole-Miers Courier

## New Regime

Elections were held at the monthly meeting on 6 Apr, and boy, they took a long time. For the first time in many years, there were multiple candidates for multiple positions. Congratulations to the following VFW Members for being elected to leadership positions for the 2023-2024 VFW Year. They will assume these following

positions on 18 Jun 23 at 12:00 pm.

Commander—Shane Fowler

Sr. Vice Com.—Randy Carson

Jr. Vice Com.—Christopher Alarcon

QM—Robert Bates

Chaplain—Ted Stoneburner

3 yr Trustee—Robert Connor

2 yr Trustee—Nate Rogowski

1 yr Trustee—Hal Ayrton

Other appointed officers will be announced at a later date. Congratulations, and best wishes on your term of service to the Post.

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## Upcoming Events

**May 1:** BSA Troop Meeting

**May 3:** Cornhole Tourney

**May 4:** Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

**May 6:** National Day of Service

**May 8:** BSA Troop Meeting

**May 10:** Cornhole Tourney

**May 15:** BSA Troop Meeting

**May 16:** Planning Session 6:00 PM

**May 17:** Cornhole Tourney

**May 20:** State VFW Riders Rally

**May 22:** BSA Troop Meeting

**May 24:** Cornhole Tourney

**May 27:** Fair booth Cleanup

**May 29:** BSA Troop Meeting

**May 30:** Riders Group Meeting

**May 31:** Cornhole Tourney



## *Commander's Corner*

Team, we have had another busy month. Thank you to all that participated and helped the Post out. It has been an honor serving as your Commander for the past almost two years. I appreciate all of the help and assistance in accomplishing the many things this Post does every day. As we move into the new year in June, I ask each of you to help the new chain of command, as they embark on their leadership journey. Let's close the year out on a high note and help get the Post to 100% membership.

We have a couple of big events coming up in May, so if you can help out, please do. Lastly, we always need help on Friday and Sunday Bingo, please come out and work just one day a month, and will help immensely.

**Larry Koons, Post Commander**

## *Senior Vice Vision*

April found VFW Post 3619 out in our community doing what we do! We continue to be present in our community, conduct VFW programs, fundraise, and partner with other non-profits. A big THANK YOU to those of you who "showed up" in the month of April! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

In April our Membership elected Post Officers for the 2023-2024 VFW year. Congratulations to all! Please join us on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p for the Installation of Officers before the monthly meetings at 6:30o.

Fundraisers help our post find funds to continue our mission. The Community Marketplace returned to the post in conjunction with the Riders 3 Meat and Side Cook-off, followed by Bike Nite. Friday Fish Fry's finished strong on Good Friday.

Members of our post joined the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce for 519's Military Appreciation Day at the Deridder Ballpark.

May is here, and that means its time for VFW 3619 to prepare for Memorial Day. I invite you to join us to remember those Veterans that came before us. We will start the day at the Deridder Courthouse with a Sunrise ceremony, then go to our Post to put out flags, and continue out to local cemeteries to place flags on Veterans graves. We plan to have a Post gathering until sundown when its time to retire the flags from the post and cemeteries. Please bring meat to burn on the grill, and a side dish to share.

Our post cannot do what we do for our Veterans and community without funds. There were several fundraisers in the month of April to help support the post and our mission. We have several more fundraisers planned in the upcoming weeks. There is strength in numbers. When we band together, we make it happen. Simply show up, be present and take ownership.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of May:

Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 4/6 @ 6:30pm-Installation of 2023-2024 Officers @ 5:30p)

Attend the Post Planning Session. (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30pm)

Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Building, Watermelon Festival, Fair, National Night Out)

Volunteer or participate in a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)

Volunteer to help Newstep Outreach on Truck Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)

Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Book located in the Canteen.)

Participate with the Post for Memorial Day activities.

**Lori Bates**

**Sr. Vice Commander**

**337-404-6269**

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## *Quartermaster Que*

As April draws to a close and we look forward to May and another opportunity for an exciting Hurricane Season I am reminded of other opportunities that are available for all of us at Post 3619. Elections have been completed and soon the 23-24 year leadership will take the reins. If you have been elected into a position please be aware of the commitment you have made for the next year. If you don't intend to honor that commitment please step aside before it is official. This next year looks to be an opportunity to excel with our programs and service to Veterans and get things at the Post home back in order. As always it will take everyone participating when and where they can. I was told once by a very good friend there are people who support and there are blisters (they show up after the work is done). Don't be a blister. Get involved. Be the change you want to see. I am available at the Post most Monday and Tuesday evenings. Always available on chat. If it's a private issue please keep it that way. Until next time...

**Robert Bates**

**Post Quartermaster**

## *PAO Connection*

In April our post continued to grow our reach in our community.

Partnerships are a way for our post to make connections within our community. Our post has found partnerships with the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce, and with New Step Outreach.

Please continue sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. If you have promotion or community event ideas please let me know. New opportunities help grow our reach!

**Lori Bates**

**Public Affairs Officer**

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## VFW 3619 HASHTAGS



#vfw3619  
 #vfw3619auxiliary  
 #vfw3619riders  
 #vfw3619postpride  
 #vfw3619communitymarketplace  
 #lapostpride  
 #postpride  
 #stillserving  
 #vfw3619communitymarketplace  
 #bingo  
 #swla  
 #deridder  
 #beauregard  
 #nonsmokingbingo  
 #venue  
 #communityservice

### What Facebook Pages or Groups Should I join?

- VFW 3619
- VFW 3619 Members & Auxiliary ONLY
- VFW 3619 Community Marketplace
- VFW Dept of Louisiana Dist 5
- Louisiana VFW & AUX Members Only
- Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW
- VFW Magazine



# May Flyer

MAY 2023



## Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

**May 20th**

8AM Breakfast  
9AM Registration  
9:45AM Safety Brief  
10AM KSU

ATF Raffle at  
VFW Post 3619  
after Ride

### INAUGURAL VFW MOTORCYCLE STATE RALLY

**ROUTE:** VFW POST 3619 TO STARKS VFW, CITY OF REFUGE, THEN DEQUINCY VFW FOR SNACKS, FOLLOWED BY VINTON VFW THEN RETURNING TO VFW POST 3619 FOR DINNER, RAFFLE AND AUCTION

ATF Raffle : Choice of Booze Wagon, Humidor with Cigars, and Delton Echo316L 5.56mm

**Open to Public - ALL Riders and Non-Riders**

Procedes to support: City of Refuge, VFW Unmet Needs (VMS), Cancer Aid and Research, and State Riders Group

☎ 337-463-9377    **COLE-MIERS VFW RIDERS**    1115 Highway 27, DeRidder, LA 70634

**BINGO!** MONTH OF MAY

@VFW 3619

RECEIVE A CHANCE TO WIN FREE BINGO PRODUCTS

Players in the BINGO Hall by Drawing time will receive a FREE Raffle Ticket.

FRI: Doors Open @ 5 PM  
SUN: Doors Open @ Noon

DRAWING @ 6 PM ON FRIDAY  
1 PM ON SUNDAY

**BINGO!**

@VFW 3619

**BUDDY PROGRAM**

BRING A NEW PLAYER & RECIEVE A 6/15 PACK OR iBINGO ADD-ON FREE!

FRIDAY & SUNDAY    FRI: Doors Open @ 5P  
SUN: Doors Open @ NOON

**Happy Hour**

\$2.50 DRINKS

EVERYDAY 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

OFF DUTY @ THE COLE-MIERS 3619

**RED FRIDAY**

3 PM - 7:30 PM

WEAR A RED SHIRT

BUY THE 1ST DRINK GET THE 2ND FREE

**BINGO!** @ VFW POST 3619

**NO BINGO**

SUNDAY, MAY 14th

# #Post Pride Fundraisers

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!**



*fundraising*  
**SALE**  
GOING ON  
**NOW**

*Kitchen Must-Haves, Scrumptious Food Mixes, Cookbooks & So Much More!*

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3619**

Organization: Deridder, LA

Sale End Date: **JULY 2023**

Contact: **337-463-3977**

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=7082646.eb6344>

**EVERY  
PURCHASE HELPS  
SUPPORT OUR  
GROUP!**



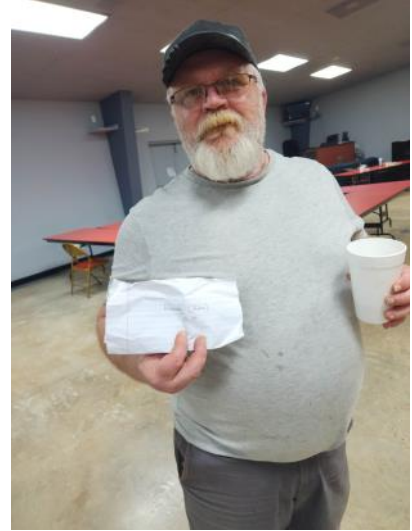
**EVERY PRODUCT 100% MADE IN THE USA!**

# *#Post Pride Riders BBQ Cookoff*





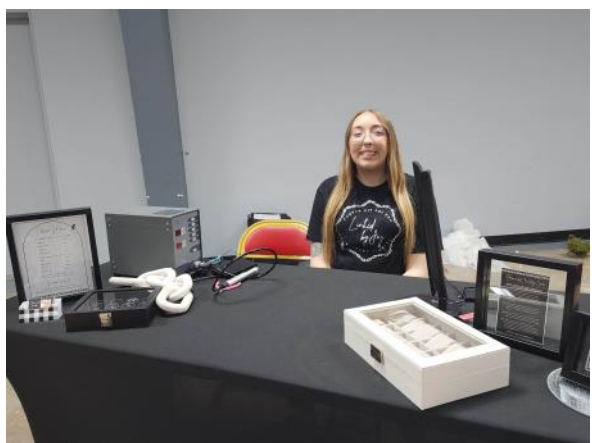
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# Community Marketplace



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 DeRidder, LA 70634

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 Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert  
 Post Secretary: Mary Gibson  
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**No One Does More For Veterans  
 than the VFW!**

LOOK FOR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

[https://www.facebook.com/VFW.Post3619/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/VFW.Post3619/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting		Cornhole tournament	Joint Meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	Bingo	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting		Cornhole tournament		Bingo	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Bingo <b>Mother's Day</b>	BSA Troop Meeting	Planning Session 6pm	Cornhole tournament		Bingo	<b>State Riders Rally</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting		Cornhole tournament		Bingo	<b>Fairbooth Cleanup</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
Bingo	<b>Memorial Day</b>	Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM	Cornhole tournament			
		<b>NOTES:</b>				



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