

# Cole-Miers Courier

## Winter Blues and the Holidays

During this time of year, there is much to be thankful for. However, this is also a time of year, where people get down and depressed. Thoughts of what could have been, or the loss of friends and loved ones have a tendency to surface as the days are shorter and nights are

longer. Many Veterans who don't have much family to speak of, tend to let the demons inside come out, or take advantage of them. These are the Veterans we need to be helping through the tough times. Look out for your fellow Veterans, do a Buddy Check, make a phone call.

You never know if you don't try. Make that call, and you could very well be saving someone's life. From all of us at the Post to all of you that read this, we want wish you a very prosperous and Happy new Year!

### Special points of interest:

- Happenings at the Post
- Post Officers
- Riders Group/Bingo
- Bobby D Memorial Ride
- Keep A Vet Warm
- Christmas Parties

## Happenings at the Post

**Jan 7:** Post Meeting  
6:30 joint/7:00 PM  
Membership meetings.

**Jan 16-17:** Mid-Winter  
Conference

**Jan 19:** Planning Ses-  
sion 6:00 PM

**Dec 23:** Bobby D Me-  
morial Ride

**“THE BEST WAY  
TO GET START-  
ED IS TO QUIT  
TALKING AND  
BEGIN DOING.”  
– WALT DISNEY**



## Commander's Corner

Happy New Year to each of you! I pray that you had a blessed Christmas season. I would like to express many thanks to our bingo crew and volunteers for their hard work during the last few weeks. Our jackpot finally went at 58 numbers. I am thankful that it lasted that long as it allowed us to recover some much needed income to the post. I would like to share some of the things that your command staff has been working on and still plan to work on to make YOUR Post home a better place. First off, hats off to Shane, our Quartermaster, for your hard work updating our WIFI server. He has updated the equipment throughout the post to give everyone a better WIFI experience while at the post. Secondly, we have received a bid to update our security system, cameras and also our



speaker system in the hall. If you have any ideas as to how we can improve YOUR post, please feel free to get in touch with one of your **officers. I know it doesn't seem like we are making any progress** with the building repairs. As many of you have experienced I'm sure, dealing with insurance companies and contractors can be a real pain. Please trust that I'm doing everything in my power to get the building repaired. Finally, if you have not done so, please pay your dues. We as a post have surpassed the 100% membership mark, but we cannot stop there, so please get your dues paid if you have not. Comrades, for the first time since 2016, we are right on the verge of becoming an ALL AMERICAN POST! This is a huge honor as only the top 25 post in each Division, across our great nation qualify for this honor. Lets keep pushing forward!

**Josh Morgan, Commander**

## Quartermaster's Corner

This is our Annual Poker Run in Remembrance of Robert Durham. Post Quartermaster Bobby D was riding in a convoy of Vehicles and Motorcycles Back to our Post home after our annual District 5 BBQ at the Jennings War Veterans Home, when a passing truck lost a mattress from it's bed and struck his motorcycle forcing him off the roadway.



Bobby D succumbed to his injuries a week later in the hospital. This event means a great deal to our Post and remembering our Fallen Brother. All Proceeds from the Ride, Raffles and Donations get split between our Riders Group fund and The VFW's Veterans and Military Support Program evenly. Your Donations to The VMS Program help fund three programs initiated by the VFW. They were created to serve our active duty and recently discharged military. Military Assistance Program (MAP) provides financial assistance to Posts, Districts, and Departments that are sponsoring military send offs, homecomings, or other get-together like baby showers for

military wives. It will also assist with postage for Posts and Auxiliaries that are participating in Adopt-a-Unit. Guidelines for applying for these funds can be received from the VFW Veterans and Military Support Office at 816-756-3390.

Unmet Needs provides grants of up to \$1,500 to meet expenses for those actively serving in the military. It was developed to help military families through a financial crisis. Military families could qualify for a grant to help pay for necessities such as rent, car repairs, utilities, and food. To learn more about the program visit [vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants](http://vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants).

**VFW "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"** awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals without incurring excessive debt.

**Shane Fowler, Quartermaster/Adjutant**



**COLE-MIERS VFW POST 3619  
VFW RIDERS GROUP**



**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BOBBY D MEMORIAL & POLAR BEAR  
POKER RUN**

**23 JANUARY 2021**

**VFW POST 3619, 1115 HWY 27 SOUTH, DERIDDER, LA**

**9 AM - REGISTRATION - 10 AM - K&S**

**\$20 PER BIKE, \$10 PER RIDER**

**PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN NATIONAL VETERANS  
MILITARY SUPPORT AND THE VFW RIDERS GROUP**

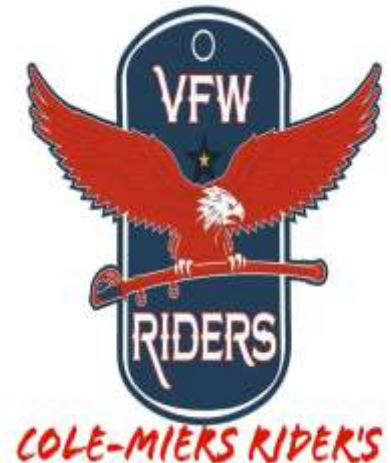
**Come out and support a great event!**



## *From the VFW Riders Group*

Hurricanes, COVID, and any other bad stuff headed our way won't keep us down this year! We keep on keeping on! Our Bobby D APR Date has been moved more times than I can count but has settled on 23 Jan 21 with Registration being at 0900 and Kick Stands up at 1000! This will be a

Polar bear run of sorts so please dress for the occasion! We have added several new members to the Riders Group these past few months on both sides of the Membership, Look for this fresh blood to garner new ideas and keep our Riders and Post in the Spotlight as we move into 2021! BamBam



## *Bingo*

Since we started Bingo back up, we have a need for additional workers, as we have to ensure we are playing in the safest of conditions. This includes temperature checkers, paper sales and

payouts. There is a calendar on the Bingo Managers' door, please sign up for just one session a month. It is greatly appreciated!





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### *Points of Contact*

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than the VFW!

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AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

# JANUARY 2021



**Veterans Of Foreign  
Wars  
Cole-Miers Post 3619  
DeRidder, La. 70634  
Commander:  
Joshua Morgan  
Auxiliary President:  
Sonja Lambert**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Bpso hall to sell plates in hall NO BINGO	
3 BINGO	4	5	6	7 Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM Joint 7:00 PM Membership	8 BINGO	9
10 BINGO	11	12	13	14	15 BINGO	16 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
17 BINGO MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	18	19 Planning Session 6:00 PM	20	21	22 BINGO	23 Bobby D Memorial Ride 9:00 AM
24 BINGO	25	26	27	28	29 BINGO	30
31 BINGO		NOTES:				