

COLE-MIERS COURIER

Final Push for 2019-2020 Year

All, Happy New 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 organ-

ization and we need everyone 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:

- SWLA Veterans Home
- Happenings at the Post
- Commander/Bingo
- Riders Group/ Membership
- Christmas Parties
- Mid-Winter Conference
- Photos from December
- Flyers

Happenings at the Post

Feb 2: Superbowl Tailgate, Canteen starting 4:00 PM

Feb 6: Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM Joint Session, 7 PM Membership Meeting

Feb 16: Wahoo Tournament

Feb 18: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Feb 27: Riders Group Meeting

Feb 22: Flag Retirement Ceremony 9:00 AM

Karaoke Night: 7 PM

Feb 29: Mardi Gras Party in Canteen



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 52 (as of February 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.

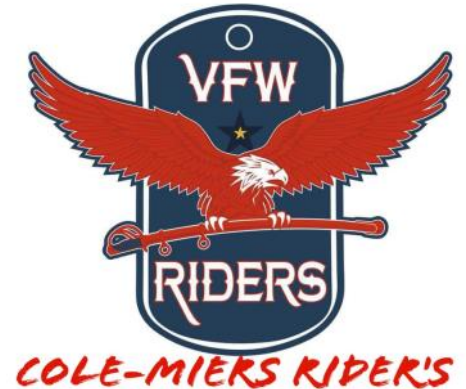


From the VFW Riders Group

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

They will be 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

Now is the time folks 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%. Our

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!

Mid-Winter Conference

Some members of the Post and Auxiliary attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Alexandria 17-19 JAN. During the MWC some awards are pre-

sented to Law Officers of the year, Americanism, Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy entries, from each district.

This year Post 3619 was honored to submit the Post, District

and State 1st Place Winning Patriots Pen Essay. Harlee Cooley was able to not only attend and receive the awards, but presented her essay to the membership! Congrats Harlee!

In Memorium

In the month of January, we had two people from the Post pass on to the great beyond. It was unusual, but both passed on the same night. From our Auxiliary was

Past Department President Evelyn Nash. Evelyn had been a part of VFW for over 60 years. Additionally, Bobby Strickland (Summer DeSpain's father) passed away after a long fight with

multiple medical issues.

If you see either of the family members please pass on your condolences.

Mid Winter Awards Ceremony



Department First Place Patriots Pen Winner, Ms. Harlee Cooley

WHAT IS THE PATRIOT'S PEN?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition encourages students to use their minds and knowledge of America's history and their experience of today's American society to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contests.

Patriot's Pen gives 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for awards and prizes. The awards from all levels of the competition total \$1.2 million each year. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on their National Advisory List of Contests for participation. The theme for the Annual VFW Patriot's Pen Essay was "What Makes America Great?" The contest is open to all students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in public, private, parochial schools, as well as, home-schooled children in the United States and its territories or its possessions and dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Former first place state winners are not eligible to compete again. Foreign exchange students and adults are not eligible to compete.

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FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Bingo superbowl	3	4	5	6 Monthly Meeting 6:30	7 Bingo	8 hall rented
9 Bingo	10	11	12	13	14 Bingo Valentines Day	15 wahoo tournament
16 Bingo	17	18 Planning Session 1800 (6:00pm)	19	20	21 Bingo	22 Flag Retirement Ceremony 0900 Karaoke in canteen
23 BINGO	24	25	26 Hall rented	27 1830 riders group	28	29 canteen Mardi Gra Party
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