

Cole-Miers Courier

Nominations Are Coming!

As we move into March, nominations are open for election to Post Positions. Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and 3-year Trustee. Appointed positions of Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Surgeon and Officer of the Day/Guard will be made by the Commander Elect. Elections will take place during

the April Monthly meeting, all nominations will remain open until that time.

So, if you are ready to step up and take a position, then get with a fellow Comrade to nominate you. Every member of the post has the right to serve the organization, so, what are you waiting for?

Best of luck to all of those that will get nominated, please run for the right reason, to help the post, don't do it for a Cap or a title.

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Upcoming Events

Mar 1: Cornhole Tourney

Mar 2: Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

Mar 6: BSA Troop Meeting

Mar 8: Cornhole Tourney

Mar 11: Post cleanup Day

Mar 13: BSA Troop Meeting

Mar 17-19: Women Veterans Health Conference

Mar 18: BSA Pinewood Derby

Mar 20: BSA Troop Meeting

Mar 21: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Mar 22: Cornhole Tourney

Mar 25: Fair Booth Extension Build Day

Feb 27: BSA Troop Meeting

Feb 28: Riders Group Meeting

Mar 29: Cornhole Tourney



Commander's Corner

Comrades, welcome to February Commanders installment. Welcome to the shortest month of the year. Even though we are experiencing harder than usual times, we have all come together to keep our organization moving forward. We have continued to innovate and come up with better ways to help support our goals. We still have a long way to go, and it won't be an easy journey.

We have had some success with Bingo, but we need more! As we all know, right now, that is what keeps the doors open and the lights on. So, if you know ANYONE that likes to play Bingo, please let them know when we are having a session. Also, make sure you get the word out about our social media outlets. We have a lot of information posted there weekly about what is happening in our organization. We have also added some new package deals to our new iBingo computer systems that we hope will bring in new players.

As many of you know, we have a planning session on the third Tuesday of the month. If you are able, please come out and have your voice heard on upcoming events. As we are a well-integrated Post, we rely on you, our members, to give us new and innovative ideas.

Many of the officers of the Post attended an Emergency District 5 meeting this month. The results of which will be discussed at the Post Meeting. So, please come out and see what we have planned for the way ahead. And again, members, let us hear your voice.

Our Riders Group had an excellent Chili Cook-Off event. I think it was a huge success. There were a lot of folks from our community, to include a good representation of our First Responders. They didn't take home all the prizes this time. And we hope to see them again during our Three Meat and Sides competition.

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

February found VFW Post 3619 out in our community doing what we do! 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 February! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

Our post partnered with Newstep Outreach for the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce’s Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook-Off. Our post held a raffle table with 100% donated items from our members and community businesses.

Our post cannot do what we do for our Veterans and community without funds. There were several fundraisers in the month of February to help support the post and it’s mission. We have several more fundraisers planned in the upcoming weeks. There is strength in numbers. When we band together, we make it happen. Simply show up, be present and take ownership.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of March:

Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 3/2 @ 6:30pm)

Attend the Post Planning Session. (3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm)

Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Community Marketplace, Building)

Volunteer or participate in a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)

Volunteer to help Newstep Outreach on Truck Day (3rd Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)

Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Book located in the Canteen.)

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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Quartermaster Que

This month in the Quartermaster Que...we continue to tighten our belts and look for innovative ways to bring both new members and money into the Post. The current challenges that we face as a Post have brought the Full Membership and the Post Auxiliary together in a collaborative effort to solve both challenges and continue to serve Veterans and our community. There are changes and new challenges on the horizon as we move forward . We should be back on our feet in no time with the work the financial committee is doing and our budget plan. But as always, the Post can't do it without the help from all the members of the Post. Remember we are ALL Post 3619. Until next month...

Robert Bates

Post Quartermaster

PAO Connection

In February our post continued to grow our reach in our community. Several local small businesses donated items to be included in the Sweetheart Raffle & Mardi Gras Raffle Table at the Gumbo Cook Off, as well as supporting the post with hanging up flyers.

Partnerships are a way for our post to make connections within our community. Our post has found partnerships with the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce, and with New Step Outreach.

Please continue sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. If you have promotion or community event ideas please let me know. New opportunities help grow our reach!

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



March Flyer

MARCH 2023



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977



1115 HWY 27, DERIDDER



Join us for a Fish Fry Plate Lunch Fundraiser on Fridays during Lent.
DELIVERY AVAILABLE WITH 5 OR MORE PLATES

11AM-1PM

- March 10
- March 17
- March 24
- March 31
- April 7

Lunch Plate Includes:

- Fried Fish
- Potato Salad
- Coleslaw
- Hushpuppies
- Lil' Debbie Treat

\$10

WATER \$1

Place weekly order by Thursday @ Noon

CALL: 337-463-3977 EMAIL: secvfw3619@gmail.com

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETERAN & AUXILIARY POST 3619

50/50 RAFFLE

1/\$1 or 6/\$5

SUNDAY - SUNDAY
WINNER DRAWN AT SUNDAY BINGO
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
AVAILABLE IN CANTEEN & POST EVENTS

BINGO!

@VFW 3619

BUDDY PROGRAM
BRING A NEW PLAYER & RECIEVE A 6/15 PACK OR BINGO ADD-ON FREE!

FRIDAY & SUNDAY
FRI: Doors Open @ 5P
SUN: Doors Open @ NOON

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 or \$250
COVERALL \$1,000

WIN IN LESS THAN
53
NUMBERS
As of 3/3

VFW POST 3619

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 10A-4P
SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

- VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 7:00A - 11:00A \$10
- INDOOR NON-SMOKING HALL
- VFW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- BLOOD DRIVE
- LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- POP UP SHOPS
- VETERAN OWNED SHOPS

MEAT BBQ COOK-OFF

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION
VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

VENDOR REGISTRATION
WWW.EVENTSRENTAL.COM/VFW-3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE

VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. Post 3619

EVENT VENUE RENTAL

DERIDDER, LOUISIANA
HOLIDAY PARTY - PAGENT - WEDDING

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

#Post Pride Fundraisers

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!



fundraising
SALE
GOING ON
NOW

Kitchen Must-Haves, Scrumptious Food Mixes, Cookbooks & So Much More!

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3619

Organization: Deridder, LA

Sale End Date: **JULY 2023**

Contact: **337-463-3977**

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=7082646.eb6344>

**EVERY
PURCHASE HELPS
SUPPORT OUR
GROUP!**



EVERY PRODUCT 100% MADE IN THE USA!

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1115 HWY 27, DERIDDER



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WATER \$1

Place weekly order by Thursday @ Noon
CALL: 337-463-3977 EMAIL: secvfw3619@gmail.com

FISH FRY ORDER FORM

CHECK ONE: PICK-UP/TIME: _____ DELIVERY/TIME: _____

Contact Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

Address : _____

ORDER DATE

- March 10
- March 17
- March 24
- March 31
- April 7

Item Description	Quantity	Price	Total
PLATE LUNCH		\$10.00	
BOTTLE WATER		\$1.00	

Total : \$ _____

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 10A-4P

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



\$10

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

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



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Women Veterans Event

**Department of Louisiana
Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**Women's Veteran
Conference**
Information, Demos
Sisterhood To Enrich Women Veterans
**Social March 17
6pm-8pm**
**Conference March 18
10am-2pm**
**Bentley Hotel
Alexandria, La**

Women's History Month

VFW Commemorates Women's History Month

The VFW takes the opportunity to recognize and celebrate women for their contributions throughout American history

March 01, 2023

WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to celebrate our nation's women service members, veterans and countless other selfless contributors to the United States throughout the month of March, Women's History Month.

With women being integral to every facet of American life, it's surprising the nation has only been officially celebrating women's history for 41 years. In 1981, Congress passed a joint resolution Public Law 97-28, designating "Women's History Week" beginning March 7, 1982, to recognize and celebrate "American women of every race, class and ethnic background" whose roles and contributions had been "consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American History." Authorized and requested by the law, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring Women's History Week and called on the people of the United States to mark the observance with ceremonies and activities.

Within a few years, 14 states had already expanded the week-long commemoration to the entire month of March. Finally in 1987, President Ronald Reagan signed the newly passed Public Law 100-9 designating the month of March as Women's History Month. Since then, every American president, Democrat and Republican, has issued proclamations. The 2023 White House proclamation on Women's History Month can be found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/28/a-proclamation-on-womens-history-month-2023/>.

The VFW salutes all women service members, veterans and unsung heroes for their indelible contributions to our freedom and our way of life.

Resource: [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org)



Community Marketplace

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE
VFW POST 3619, 1115 LA-27, DERIDDER,
SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 10A-4P

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

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Community Marketplace



Gumbo Cookoff



Gumbo Cookoff



Gumbo Cookoff



Riders Group Chili Cookoff



Chili COOK-OFF & Bike NITE

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25TH
2PM - 8PM**

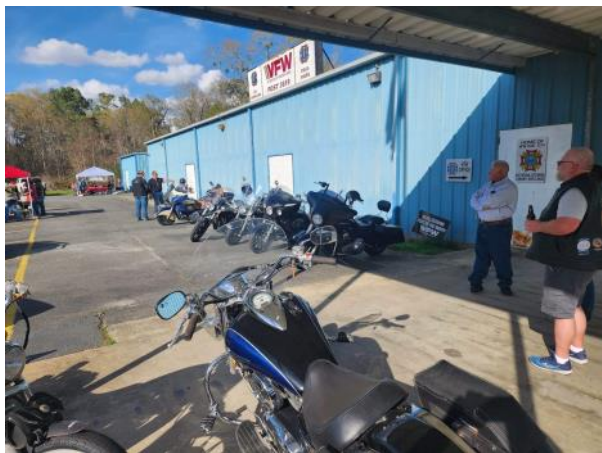
2PM COOKING STARTS
4PM JUDING & TASTING
BIKE NITE TO FOLLOW

Chili Cook Off Competition will be held in the VFW Post 3619. Competition will be judged by local Deridder First Responders.

cook-off participants / entry per catagory \$25
peoples choice participants / fee \$5

VFW POST 3619
1115 HWY 27
DERIDDER

cook-off
registration & rules:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chili-cook-off-bike-nite-tickets>



Riders Group Chili Cookoff



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Chili Cookoff and Bike Night



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 DeRidder, LA 70634

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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

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cornhole tournament	2 Joint Meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00 Nominations	3 Bingo	4
5 Bingo	6 BSA Troop Meeting	7	8 Cornhole tournament	9	10 Bingo	11 Post Cleaup Day
12 Bingo	13 BSA Troop Meeting	14	15 Cornhole tournament	16	17 Bingo Womens Veterans Health Conference	18 BSA Pinewood Derby Womens Veterans Health Conference
19 Bingo Womens Veterans Health Conference	20 BSA Troop Meeting	21 Planning Session 6pm	22 Cornhole tournament	23	24 Bingo	25 Fairbooth Extention Build Day
26 Bingo	27 BSA Troop Meeting	28 Riders Group Meeting	29 Cornhole tournament	30	31	
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