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> **Cole-Miers VFW Post** 3619

COLE-MIERS COURIER

Council of Administration/School of Instruction

As we do every year, the Department meets in Alexandria and discusses the current year's programs, leadership and membership classes and then conducts the Council of Administration to pass any new regulation, bylaws or changes to our Department Budget.

This year, we were able to break out and learn about the

new Community Service Reporting tool, and the All American dashboard, which will help Post, District and Department Leadership know where they stand on achieving All American throughout the year.

This year there will only be the top 25 post and top 10 districts (per division) that can earn All American. That

will make it harder, but not impossible for us to achieve. We just need to stay focused, complete our programs and continue to recruit new members for the Post.



Special points of interest:

- Department CoA/SOI
- Happenings at the Post
- Commander
- Bingo
- Riders Group
- Membership
- National Convention and Hunter Safety Pictures

Happenings at the Post

Sep 5: Post Meeting 6:30 PM/7:00 PM

Sep 7: Tailgate for LSU v TEXAS;

Mary Gibson Fundraiser (Cornhole Tourny)

Sep 14: Jennings Veterans Home BBQ. Early Depart for cooks at 6:00 AM; All others can depart at 8:30 AM

Sep 21: Fair Booth Clean Up 9:00 AM

Sep 26: VFW Riders Meeting 6:30 PM

Sep 28: Deliver major items to Fair Booth 9:00 AM

Sep 30: First day dry run at Fair **Booth**

Oct 2-5: Fair Booth and Raffle





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From the Desk of the Commander

August is done, and we are continuing to move the Post forward. As football season starts up, the Canteen will see more traffic than usual. Please come out and enjoy the company of your fellow Veterans and their families and we do some tailgates and watch some football.

As we begin this years programs, we need all the help we can get, to complete these and turn them in on time. As always we continue to struggle with help for Bingo and could use the assistance. Just signing up for one day a month would be awesome and very helpful.

The fair booth is right around the corner, and

we will definitely need help during that week. If you are unable to come out to the fair booth, we will still hold bingo that Friday and Sunday, so you could help there as well.

> Shane Fowler Sr Vice Commander

<u>Bingo</u>

As always we need help and assistance with Bingo Sessions. We have a core group of people that work on Friday's and another that works on Sunday's but they could use a break every once in a while. If you would please consider working just one session a month, it would be greatly appreciated. There are

generally 8 sessions a month.

The Current Bingo number is 51, but it will be going up, and then we will have more people playing, so we could really use the help!

Please get with Mary Gibson, so she can get you on the roster. Selling extra sheets, doing payouts or selling pull tabs, all areas need help. Additionally, they need help in the Kitchen if you prefer to do that.



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From the VFW Riders Group

As we get finished up with the Summer months, you will still see a lot of motorcycles out there riding on the main thoroughfares.

Please be cognizant of the Bikers that are using the same roads are you do. They are generally trying to stay away from you anyhow, but maybe look twice before changing lanes, or taking off from a stop sign, as you might not see a motorcycle as easily as you can see a car or truck.

The next Event coming for us, is the 2nd Annual Bobby D Durham Ride. The event will take place on **2 November**, with registration at 9:00 AM and Kick-Stands Up (KSU) at 10:00 AM. There will be raffles, table prizes to drop your tickets in to,

50/50 raffles, food and drink. Come out and support whether you ride or not. Proceeds will split between VFW Veterans and Military Support and the Riders Group.



<u>Membership</u>

This next year, starting now, we will work diligently to be 100% no later than 31 DEC 2019. We are constantly struggling at the end of the year, for really, no reason. Let's get to our goal quickly and then we can work on increasing our membership. Remember, our goal is to be ALL AMERI-CAN for 2019-2020 VFW Year. We can

do it, we have proven that before!

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!

COME OUT TO A BENEFIT FUNDRAISER TO HELP ONE OF OUR OWN WITH THEIR MEDICAL EXPENSES.

Corn Hole Fundraising Letty Feet Tournament Sept. 7th 2019

THERE WILL BE A TAILGATE PARTY IN THE CANTEEN FOR THE LSU VS TEXAS FOOTBALL GAME AT THE SAME TIME. THE CANTEEN WILL HAVE THE GRILL HOT AND READY @ 4:00, BRING YOUR OWN MEAT AND/OR A SIDE DISH AND JOIN THE

FUN! THE GAME STARTS @ 6:30

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3619 1115 HWY 27 DeRidder, LA

7:00PM - Until ??

POC: Rhonda (337) 401-0828



Donation suggestions for Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home

(VARIOUS SIZES AND COLORS) Elastic waist pants, T-shirts, Slippers with backs, Zip-up Jackets

(CLEAN FRESH SCENTS) Liquid body & hair wash, spray deodorant, body spray

MUSIC CD'S (20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, era)

Wall Calendars

Branch of Service Items (Hats, lapel pins, shirts)

Sunglasses

Donations will be taken at Post 3619, contact Mary Gibson, 337-463-3977

For safety reasons, please no food items

For more information, please contact the Activity Department @ (337) 824-2829

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http://vfw3619.org

SEPTEMBER 2019

ACT 10 - 12 (ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT ACT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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NO BINGO				Monthly Meeting 6:30	Bingo	shower in meeting room, Tailgate, Cornhole Benefit
8 9)	10	11	12	13	14
Bingo					Bingo	Jennings BBQ 0500 cooks, 0830 all
15 1	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bingo		Planning Session 6:00 PM			Bingo	Fairbooth clean up 8-??? blood drive 10-2
22 2	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bingo				VFW Riders meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo	
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Bingo Move items to Fair Booth						
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Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 3619 Cole-Miers DeRidder, La. 70634: Commander: Joshua Morgan Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert

