

COLE-MIERS COURIER

Final Push for 2019-2020 Year

Now is the time for us to get busy, we are heading towards the finish line for this year. Membership, Support and Teamwork are the key words from here on out.

Each of you, are vital to the success of this organization and we need eve-

ryone of you to help us achieve our goals.

In the next month or two, we will be presenting our Americanism Awards to some very deserving youth. Additionally, we will be presenting our Safety Awards to those selected individuals that

have stepped above and beyond in their field, whether it be Policing, Fire Fighting or Medical Rescue. Please join us for these special nights as we recognize those deserving of these prestigious awards.

Special points of interest:

- Happenings at the Post
- Commander/Bingo
- Riders Group/ Membership
- Photos from February
- Flyers

Happenings at the Post

Mar 5: Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Joint Session, 7pm Membership Meeting (Nominations)

Mar 7: Chili Cook-off and Garage Sale 7am—2pm

Mar 10: Americanism Banquet and Awards 6:30pm

Mar 14: JROTC Ball 5:30—10pm

Mar 17: Planning Session 6:00pm

Mar 21: Post St Patrick's Day Karaoke 7pm

Mar 26: Riders Group Meeting 6:30pm

Mar 31: Safety Banquet and Awards 6:30pm



From the Desk of the Commander

First of all, I want to thank all of our members and Auxiliary members for everything you do, each day and week at our Post. If not for you, we would not be a successful organization.

As we move into spring, we still have things that need to be done. We have the upcoming Americanism Banquet and Awards presentation, the Safety Banquet where we honor our Police, Fire and Rescue personnel, and finally, upcoming in March

will nominations for Officers of the VFW and then elections for both the VFW and Auxiliary side in April.

As they year begins to wind down, I am asking each of you to step up and help where you can. We always need help in Bingo, but other events, that are just as important, require us to come together and fulfill our obligation of membership.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our 2020 Patriots Pen winner Ms Harlee

Cooley, who not only won the Post and District, but also the State 1st place spot! Congrats to her and her family, and good luck, you could very well, be heading to Washington DC in March!

Commander Josh Morgan

Bingo

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 53 (as of March 1st), and it will be going up every month, 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 sell-

ing pull tabs, all areas need help.

Additionally, they need help in the Kitchen if you prefer to do that.

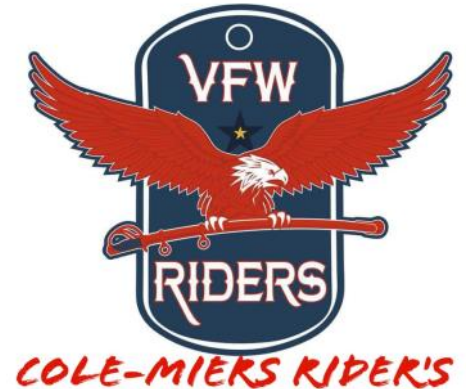


From the VFW Riders Group

The riders took a bit of a break this month, to spend time with Families and Friends.

They were back up and running in January, working on their upcoming rides and to start prepping for the spring and summer riding seasons. If you own a motorcycle and want to be a part of the group, get with President Shane Fowler or Treasurer/Secretary Matt West

and will help get you signed up. The Riders group is a sub-component of the VFW and we ride and try to mentor riders as we support the VFW and it's Goals.



Membership

Folks we are currently at 75.50%, and need 122 Members to renew or extend their dues to achieve 100%. Now is the time to extend your dues! If you are annual member and have dues that will expire before 30 June 2020, let's not wait until then to pay your dues. By extending your dues, you are showing you are committed to the

success of the Post and want to help us achieve 100%.

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!

February Highlights

In the Month of February we conducted several events, mostly for our Members and Auxiliary. The Superbowl tailgate was very successful and enjoyed by many. We conducted a Wahoo Tournament (congrats to Laura and Susan). We also conducted a flag retirement ceremony and disposed of a lot of flags in proper and respectful manner. Lastly we had Karaoke night and an Madi Gras Party in the canteen. March will bring some more events, so come out and enjoy!

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Each year we try to host two Flag Retirement Ceremonies in order to properly dispose of the Flags after they have been deemed unserviceable. This past month we held our Ceremony on February 22nd and disposed of a lot flags from throughout the community. Post and Auxiliary members participated, as well as the De-Ridder Fire Department, the Explorer Scouts and family members.

Flag Retirement Ceremony



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Mardi Gras Party



Our beautiful ladies compete for the top prizes in the Mardi Gras Best Dressed Contest

Mardi Gras Party



Our top 3 Men showing off their prize money!

Matt and Jeremy trying to figure out how Shane won?





**Matt and
Jeremy do-
ing a
Dance Off,
then find
out that
was for
2nd place!**



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MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Monthly Meeting 6:30	6 Bingo	7 chili cook off & garage sale 7am - 2pm
8 Bingo	9 decorate hall 4:30pm	10 Americanism Banquet 6:30pm	11	12	13 Bingo	14 JROTC Ball 5:30-10pm
15 Bingo	16	17 Planning Session 6pm	18	19	20 Bingo	21 Post St Patricks Day Karaoke 7pm-11:30pm
22 Bingo	23	24	25	26 Riders Group Meeting 6:30pm	27 Bingo	28
29 Bingo	30 decorate hall 5pm	31 Safety Banquet 6:30pm				
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