

COLE-MIERS COURIER

120th National Convention

Early on 18 July, six of the Riders group and 2 Auxiliary members set out for the 120th National Convention in Orlando, FL. 13 hours on day 1, and a couple of issues with bikes, we stopped over night in Tallahassee. The next morning we continued the trek to Orlando. Arriving approximately 4 PM local time, we all got checked in, and began our

journey. The Vander Clute Ride took place the next morning, on a route that was approximately 190 miles, through the State of Florida, we were able to visit two Posts and a self made Museum called the Bunker (put in place by a Vietnam Veteran). Then after that was complete, the group linked back up at the hotel and visited

the other department Hospitality Rooms. Mark, Cody, Rick and Janet departed on Sunday to return back home. Matt, Shane, Dianna and Melissa Ogden returned on Wednesday. Pictures on page 4 and 5.



Special points of interest:

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Happenings at the Post

Aug 2: Post Meeting
6:30 PM/7:00 PM

Aug 9-11: State CoA,
Alexandria, Holiday
Inn Downtown

Aug 17: District CoA,
Starks Memorial Post,
9:00 AM Registration

Aug 20: Planning
Session 6:00 PM

Aug 24: Beau Care
Poker Run

Aug 29: VFW Riders
Meeting 6:00 pm

Aug 31: Wedding
Hall Rental



From the Desk of the Commander

July went by in a flash! Great things are happening at the Post every week.

The VFW Riders and some Auxiliary members attended the National convention in Orlando, Florida, where we got to see our very own Matthew West, get awarded All American Department Commander, and earn the coveted Triple crown, being an All State Post, District and Department Commander! Congratulations to him and his

hard work and effort over the past 5 years earning those.

We have a lot of things coming up in the next couple of months. CoA in Alexandria and District CoA in Starks both in August. September will be the 2nd Annual Bobby D Memorial Ride, and the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home BBQ for the District. Then we get hot and heavy into the Fair Booth in October. This is one of our Biggest Money Makers, and we all know we need money for the Post! So come out

and support all of these events if you can.

Football season is upon us and with that, our Canteen hours for Saturday will revert back to 12:00PM opening time. We will do a couple of tailgate parties as the year moves along. So, as you get ready to finish the summer time, we still need you here at the Post, so come on by and be a part of the team!

Shane Fowler
Sr Vice Commander

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 51, but it will be going up, 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 selling pull tabs, all areas need help.

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



From the VFW Riders group

As we get into the Summer months, you will see a lot more motorcycles out there riding on the main thoroughfares.

Please be cognizant of the Bikers that are using the same roads as you do. They are generally trying to stay away from you anyhow, but maybe look twice before changing lanes, or taking off from a stop sign, as you might not see a motorcycle as easily as you

can see a car or truck.

The next Event coming for us, is the 2nd Annual Bobby D Durham Ride. The event will take place on (tentatively) 7 September, with registration at 9:00 AM and Kick-Stands Up (KSU) at 10:00 AM. There will be raffles, table prizes to drop your tickets in to,

50/50 raffles, food and drink. Come out and support whether you ride or not. Proceeds will split between VFW Veterans and Military Support and the Riders Group.



Membership

This next year, starting now, we will work diligently to be 100% no later than 31 DEC 2019. We are constantly struggling at the end of the year, for really, no reason. Let's get to our goal quickly and then we can work on increasing our membership. Remember, our goal is to be ALL AMERICAN

for 2019-2020 VFW Year. We can do it, we have proven that before!

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!

National Convention



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1st Stop Post 8696 Palm Coast, FL



2nd Stop Post 4250 New Smyrna, FL



3rd Stop The Bunker



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\$33,000 Check Presented on behalf of the VFW Riders to NVMS



State Commander awarded All American Department Commander



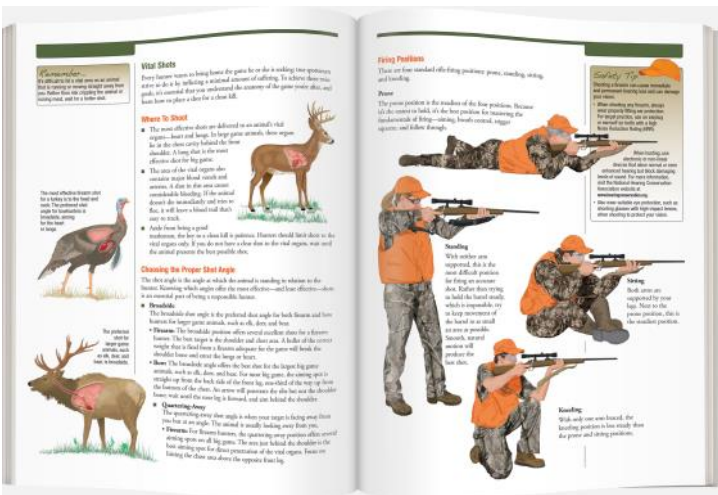
State Commander Awarded "Triple Crown", for achieving All American Post, District and Department Commander

Hunter Safety 2019

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Hunter Safety 2019



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AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Monthly Meeting 6:30	2 Bingo	3
4 Bingo	5	6	7	8	9 Bingo State C of A	10 State C of A Hall rented
11 Bingo State C of A	12	13	14	15	16 Bingo	17 District Cof A Starks
18 Bingo	19	20 Planning Session 6:00	21	22	23 Bingo	24 Beaucare Poker Run
25 Bingo	26	27	28	29 vfw riders meeting 6:30	30 Bingo	31 hall rented
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