

# Cole-Miers Courier

## Another Year to Serve

As we move into the new year, it affords an opportunity to recollect what we have accomplished this past year. Our service to Veterans and our Community was on display all year. Now, we move into a new year, with new goals and the opportunity to accomplish many great things. We have the next several

months to finish all of our programs, try to get 100% in our membership and finish the year strong!

Please try to be a part of this amazing team of Veterans and Auxiliary that are with us every step of the way. We work hard together to make things happen, and anytime you can partic-

ipate, you are helping more than you realize. Happy New Year to each everyone of you and your families. We hope that this new year brings you happiness, health and good luck in all of your endeavors.

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan 2:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Jan 4:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jan 5:** Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

**Jan 9:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Jan 11:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jan 14:** BSA Pinewood Derby

**Jan 17:** Super Planning Session 6:00 PM

**Jan 18:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jan 23:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Jan 25:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jan 26-29:** Mid-Winter Conference in Alexandria

**Jan 30:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Jan 31:** Riders Group Meeting



## *Commander's Corner*

Comrades, welcome to Decembers Commanders installment. We had a wonderful month and an outstanding Christmas Party this year. A lot of smiling faces and happy kids getting to spend time with Santa Claus. We also had our Wreath's Across America sponsorship. Although that didn't go as well as it could have, we still fed a lot of volunteers and got our Post face out in the local communities.

We were able to brighten the faces of several Veterans at a local retirement home with some small tokens of appreciation for their service. All of them seemed to really appreciate our presence and the heartfelt thanks we gave them. I want to personally thank Comrade Lori Bates and Ms. Sonja Lambert for their efforts in making this a success.

The Post and Riders Group had the distinct pleasure to help some needy Veterans this month through, Operation Warm A Vet. We visited Woody's Home For Veterans, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center Warrior Closet, and Vinton's City of Refuge; where we were able to provide blankets, socks, gloves as well as other personal items. It is wonderful when you can actually see the impact of your efforts on the faces of those you are helping. Special Thanks to Mary Ann and Josh Cross for toting the trailer for us. Also, thanks goes out to Past State Commander Tim Sloan for helping with coordination at the VA Medical Center.

Our Bingo sessions have suffered some during this past month. And, as our main source of income into the Post, we could surely use your help. Whether you can help with operations or just wish to play, please come out and help support our Post. I'm leaving this statement from last months installment as it is still very important. We Need Your Help.

As we close out this year, I am so appreciative of all the help you all have provided to our wonderful organization this past year. I'm hoping that this increases this coming year as we continue to strive to move forward and keep our organization growing stronger. I cannot tell you what each and everyone of you means to me and my family, because you are my family. Happy New Year.

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 Voice*

December once again found VFW Post 3619 out in our community doing what we do! This post never stops!

Seriously! 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 December! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen! 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 show up, be present and take ownership.

Our post was honored to participate in this year’s Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Canon Cemetery in Merryville. Although the wreaths did not make it on time, over 800 Veterans had wreaths laid at their final resting place. It is always an honor to give thanks and remembrance to those who served.

Cole-Meir’s Members & Auxiliary volunteered to help Newstep Outreach spread Christmas spirit at their Silver Bells banquet. This year we also spread some cheer with a visit to the Deridder Retirement Home. The holiday months can be difficult for some. This is when our VFW family needs to stick together the most. Reach out, check on your comrades, and develop relationships with each other.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of January:

- o Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 1/5 @ 6:30pm)
- o Attend the Post Planning Session. (3 rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm)
- o Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Community Marketplace, Building)
- o Volunteer or participate in a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)
- 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.)

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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## *Junior Vice Vision*

There are many opportunities to serve our community throughout the year. This season in particular is one that is known for charity, giving, compassion and love. Either with the VFW programs or while serving with other organizations, know that you are making a real difference in peoples' lives. The impact of your continued selfless service is large and wide-spread.

Here are a few numbers that every vet and individual should be aware of, especially in this season.

988 is the Suicide and Crisis Hotline

Text - 838255 for Suicide and Crisis Hotline

211 is the Social Services Hotline for local emergency assistance referrals

1-800-733-2767 is the Red Cross number for recovery assistance after disasters (Home fires/storm damage etc.).

Please reach out to those around you. Smiles and compliments are free and can have a dramatic impact on someone's day.

Happy Holidays.

**Elizabeth Dawson**

**Jr Vice**

## *Quartermaster Que*

Hope all had a Merry Christmas season even though I know better. During this time emotions run the gambit and many times feelings get hurt. We all need to remember that we exist for the veterans. Doesn't matter if you were deployed or waiting to be.

According to our bylaws disrespecting a Veteran won't be tolerated. This includes turning your back, soooo let's keep all that in mind and do the best for everyone. It's going to take everyone Full Membership and Auxiliary members to keep the Post alive. Until next time ....

**Robert Bates**

**Post Quartermaster**

## *PAO Connection*

In December our post continued to connect with our community in more ways than just social media! Did you happen to stop by Washington Street? Both the Post and Auxiliary had banners on they POW/MIA corner of Washington Street during the month of December.

Please continue sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities.

**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





# January Flyer

JANUARY 2023



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

### Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

**BINGO!**  
@VFW 3619

**FRIDAY & SUNDAY**  
**FRI: Doors Open @ 5P**  
**SUN: Doors Open @ NOON**  
**PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT**  
**\$10,000 or \$250**  
**COVERALL \$1,000**

**WIN IN LESS THAN**  
**51**  
**NUMBERS**  
 As of 1/6

**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

**VFW**  
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.  
 Post 3619

**EVENT VENUE RENTAL**  
 DERRIDER, LOUISIANA  
 HOLIDAY PARTY-PAGENT-WEDDING  
 ★★ ★  
 CALL TODAY TO CHECK AVAILABILITY & AMENITIES  
**337-463-3977**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022**  
**11A-4P**

**SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!**

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

**VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**  
 7:00A - 11:00A

**\$10**

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

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

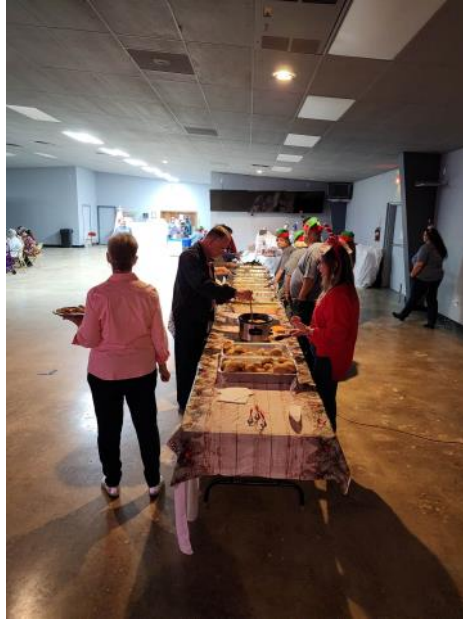
**VENDOR REGISTRATION**  
[WWW.EVENTSBRITE.COM/VFW-3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE](http://WWW.EVENTSBRITE.COM/VFW-3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE)

**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.



# *#StillServing Silver Bells*





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## *#StillServing Wreaths Across America*





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## *#PostPride Post Christmas Party*





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# *#PostPride White Elephant Party*





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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>

# JANUARY 2023

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                 | SATURDAY                               |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1<br>New Years Day                               | 2<br>BSA Troop Meeting       | 3                                    | 4<br>Cornhole tournament  | 5<br>Post Meetings 6:30 PM Joint, 7:00 PM Members | 6<br>Bingo                             | 7                                      |
| 8<br>Bingo                                       | 9<br>BSA Troop Meeting       | 10                                   | 11<br>Cornhole tournament | 12  | 13<br>Bingo                            | 14<br>BSA Pinewood Derby               |
| 15<br>Bingo                                      | 16<br>Martin Luther Kind Day | 17<br>Super Planning Session 6:00 PM | 18<br>Cornhole tournament | 19  | 20<br>Bingo                            | 21                                     |
| 22<br>Bingo                                      | 23<br>BSA Troop Meeting      | 24                                   | 25<br>Cornhole tournament | 26<br>Mid Winter Conference Alexandria            | 27<br>Mid Winter Conference Alexandria | 28<br>Mid Winter Conference Alexandria |
| 29<br>BINGO<br>Mid Winter Conference Alexandria  | 30<br>BSA Troop Meeting      | 31<br>Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM   |                           |   |  |  |
| NOTES:<br>No Bingo on 27 JAN; Bingo on 29 JAN 23 |                              |                                      |                           |   |  |  |



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