

COLE-MIERS COURIER

January and Beyond

Hello all! I hope that January has found you healthy, your outlook is up, and you are glad that 2020 is over! As we move into the first part of 2021, it is also closing out the VFW year, we are half-way through, and we are sitting very good in our standings for All State and All

American. We still have a little ways to go, but we got this. I would ask each of you, to participate in things that you can. Sometimes, as we have seen this past year, we are finding ourselves shut in at home, or just not going out very much. That is all well and good some of the time,

but, you really need to get out and do something. So, why not come do it with your fellow Veterans? Participation is always good for the soul, and it benefits others as well.

Special points of interest:

- Happenings at the Post
- Post Officers
- Disaster Relief
- Riders Group
- Bingo
- Disaster Forms
- Bobby D Ride Picutres

Happenings at the Post

Feb 4: Post Meeting
6:30 joint/7:00 PM
Membership meetings.

Feb 13: Department
Council meeting (our
post) 12-2 PM

Feb 16: Planning Ses-
sion 6:00 PM

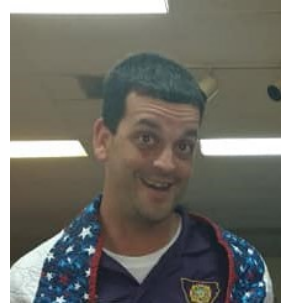
Feb 20: District 5
Meeting (our post)

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



Commander's Corner

Hello everyone. I hope every one is healthy and doing well. Id like to challenge each of us to check on some one you haven't seen in a while. Between hurricanes, health issues and Covid 19, it is easy to be drug down. So please make it a point once a week to check on some one you haven't seen or heard from in a while. I happy to report that construction on our post home should begin within the next 2 weeks. The insurance finally came through with a substantial payment. I'm not sure about y'all, but I know I am definitely tired of seeing our post in disrepair. If there is any thing we can do for any of you please let us know. Your command group is here to serve ya'll. Be blessed.



Josh Morgan, Commander

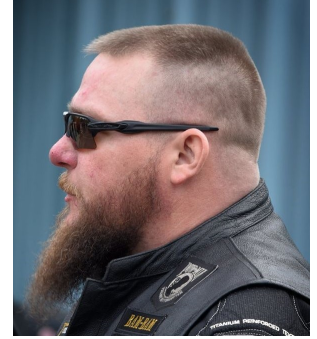
Jr Vice Commander's Corner

Hey everyone, I really want to thank everyone that helped with the Bobby D ride know that I really appreciate all the hard work and to everyone who showed up , thank you. Now that we are officially over the holidays we can finally get back in the swing of things. We have a few events coming up soon and we will be hosting a few at our post. Since we are continuing to renovate still I want everyone to know that the house committee is working diligently to get us back up and better than before. Once again thank you everyone and I hope to see ya'll at our next event.



Jr Vice Commander Jeremy Golden

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause" Abraham Lincoln



That's our Job now, caring for our Brothers and Sisters in the field! So I challenge you to help a Soldier or Veteran! Doesn't matter what it is.... big or small! Show them why this Organization exists and we will be blessed with more Members and help then we could dream of! I know we all have our own lives and stuff going on but it's still up to us to step up and take care of our Vets and our Community! Let's make them want to be a part of something great!

Ok I'm done with the motivational Speak. 🤔 Let's talk about upcoming events The Department has asked us to host their Council Meeting 13Feb ultimately that means we will be cooking for around 60-100 People. I will definitely need help! We are also hosting the District's Awards ceremony/Meeting on 24 April and same, around 60-100 people we are cooking for! I appreciate all that y'all do! I honestly and truly do.... But let's not get complacent and get the "Only Beer and Bingo" Stigma stuck to us.... We are so much more! I would also like to mention the State CMDR has issued a membership challenge to Recruiters (ProTip: Everyone is a Recruiter). The Top 9 Recruiters from Feb1-March31 will receive a Chartered Fishing trip w/Lodging! I plan on being there! Do you?

Shane Fowler, Quartermaster

Disaster Relief

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, a devastating Category 4 Hurricane made landfall in Cameron, LA. The destruction from this hurricane is unbelievable. We are working diligently to get Disaster Relief out to our members and their families that have been affected by this tragedy.

On Friday, August 28, 2020, a letter was sent to our National Commander requesting Disaster Relief Funds from National to assist our members affected by this Natural Disaster. CiC Hal Roesch was in the area the weekend of September 4th-6th to tour and meet with our members to assess the damage and assist where we can. Our Department's Disaster Relief Fund is at \$9360.00. We have around 3,700 members in the Districts that were affected by Hurricane Laura.

If any of our Members would like to donate to the Disaster Relief fund they may do so by sending a Check to Department Headquarters (10185 Mammoth Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70814). Be sure the check is made payable to VFW Department of LA and earmarked for Disaster Relief. We appreciate any donations received as they will go towards helping our Members in Disaster Declared Areas anyway that we can.

If you are a member of our Department that has been affected by Hurricane Laura, you may apply for Disaster Relief by filling out the application and bring to the Post **13 FEB, 9:00AM -12:00 PM or 2:00-4:00 PM.**

See Page 6 and 7 for form. Fill out and bring with to the Post to expedite the process.

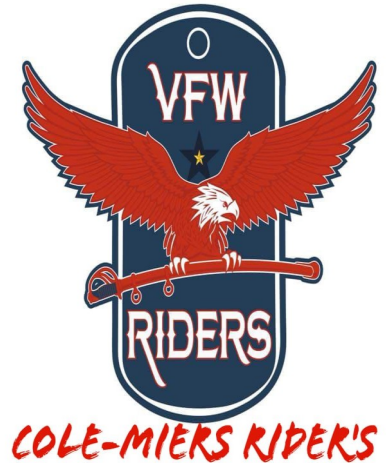
*Bring the completed form on 13 FEB, 0900-1200; or 1400-1600

From the VFW Riders Group

The 2020³ Bobby D Poker Run was a huge success! The Riders Group would like to Personally thank every Member/Auxiliary that Stepped up and helped us! We were able to raise enough to make a \$1500 Donation to the VMS

Program! On top of all that, We: had fun, got our belly's full, got to ride our Motorcycles and nobody got hurt! Cant ask for much more than that!

Bam-Bam



Bingo

We need bingo callers and workers asap. We will be holding a

class on calling sometime next week!





DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA, VFW

DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPLICANT INFORMATION:

DATE: _____ POST/AUX: _____ MEMBERSHIP #: _____

Full Name: _____

Last First M.I.

Address: _____

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

WHERE TO SEND DISASTER FUNDS IF APPROVED?

Relocated Address: _____

DISASTER INFORMATION:

Please check the type of disaster & list the damages incurred:

- Fire
- Flooding
- Hurricane
- Other: _____
- Tornado

List of damages: (Please submit any photos you can for proof)

Will Home Owners Insurance or any other type of insurance cover the lost?

Yes No Why? _____

Have you applied for FEMA Assistance?

Yes Amount Received: _____ No Why? _____

If you would like to receive your Disaster Relief via ACH Payment (Direct Deposit) please fill out the form on the back of this application. Otherwise you will receive your Disaster Relief by Check mailed to the address listed above.

Please sign and date the application to verify that the information you have submitted herein is true to the best of your knowledge, and that you understand that funds are limited and the demand is great. Funds will be apportioned on an "As Needed" basis.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BELOW FOR DEPARTMENT DISASTER COMMITTEE:

RELIEF AMOUNT: \$ _____ CHECK #: _____ DATE MAILED: _____

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____ WHY? _____

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Louisiana**

**Direct Deposit Enrollment Form
(ACH Payment for Expense Voucher)**

Payee Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Financial Institution Information:

Financial Institution Name: : _____
Routing #: _____
Account #: _____

CHECK ONE: Checking Savings

Authorization:

I authorize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Louisiana and the financial institution listed above to credit my Expense Voucher Reimbursement Payment into my account. This authorization also includes my consent to allow Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Louisiana to initiate debit entries for adjustments on any credit entries made in error to my account indicated above. I have provided a copy of a voided check solely for the purpose of verifying my account number and the Financial Institution's routing number.

Payee Signature:  _____ Date: _____

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AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Meeting Night 6:30 PM Joint 7:00 PM Regular	Bingo	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bingo					Bingo	dept council meeting 12-2 Disaster grants 9- 12 & 2-6
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bingo		Planning Session 6:00 PM			Bingo	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bingo					Bingo	
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Bingo						
NOTES:						



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