

Cole-Miers Courier

June

So, the month of June brings several things each year, the official start of Summer, Flag Day, the Army Birthday, and of course the end of the VFW Year.

Flag Day and the Army Birthday coincide on the 14th of June. The US Army turned 247 years old, and is the oldest service

with the Department of defense. Flag Day commemorates the anniversary of the occasion on which the Second Continental Congress declared that the American flag would have “13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and “13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation” in

1777. Post 3619 had members of the Post and Auxiliary participate in a Flag Retirement Ceremony, with a local Boy Scout Troop, and disposed of nearly 100 flags.

Lastly, as we end the VFW year, we want to thank all of you that help in various ways throughout the year!

Special points of interest:

- June
- Officer's Input
- Flyers
- Post Pride Veteran Assistance
- Community Marketplace
- Roshto Ride
- Flag Day and Retirement Ceremony
- State Convention
- Calendar

Upcoming Events

Jul 4: Independence Day

Jul 6: Cornhole Tourney

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

Jul 13: Cornhole Tourney

Jul 16: Bikes, BBQ and Band

Jul 19: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Jul 20: Cornhole Tourney

Jul 23: VFW Community Marketplace 8:00 AM

Jul 26: Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM

Jul 28: Cornhole Tourney



Commander's Corner

Comrades, welcome to another Commanders' installment. Well, we have entered another year of Leadership within the VFW. We had a very successful annual convention in Alexandria with this year's new officers. We made an impact with our presence as well as with our voice. This year will be another challenging one, but we look forward to facing and conquering these challenges with your help.

We participated in our local Watermelon Festival for the first time and, we represented our Post to our community very well. We had a lot of support for this event, which is a testament to the fortitude of our membership across the board. We had members, auxiliary, and our partner Cub/Boy Scout Troop 30.

We also impressed someone enough that Chad Smith just decided that he wanted to help. And help he did, for all three days of the event. My hat is off to him.

As many of you know, we have had a bump in the road when it comes to Bingo. We have changed Bingo managers, again, and are starting up only having Bingo on Sundays. We are attempting to find alternate revenue streams and if anyone has ideas as to how we can do this, please feel free to bring your ideas to our meetings. Again, I can't thank those that volunteer for these ongoing events enough. It is through your dedication and support that we are able to do what we do.

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

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Senior Vice Commander for the 2022-2023 year. As a member of our post, you have chosen a leadership team that will support the VFW mission, represent the membership, uphold the bi-laws, preserve our post history and traditions, as well as prosper growth for the future.

I want to remind you that VFW Post 3619 is YOUR post. I encourage you to become more involved. I understand that not everyone can attend every meeting, or post sponsored event. I also get that not everyone feels comfortable in large group settings. Family and work are givens to take priority over the VFW. Participation in this organization builds comradery, sense of community, and fosters success in fulfilling our VFW mission to help Veterans and our Community.

Ask yourself...

Why did I become a member of VFW Post 3619?

What skills or experience can I contribute?

How much time can I give to help fulfill the VFW mission at VFW Post 3619?

There is strength in numbers. If you feel a certain way or have an idea. Chances are that many of your comrades share the same thoughts. Band together and make it happen. Simply showing up and being present is all that is needed.

Here are a few ways that you can become more involved in YOUR post:

Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings (1st Thursday @ 6:30pm)

Attend the Post Planning Session (3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm)

Become a committee member (Bingo, Cornhole, Community Marketplace, Friday Events, Building, Grounds, Fair Booth, Fundraising)

Volunteer to work a post event.

Participate in a post event.

Stop by the Canteen

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)

I encourage you to reach out to me via email, text or in person. I want to hear your ideas to help our post grow in the future and what special skills or experience you could contribute.

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

337-404-6269

“
**The meaning of life is
 to find your gift.
 The purpose of life is
 to give it away.**
 ”

William Shakespeare

Junior Vice Voice

So many words...

I really think it's important to know where you stand. Knowing what kind of person you are, and if your stagnant or growing. What you are willing to stand and fight for, if anything, and where you are willing to compromise. Its important to look at yourself and question yourself why; Why do I feel this way, why do I think this way, why do I act this way. It's so easy to throw up our hands and say "Well, the worlds a f-d up place, not much you can do about it." And go on our way, but where does that get us? It allows for complacency and stagnation. In the Army, it was drilled into us that "complacency kills". And they were right. Have you ever heard the saying that "If you're not moving forwards you're rolling backwards"?

Are you the type that strives for unity and inclusion or separation and cliques? When you think to yourself about your views, can you honestly say that you want what is best for each and every individual or are you hyper focused on specific groups or individuals? Do you, de-value those who think or believe differently than you or do you try to learn where they are coming from and see that they too, have value? Are you most comfortable following a path that has been walked hundreds of times, or do you often find yourself searching for new ways to improve yourself, the situation and organizations which you are apart of? Do you stand by your word or do you agree in the moment and change your mind and direction when the setting and audience change? Do you ask what's in it for you before agreeing to help, or do you help with a grateful heart, knowing that you are working on something greater than yourself?

When is the last time that you felt yourself grow in a positive direction? What can you do this month to start moving again? Is there something you are interested in learning? Somewhere you would like to go but have never been? What is something that you would like to see us do in our organization that would get you excited to join us and bring your friends or neighbors? We have, as an organization agreed to change up some of our activities to grow our outreach, improve volunteer engagement and to include populations of our community that previously were in the shadows. I am looking forward to working with ALL of you to see us through the successful (if not somewhat painful) path forward. Together we can do this!

Thank you for your time. I appreciate you. Feel free to reach out anytime if you need or want to talk, and if you have some ideas on our organization can continue moving forward.

Elizabeth Dawson

VFW 3619 Jr. Vice Commander

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Quartermaster Que

Hello to Post 3619. I am Robert Bates, your newly elected Quarter Master for 22 23. The leadership has great plans for the Post and Auxiliary in the next year as we push forward through Covid and hurricane damage. I will be looking through the ledgers, receipts and invoices for overlooked income and opportunities to increase our ability to serve veterans and the community in the next year. As always, everything takes money and resources. I have been tasked to be the steward of Post 3619's funds and resources, but we can not forget the human capital available to us. With membership numbers over 500 there are resources available all around us. Upcoming projects around the Post require funds yes, but also volunteers to make those projects happen. If we can find the resources within our ranks we should use those to leverage the funds we do have. More to follow in coming months on this and other topics. Reminder to annual members... find out when your anniversary is and get your next payment in. Think about flipping to a lifetime membership and never wonder when your next payment is due.

Robert Bates

Post Quartermaster

PAO Connection

I am very excited to continue as the Public Affairs Officer for Post 3619 in the 2022-2023 year!

I will continue to ask for your help in sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. Share directly from our post pages or create post of your own sharing pictures from events. When doing so please tag your location as VFW Post 3619 Hashtags help us be found by others, as well as helpful to document and find pictures to share in publications like the one you are currently reading.

We have increased communication to our membership through an All Post Facebook Group and an All Post Message Chat. Many of our committees have message chat groups as well. If you wish to join the All Post or committee chats, reach out to me and I will get you added. The benefit of the groups and chats is to get out information in a timely matter as things arise.

I am so excited for our post with increased engagement on our social media platforms, this opens a line of communication to our members, our community, and to document our history as we make it.

Lori Bates

Public Affairs Officer

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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

VFW 3619 HASHTAGS



#vfw3619

#vfw3619auxiliary

#vfw3619riders

#vfw3619postpride

#vfw3619communitymarketplace

#lapostpride

#postpride

#stillserving

#vfw3619communitymarketplace

#bingo

#swla

#deridder

#beauregard

#nonsmokingbingo

#venue

#communityservice

Flyers



1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

Let's Laugh & Sing with Friends

VFW POST 3619 FAMILY GAME & KARAOKE NIGHT

FRIDAY JULY 8th

FAMILY FRIENDLY!
6:00PM TO 9:00PM
ADMISSION: \$3.00

CARD & BOARD GAMES - KARAOKE - VIDEO GAMES
CORNHOLE - YARD GAMES
BURGER BASKETS - HOT DOGS - SNOW CONES
(FOOD AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE)

VFW POST 3619
1115 LA-27, DERIDDER LA

Cole-Miers VFW Riders

VFW POST 3619
1115 Highway 27
Deridder, LA

BIKE NIGHT

JULY 16TH

\$13 BBQ Plates @ 6:30PM
OPEN TO PUBLIC

LIVE MUSIC 7-11PM

Straight Shot Band

VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3619

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

VFW POST 3619, 1115 LA-27, DERIDDER, LA
FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS GO TO OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS

VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022 10A - 4P

SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

- VFW SURPLUS SALE
- BLOOD DRIVE
- INDOOR NON-SMOKING HALL
- OUTDOOR SPACE
- LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- POP UP SHOPS
- VETERAN OWNED SHOPS

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION
VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

VENDOR REGISTRATION
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/EVFW-3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE

BINGO!

@VFW 3619

SUNDAYS

Doors Open @ NOON

PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT
\$10,000 + \$1,000
from COVERALL Game

WIN IN LESS THAN
49
NUMBERS

#PostPride Service to a Veteran

The Post was notified of a Veteran that required assistance with putting tarp on his roof as he was too old to do it. The Post and Auxiliary went into action.



#PostPride Service to a Veteran

The Post was notified of a Veteran that required assistance with putting tarp on his roof as he was too old to do it. In addition to the roof, the Post did some routine yard cleaning and limb cutting.



Community Marketplace



#PostPride Flag Day



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#Postpride Flag Day



#PostPride State Convention



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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>

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bingo	Independence Day		Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke	Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	Family Game Night 6-9 PM	Lambert Reunion
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bingo			Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke			BBQ and a Band 6PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bingo		Planning Session 6:00 / Fairbooth meeting	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke			Community Marketplace 8:00 AM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Bingo		Riders Meeting 6:30	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke			Beauty Pageant 8:00 AM
31		NOTES:				
Bingo						



**Veterans Of
 Foreign Wars Post
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 70634:
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