

COLE-MIERS COURIER

88th State Convention

Well the VFW has ended and we were treated to a great convention in Alexandria. The Post won many awards that reflected the hard work and effort of the Post and Auxiliary.

Many thanks go out to all of you that planned, participated and made each of these different programs happen.

Although it didn't happen at

the Convention, the Post did earn All State honors again, and that goes to the hard work and dedication of the entire team, but led by Post Commander Ken Gresham and Quartermaster Sam Levine. All of the line officers played their roles and assisted in each of the successes we had this year.

The Convention was held at

the Holiday Inn Downtown, Alexandria. The next State Event is the Council of Administration (CoA) which will be held 9-11 AUG 2019, same place, Main day for Classes will be the August 10, 9:00 AM.



Special points of interest:

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Happenings in the Area and Post

July 4: Independence Day, Downtown DeRidder

July 5: No Bingo

July 6: Post Potluck Dinner in the canteen, bring a side dish

July 11: Monthly Meeting (changed due to Independence Day)

Jun 16: No Bingo for Father's Day

June 16: Planning Session

Jun 18: Riders group departure to National Convention (0800)

Jun 30: Riders group Meeting



From the Desk of the Commander

New Year, New Team, Same Great Organization!

Most of you know me but some of you may not. I'm Shane Fowler and your acting Commander. It's my pleasure to serve you these few following months that our actual Commander is getting treatment. We have big eyes towards the upcoming year, and hope we don't bite off more than we can chew!

To accomplish this we are not only needing your support and participation but your opinions and guidance as well. Short term we are looking at raising

funds for the Post and getting our accomplishments and accolades visible to our Community and Local Veterans. We also plan to host a lock-in for military families this summer. We would like to start having Dances, bands and karaoke in the future.

Long term we are trying to beautify the Post. Make it more appealing to the community and approachable while maintaining our heritage and history. This includes fixing signage, planting Buddy Poppies, and completing going green inside the Post with low energy fixtures. We also see

anything less than All-American a failure!

Say a Prayer for 5 Members of our VFW Riders as they make the Hot Late July trip to Ride in the VFW National convention Vander Clute ride. All net money made from the ride goes to VFW VMS programs. Supporting Veterans and their families.

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.

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 any how, but make 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 Riders are departing on 18 July 2019, to head to Orlando, FL for the National Convention. We have 5 bikes going down, and a support vehicle or two. We will be departing approximately 0800 in the morning and stopping in Tallahassee, FL, then get up and ride the rest of the way to Orlando. Saturday, 20 July, will be the VanderKlute Ride. Some of our riders will return on Sunday, others will return on Wednesday, 24 July.



Membership

Team, we finished the year at 100.00% in membership.

That is a testament to the hard work and persistence of a couple of members that contacted unpaid members, reached out via email, and actually visited some people as well.

Special thanks goes to District 5 leadership that assisted with some funding so we can help some of our Veterans in paying their membership dues.

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!

State Convention



Sonja and Shane having Fun



Ken Receiving Patriot Pen Award



Chaplain Darryl Fontenot receiving Award



Tresa Tolley receiving Award



Ken Receiving Post Award

State Convention



Ken Receiving First Place POW/MIA Award



Ken Receiving First Place Publication Award



Ken Receiving National Home Award



Ken Receiving Voice of Democracy Award



Post and Auxiliary Awards and Trophies

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JULY 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | AL Meeting/ installation | | | NO BINGO | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Bingo | | | | Monthly Meeting 6:30 | Bingo | CVMA chapter meeting 6-1 3pm |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Bingo | | Planning Session 1800 | | | Bingo | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Bingo | | Hunters Safety 6-10 | Hunters Safety 6-10 | | Bingo | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| Bingo | | vfw riders 6:30 | | | | |
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