

# Cole-Miers Courier

## Membership

Team, as we move along into the 22-23 VFW Year, we have annual memberships that are coming due. Some will expire by years end, and others that not due to renew until the spring, all the way up to June 30, 2023. We are making a concerted effort to achieve our 100% in membership, by 31 DEC

2022. By renewing your dues early, you are helping the Post achieve this goal. Your due date will not change, you will just be an up to date member for a longer period. If you an officer of the Post, and are an annual member, you must not let your membership lapse, even by a day, or you will auto-

matically removed from position by the National Headquarters, the day after. Then you cannot hold another elected position until the following VFW year. So, please consider paying your dues, or transferring to Life Member, and you will never have to pay dues again!

### Special points of interest:

- Membership
- Officer's Input
- Flyers
- Post Pride American Legion Post 387 BBQ Competition
- Community Marketplace
- Calendar

## Upcoming Events

**Sep 1:** Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

**Sep 7:** Cornhole Tourney

**Sep 10:** Jennings BBQ 10:00 AM

**Sep 14:** Cornhole Tourney

**Sep 16-17:** POW/MIA Vigil 5:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Sep 17:** 5th Annual Bobby D Ride 9:00 AM registration; 10:00 AM Kicks Stands up

**Sep 20:** Planning Session 6:00 PM

**Sep 21:** Cornhole Tourney

**Sep 24:** Community Marketplace 10 AM—4 PM

**Sep 27:** Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM

**Sep 28:** Cornhole Tourney



## *Commander's Corner*

Comrades, welcome to another Commanders installment. Another month has come and gone, the members of this Post continue to great things. Thank you to all that supported the American Legion BBQ competition, great time was had by all.

As we move into September, we have a lot on the calendar. Labor day, Jennings Veterans Home visit and BBQ, POW/MIA 24-hour Vigil, Bobby D Ride and Community Marketplace! If you can assist in any of these, it will be greatly appreciated.

We have great things coming soon (FAIR BOOTH) and will be calling on you all to assist with those endeavors as well. We are a volunteer organization that thrives in our community.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns; please feel free to bring them to my attention.

**Larry Koons**

**Post Commander**

## *Senior Vice Vision*

### Sr. Vice's Vision

A big THANK YOU to those of you who "showed up" in the month of August! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

VFW Post 3619 is YOUR post. Become more involved. Participation in this organization builds comradery, sense of community, and fosters success in fulfilling our VFW purpose to help Veterans and our Community. There is strength in numbers. When we band together, we make it happen. Simply showing up and being present is all that is needed.

I hear all the time...

- If I had known you needed help.
- I didn't know that event was scheduled.
- I wasn't asked.

So here it is...Could you spare some time in September to support YOUR VFW Post 3619?

Don't know what you can help with? Look at the Post Calendar in this month's Courier and see if you have

some free time to participate with your fellow comrades. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved in YOUR post in the month of September.

- o Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (1 st Thursday @ 6:30pm)
- o Attend the Post Planning Session. (3 rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm)
- o Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Community Marketplace, Building, Grounds, Fair Booth)
- o Volunteer to work a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)
- o Participate in a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)
- o Stop by the Canteen and connect with other Veterans and members.
- o Volunteer to help Newstep Outreach on Truck Day (3 rd Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)
- o Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Book located in the Canteen.)
- o In September, participate in the Post's POW MIA 24 hour vigil.

I encourage you to reach out to any of our officers via email, text or in person. We want to hear your ideas to help our post grow in the future and what special skills or experience you could contribute.

**Lori Bates**

**Sr. Vice Commander**

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# *Junior Vice Voice*

## Life

Life is but a play,  
the earth is but a stage,  
as we go and learn our lines,  
the lights begin to fade,

Do not despair those close to heart,  
pain is in their rear,  
lessons learned through the acts,  
the laughs, the tears, the fear.

Grief will come in waves,  
at times its almost drowning,  
the phantom laughs and grins and scowls,  
sometimes leave us floundering,

Its then we know that they are near,  
whispering our next lines,  
filling us with warmth & courage,  
allowing us to shine.

Become the ones we are cast,  
Bend and break the mold,  
When it's time for curtain rest,  
The next play shall unfold.

Written by: Elizabeth Dawson 22Aug22

In memory of Mike Baker and other loved ones who have passed.

I hope you are enjoying the balcony seats my friend.

## *Quartermaster Que*

Hello again Comrades As promised this next month will see myself and the Post trustees as well as the Post Secretary doing checks and inventory starting with keys to the Post. If you have any keys stop by Mary G and let her know. While on the subject of keys please make sure that you are being safety and security minded. When you are finished, lock it up. Done in the shop? Lock the door. Done in the kitchen? Lock the back door. Don't have a key ? Then take the time to let the Canteen tender know or call me 541-515-8619 and I'll come lock the door. If you have a key and don't use it then you don't need it. This goes for Post and Aux membership both. Only takes a second. Looking forward to getting needed improvements started around the Post. As always any improvement takes resources, both financial and human. Don't be a blister...they only show up AFTER the work is done.... See you at the V...until next month.

**Robert Bates**

**Post Quartermaster**

## *PAO Connection*

This month I want to do a “Shout Out” to Auxiliary members J.J. Nielsen and Tarra Watkins for covering the VFW 3619 Community Marketplace on August 20th! These ladies ROCKED social media! Their videos of the event were high in reach, comments and likes! High 5 ladies! Well done!

Thank you all for your continued help in sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. Please continue to share!

We are seeing our communication within our membership grow through an All Post Facebook Group and an All Post Message Chat. Many of our committees have message chat groups as well. If you wish to join the All Post or committee chats, reach out to me and I will get you added. The benefit of the groups and chats is to get out information in a timely matter as things arise.

### Are YOU following VFW 3619 on social media?



With our increased engagement on our social media platforms, this opens a line of communication to our members, our community, and to document our history as we make it.

**Lori Bates**

**Public Affairs Officer**

**Paovfw3619@gmail.com**

## **VFW 3619 HASHTAGS**



#vfw3619

#vfw3619auxiliary

#vfw3619riders

#vfw3619postpride

#vfw3619communitymarketplace

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#postpride

#stillserving

#vfw3619communitymarketplace

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#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

# Flyer

SEPTEMBER 2022



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

### Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

**24 HOUR**

# POW MIA Vigil

**START 16 SEP 5PM**

**END 17 SEP 4PM**

**PRESENTED BY VFW 3619 & AUXILIARY**  
LOCATED ON WASHINGTON ST. IN DOWNTOWN DERIDDER

## COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

VFW POST 3619, 1115 LA-27, DERIDDER.  
BOOTH SPACE PROCEEDS GO TO FUND OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS

### VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!**

- INDOOR NON-SMOKING HALL
- OUTDOOR SPACE
- VFW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- BLOOD DRIVE
- LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- FOOD VENDORS
- POP UP SHOPS
- VETERAN OWNED SHOPS

**f** FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION  
VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

**e** VENDOR REGISTRATION  
WWW.VFW3619.COM/VFW3619COMMUNITYMARKETPLACE

### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT & Karaoke

**WEDNESDAYS**

## BEAUREGARD BAGGERS

**DOORS OPEN @ 5PM**  
**START @ 7PM**  
**\$20 ENTRY FEE**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

VFW POST 3619 - HWY 27 - DERIDDER, LA

# BINGO!

**@VFW 3619**

**FRIDAY & SUNDAY**

**FRI: Doors Open @ 5P**  
**SUN: Doors Open @ NOON**

**PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT**  
\$10,000 + \$1,000  
from COVERALL Game

**WIN IN LESS THAN 51 NUMBERS**  
As of 9/1

### VFW POST 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

## VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**7:00A - 11:00A**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

**\$10**

- 7 Egg
- 2 Sausages
- 2 Bacons
- 2 Pancakes
- Hashbrowns
- Juice

VFW 3619, 1115 LA 27, DERIDDER

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

VFW 3619 has many opportunities available for our members & the community as well as Community Service projects. Contact us today to find out more.

## VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 3619

### EVENT VENUE RENTAL

DERIDDER, LOUISIANA  
HOLIDAY PARTY-PARENT-WEDDING

CALL TODAY TO CHECK AVAILABILITY & AMENITIES  
**337-463-3977**

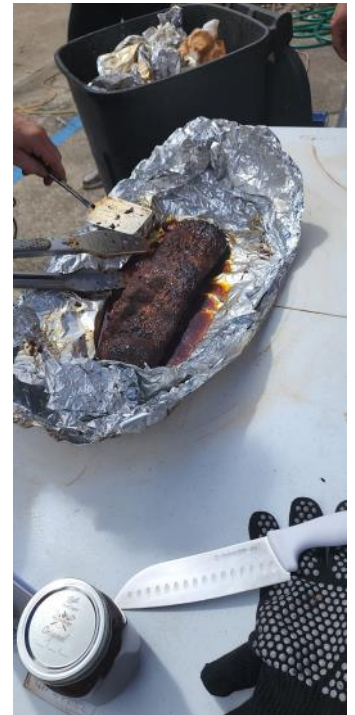
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# *#PostPride AL Post 387 BBQ Competition*





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# Community Marketplace



## Community Marketplace



VFW Post 3619  
 1115 Hwy 27 South  
 DeRidder, LA 70634

*Points of Contact*

Commander: Larry Koons  
 Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert  
 Post Secretary: Mary Gibson  
 337-463-3977

**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>

# SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	Bingo	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Bingo	Labor Day				Bingo	Jennings BBQ
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bingo					POW/MIA 3619 Vigil No Bingo	Bobby D Ride 9:00 Reg 10:00 KSU
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bingo		Planning Session 6:30			Bingo	Community Marketplace 8:00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Bingo		Riders Meeting 6:30				
NOTES:						



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