

Cole-Miers Courier

New Year, New Ideals

As we are now into a new year, let's try to recommit ourselves to loyalty, patriotism, kindness and respect. Loyalty to ourselves and our organization. Ensuring we remain united in mission accomplishment. Patriotism to our Nation, Flag and Ideals. Our ability to provide or show our Patriotism is vital to showing new

members and our community, that we are proud of our Country. Kindness can never be overstated. Be kind to your fellow citizens, especially those who are down on their luck at the moment. Respect kind of goes hand-in-hand with Kindness. Show respect to others even if they don't show respect to you. They

say respect is a two way street, however, sometimes you need to be the one to show it first, and then hopefully you get it in return. So, let's set the example for others to follow, be loyal, patriotic, kind and respectful.

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Upcoming Events

Feb 1: Cornhole Tourney

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

Feb 4: Community Marketplace 10-4pm

Feb 6: BSA Troop Meeting

Feb 8: Cornhole Tourney

Feb 11: BSA Pinewood Derby Build Day

Ebonites Mardi Gras Ball

Feb 13: BSA Troop Meeting

Feb 14: Valentines Day

Feb 15: Cornhole Tourney

Feb 20: Presidents Day

Feb 21: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Feb 22: Cornhole Tourney

Feb 27: BSA Troop Meeting

Feb 28: Riders Group Meeting



Commander's Corner

Comrades, welcome to January's Commanders installment. Welcome to the New Year. I think that we brought in the New Year with a wonderfully enjoyable time at the Canteen. We are hoping that this year will bring us new opportunities to help our Veterans as well as our community.

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 also held a SUPER PLANNING SESSION this month to lay the groundwork for this coming year. If you were not involved, but would like to be, please don't hesitate to come to our next planning session on 21 Feb, these are open to all members and auxiliary.

Many of the officers of the Post and Auxiliary attended the VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Alexandria. We also had members that are wanting to get more involved attend. This too, is open to any member of our organization if they wish to learn how things are done at the State level. Our own Auxiliary President and members were asked to demonstrate our POW/MIA Ceremony (on a reduced time scale) for those present. It is always a moving event and this was no exception. We received nothing but positive feedback on this demonstration.

As we bring in this new 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 Vision

January slowed down a bit for VFW Post 3619, but as always we were still 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 January! 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 partnered with Newstep Outreach for disaster relief after a tornado hit Ragley. Members served 125 plates to residents affected by the aftermath.

Our post cannot do what we do for our Veterans and community without funds. We have several fundraisers planned in the upcoming weeks. Please support them and share on social media.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of January:

- ◆ Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 2/3 @ 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 Quarter Master Que, I am drawn to discuss the very real possibility that without the efforts of the Veterans and Auxiliary members of Post 3619 we may have to close our doors. We are financially bleeding to death. The Officers of the Post are elected each year to lead the Post as a whole through the year to serve Veterans and preserve the traditions of the VFW. Without the support and participation of the general membership on both sides we cannot do this. As the economy fluctuates so too does our income and ability to "pay the bills" . What doesn't fluctuate are the bills. We currently spend almost \$6000 per month just to keep the doors open. We have formed a finance committee that is tasked with cutting cost and increasing income for the Post and program support. This committee is open to all members of our Post, both full members and Auxiliary members as our decisions and actions will effect everyone. Per our Bylaws any decisions requiring a vote must go back to Full Membership but everyone is encouraged to get involved with solving our current crisis. I welcome everyone to get involved and not just "sit and watch" . Until next month ...

Robert Bates

Post Quartermaster

PAO Connection

In January our post continued to grow our reach in our community. Several local small business have donated items to be included in the Sweetheart Raffle, as well as supporting the post with hanging up flyers.

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



February Flyer

FEBRUARY 2023



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

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

2023 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE DATES!
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
 SATURDAY, APRIL 1
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10A-4P

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE
 VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

JOIN THE KREWE OF LIFE

Blood Drive

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3619
 LifeShare Bus
 Saturday, February 4th | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Your precious gift is carefully provided to someone in need. Your blood donation could impact the life of someone you know, someone you'll meet, or your closest loved one.

Donate February 4th - 21st and receive a KREWE OF LIFE t-shirt while supplies last. See our crew of smiling volunteers for helping our community!

LifeShare BLOOD CENTER

COLE-MIERS VFW POST 3619

Sweetheart Raffle TICKETS \$10

THREE CHANCES TO WIN!

- WINNER \$800 in Target.com VALUE \$250
 MONTHLY GUEST connected card 2-pack with holster VALUE \$50
 T-SHIRT & SPIN Hackman, Savings & Amplify VALUE \$20
- CLASS FLOWERS LLJ Dist. Roses with delivery VALUE \$110
 PINK STREET TATTOO Tattoos, LLC Certificate VALUE \$50
 FLAT TIRE COFFEE CO #25 OR 10oz Bag of Coffee VALUE \$20
- LINKED BY JAY Permanent Jewelry \$50 Gift Certificate
 KUTTING UP w/Alana \$50 Gift Certificate
 PINK STREET TATTOO Piercing Gift Certificate VALUE \$40

DRAWING ON FEBRUARY 12TH
 Do NOT need to be present to win

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

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE
 VENDOR REGISTRATION

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

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL V & 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

VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

VFW 3619 IN DERIDDER
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023
 7:00A - 10:00A

\$10

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

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

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 52 NUMBERS
 As of 2/3

#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!

#Post Pride Fundraisers

Support Your Local V & Auxiliary! RED Friday T-Shirt Fundraiser February 1st - March 3rd

ORDER ONLINE OR IN THE CANTEEN

WWW.CUSTOMINK.COM/FUNDRAISING/COLE-MIERS-POST-3619-RED-FRIDAY



T-SHIRT SHORT SLEEVE

YOUTH SIZES TO ADULT
SMALL—EXTRA LARGE \$20.00
2XL--\$ 23.00
3XL--\$ 24.00
4XL--\$25.00



T-SHIRT LONG SLEEVE

YOUTH SIZES TO ADULT
SMALL—EXTRA LARGE \$25.00
2XL--\$ 28.00
3XL--\$ 29.00
4XL--\$30.00



HOODIE

YOUTH SIZES TO ADULT
SMALL—EXTRA LARGE \$36.00
2XL--\$ 38.00
3XL--\$39.00
4XL--\$40.00

ORDER PICK UP AFTER 3/21 AT THE V

#StillServing Tornado Relief



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#StillServing Mid-Winter Conference



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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>

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Cornhole tournament	Post Meetings 6:30 PM Joint, 7:00 PM Members	Bingo	Community Marketplace
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting		Cornhole tournament		Bingo	Mardi Gras Ball BSA Derby Build
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting	Valentines Day	Cornhole tournament		Bingo	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bingo	Presidents Day	Planning Session 6:00 PM	Cornhole tournament		Bingo	
26	27	28				
Bingo	BSA Troop Meeting	Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM				
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