

# Cole-Miers Courier

## Elections are Here!

As we move into April, nominations remain open for election to Post Positions. Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and 3-year Trustee. Appointed positions of Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Surgeon and Officer of the Day/Guard will be made by the Commander Elect. Elections will take place during

the April Monthly meeting, all nominations will remain open until that time.

So, if you are ready to step up and take a position, then get with a fellow Comrade to nominate you. Every member of the post has the right to serve the organization, so, what are you waiting for?

Best of luck to all of those that will get nominated, please run for the right reason, to help the post, don't do it for a Cap or a title.

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## Upcoming Events

**Apr 1:** Community Marketplace

**Apr 3:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Apr 5:** Cornhole Tourney

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

**Apr 10:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Apr 12:** Cornhole Tourney

**Apr 17:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Mar 17-19:** Women Veterans Health Conference

**Apr 18:** Planning Session 6:00 PM

**Apr 19:** Cornhole Tourney

**Apr 24:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Apr 25:** Riders Group Meeting

**Apr 26:** Cornhole Tourney

**Apr 29:** District 5 Meeting Post 2130



## *Commander's Corner*

Comrades, welcome to March Commander's installment. Well, what a month it has been. We placed an extension on the back of our Fair Booth. A HUGE thanks goes out to the benefactor for donating all of the supplies to make it happen. Our first opportunity to test it out will be for the Watermelon Festival towards the end of June. I hope that a great number of our folks come out to support this effort.

Well, our jackpot for Bingo went right at the end of the month. So, we are back to a bit of a struggle with regards to money coming into the post. It'll take us some time to recover, but I know that we will all continue to work hard to make ends meet.

We have had a wonderfully successful Fish Fry for Lent this year and hope to finish up on a high note on 7 April. Again, much thanks need to go out to all of those that volunteered their significant time and efforts to make this year such a success. As well as those that were able to obtain donations for this.

Our Community Marketplace Event was again, successful. And, the Riders Group helped run the kitchen as well as holding a Three Meat Cookoff. A great time was had by all who attended. Please remember that you do not need to be a 'biker' to come out and enjoy these events, they are open to all.

As we move into April, we have Post and Auxiliary nominations and elections. If you are able, please come out to our meetings on 6 April and let your voice be heard. These are the times when we need you the most.

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*

March found VFW Post 3619 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 March! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

Members of our post joined Newstep Outreach for Disaster Relief for the community of Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Our post cannot do what we do for our Veterans and community without funds. There were several fundraisers in the month of March to help support the post and it's mission. We have several more fundraisers planned in the upcoming weeks. There is strength in numbers. When we band together, we make it happen. Simply show up, be present and take ownership.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of March:

Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 4/6 @ 6:30pm-ELECTION FOR 2023-2024)

Attend the Post Planning Session. (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30pm)

Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Building, Watermelon Festival, Fair, National Night Out)

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)

Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Book located in the Canteen.)

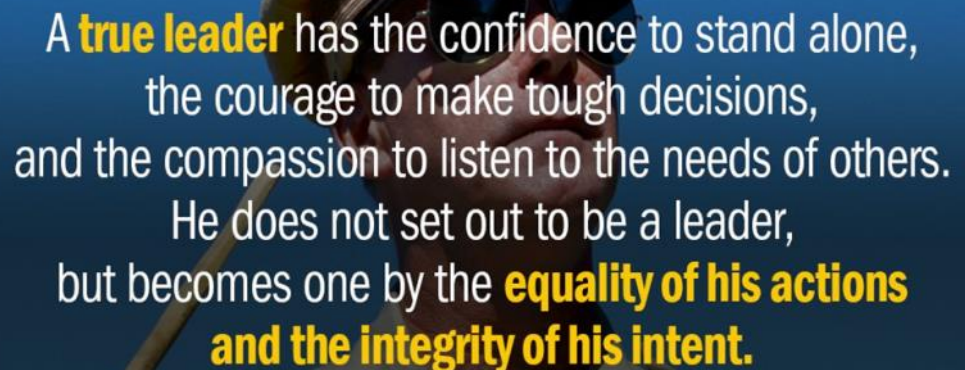
April is here and that means its time for VFW 3619 to elect new leadership for the 2023-2024 year.

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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A **true leader** has the confidence to stand alone,  
the courage to make tough decisions,  
and the compassion to listen to the needs of others.  
He does not set out to be a leader,  
but becomes one by the **equality of his actions**  
and the **integrity of his intent.**

— Douglas MacArthur —

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## *Quartermaster Que*

Greetings from the Quartermaster Que. This installment we look back on a busy month of Bingo, fundraising and fish frying. Also had a Pinewood Derby from our Scouts and a fairly good clean up day in the shop. Sadly we said goodbye to our Aunt Bobbie who will be missed by everyone. In the coming month we will welcome another term of Post Leadership . Those of you voting at April's election (1st Thursday in April) please think about how important your vote is. If it's time for a change this is how it is done...don't walk away from the challenge...anyone can do that. Be the change you want to see. Until next month.....if you call I will answer.

**Robert Bates**

**Post Quartermaster**

## *PAO Connection*

Partnerships are a way for our post to make connections within our community. Our post has found partnerships with the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce, and with New Step Outreach.

Please continue sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. If you have promotion or community event ideas please let me know. New opportunities help grow our reach!

**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



# March Flyer

APRIL 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 FUND OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 10A-4P**  
 SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

**VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**  
 7:00A - 11:00A  
**\$10**  
 2 Eggs  
 2 Sausages  
 2 Bacons  
 2 Potatoes  
 Hashbrowns  
 Juice

- INDOOR NON-SMOKING HALL
- VFW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- BLOOD DRIVE
- LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- POP UP SHOPS
- VETERAN OWNED SHOPS

**MEAT BBQ COOK-OFF**

**FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
 VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

**VENDOR REGISTRATION**  
 WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/VFW-3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE

**Fish Fry PLATE LUNCH**

1115 HWY 27, DERIDDER

**Join us for a Fish Fry Plate Lunch Fundraiser on Fridays during Lent.**  
**DELIVERY AVAILABLE WITH 5 OR MORE PLATES**

**11AM-1PM**  
 March 10  
 March 17  
 March 24  
 March 31  
 April 7

**Lunch Plate Includes:**  
 Fried Fish  
 Potato Salad  
 Coleslaw  
 Hushpuppies  
 Lil' Debbie Treat

**\$10 WATER \$1**

**Place weekly order by Thursday @ Noon**  
 CALL: 337-463-3977 EMAIL: secvfw3619@gmail.com

**Find us on Facebook**

**VFW POST 3619**

**FOLLOW US ON Instagram**

**vfw\_post3619**

**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 54 NUMBERS**  
 As of 4/7

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETERAN AFFILIARY 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 CANTINE & POST EVENTS

**VFW 3619 COOKOFF**

**3 Meat and Sides Cookoff:**  
 Chicken, Pork, Brisket, Baked Beans, and Potato Salad  
 \$25 Entry fee per food item

**April 1, 2023**

**Must Cook Meat on Site - Food turn in time 6:00PM**

**Booze Raffle tickets \$2/ticket**

After judging plates will be sold for \$15

**Cole-Miers VFW Riders**  
 1115 Highway 27, DeRidder

# #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!**

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### FISH FRY ORDER FORM

CHECK ONE:     PICK-UP/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_     DELIVERY/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DATE**

- March 10
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- April 7

Item Description	Quantity	Price	Total
PLATE LUNCH		\$10.00	
BOTTLE WATER		\$1.00	

**Total : \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Women Veterans Event



## *#PostPride MS Storm Relief with NSO*



# *BSA Pinewood Derby*



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## *#PostPride Fair booth Extension*



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# *Weekly Fish Fry for Lent*





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# State Commander's Homecoming



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VFW Post 3619  
 1115 Hwy 27 South  
 DeRidder, LA 70634

*Points of Contact*

Commander: Larry Koons  
 Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert  
 Post Secretary: Mary Gibson  
 337-463-3977

**No One Does More For Veterans  
 than the VFW!**

LOOK FOR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

[https://www.facebook.com/VFW.Post3619/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/VFW.Post3619/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Community Marketplace 8:00 AM VFW Riders 3-meat cookoff
2 Bingo	3 BSA Troop Meeting	4	5 Cornhole tournament	6 Joint Meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00 Elections	7 Bingo Good Friday	8
9 No Bingo Easter	10 BSA Troop Meeting	11	12 Cornhole tournament	13	14 Bingo	15
16 Bingo	17 BSA Troop Meeting	18 Planning Session 6pm	19 Cornhole tournament	20 Americanism & Safety Banquet 6 PM	21 Bingo	22
23 Bingo	24 BSA Troop Meeting	25 Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM	26 Cornhole tournament	28	28 Bingo	29 District Meeting Post 4759 Starks
30		NOTES:				



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