

# Cole-Miers Courier

## National Day of Service

Veterans have long had a penchant for volunteerism and community service work. To recognize that service, in February 2020, VFW launched its #StillServing campaign aimed at showcasing the volunteer endeavors of VFW members across the globe. Since then, thousands of stories have

been posted online at [vfw.org/StillServing](http://vfw.org/StillServing).

VFW Director of Communications Randi Law said the many stories of VFW members contributing their time to volunteer efforts sparked the idea to showcase what the organization does as well.

“The inaugural VFW Day

of Service is planned for May,” Law said. “We hope that VFW Posts work with other organizations and civic groups to achieve great things within the community.”

### Special points of interest:

- Elections are Coming
- Officer’s Input
- Flyers
- VFW Day of Service
- Post Installation
- Community Marketplace
- Memorial Day 2022
- Calendar

### Upcoming Events

**Jun 1:** Cornhole Tourney

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

**Jun 3:** Last Rifle Raffle

**Jun 8:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jun 11:** VFW Community Marketplace 8:00 AM

**Jun 15:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jun 16-19:** State Convention (Alexandria)

**Jun 19:** Fathers Day

**Jun 21:** Planning Session 6:00 PM

**Jun 22:** Cornhole Tourney

**Jun 23-25:** Watermelon Festival (Fair Grounds)

**Jun 28:** Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM

**Jun 29:** Cornhole Tourney



## *Commander's Corner*

Comrades, welcome to another Commanders installment. I am so proud of all the support our membership and auxiliary have provided to our Post lately. We had an AWESOME turn out for our Memorial Day event and Bar-B-Q at the post. We are coming up on the Watermelon Festival rapidly with our own Shane Fowler as the Chairman. Please provide him with all the assistance he needs... and more. This will be the first time we have participated in this event, and we would love to make it a success. This will be the week following our trip to Alexandria for the VFW State Convention, where the incoming leadership will be out of town for the weekend.

Some of you may have heard about the difficulties we are having with Bingo. Rest assured that we are all doing everything we can to not only rectify the situation, but we are also working toward this not being an issue in the future. Just know that this is not the fault of any one person, our organization will recover from this and be better for it. Once we are back up and running, we will still need all of your support and assistance.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns; please feel free to bring them to my attention.

Larry Koons

Post Commander

## *Public Affairs Posting*

### PAO Connection

Creating relationships and partnerships in our post and within our community are important building blocks to accomplish our VFW mission. Social media is an integral part of “getting the word out” to not only our membership but into our community.

As Public Affairs Officer for Post 3619 I am asking 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 and use hashtags at the end of your post. Not only do these hashtags help us be found by others, but this is also helpful to document and find pictures to share in publications like the one you are currently reading.

A perfect example of the power social media happened on Memorial Day. From what I have been told is the largest group gathered to place flags in many years, fifty plus! Our VFW Community Marketplace is another prime example with over 40 vendors and people visiting our post that normally wouldn't.

I am so excited for our post with our social community growing it helps the success of future events.

What is a Hashtag?

[A hashtag](#) is a word or keyword phrase preceded by a hash symbol (#). It helps to draw attention to your posts and encourage interaction.

#### **Why are Hashtags Important?**

Hashtags enable our content to be found by the right people. Using relevant hashtags helps our content to be found and helps drive traffic to our content so that we can boost views, likes, and shares. The key is using the right ones that match our content and appeal to users.

### **VFW 3619 HASHTAGS**



#vfw3619  
 #vfw3619auxiliary  
 #vfw3619riders  
 #vfw3619postpride  
 #vfw3619communitymarketplace  
 #lapostpride  
 #postpride  
 #stillserving  
 #vfw3619communitymarketplace  
 #bingo  
 #swla  
 #deridder  
 #beauregard  
 #nonsmokingbingo  
 #venue  
 #communityservice

**Lori Bates**

**Public Affairs Officer**

# Flyers

JUNE 2022



## Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

MEMORIAL DAY  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

VFW POST 3619

Memorial Day  
Flag Posting

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022  
06:00  
MEET AT VFW 3619 TO GO TO  
3 BEAUREGARD CEMETERIES

JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL DAY

**GRILL PARTY**

OPEN TO VFW 3619 MEMBERS/AUXILIARY & GUESTS  
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Monday, May 30th, 2022 @ 11A  
VFW POST 3619

BRING MEAT TO COOK OR SMOKE & A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3619

**COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE**

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 10A - 4P

SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

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

LifeShare BLOOD CENTER  
SCHEDULE TO DONATE  
JUNE 11, 2022

VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION  
VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

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

Visit Our Food Booth

@ THE BEAUGRARD WATERMELON FESTIVAL

Cole-Miers POST 3619

VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

JUNE 23, 24 & 25

VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 3619

**EVENT VENUE RENTAL**  
DERRIDDER, LOUISIANA  
HOLIDAY PARTY-PAGENT-WEDDING

CALL TODAY TO CHECK AVAILABILITY & AMENITIES  
337-463-3977

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

VFW 3619 has many opportunities available for our members & the community as well as Community Service projects. Contact us today to find out more.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT & Karaoke

WEDNESDAYS

BEAUGRARD BAGGERS

DOORS OPEN @ 5PM  
START @ 7PM  
\$20 ENTRY FEE  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VFW POST 3619 - HWY 27 - DERIDDER, LA

# #PostPride National Day of Service



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VFW 3619 & AUXILIARY  
DeRIDDER PD  
RPSO  
ACADIA  
BEAUREGARD COALITION

**YOUTH  
Summer  
SAFETY  
Fair**

BEAUREGARD PARISH LIBRARY  
BEAUREGARD ANIMAL SHELTER  
EINSTEIN K9 DOG TRAINING

7 MAY 2022  
11 AM - 4 PM  
1115 LA 27 HWY  
DeRIDDER LA 70634

**WFW**  
**JOIN US FOR OUR  
VFW DAY OF SERVICE**  
A veteran-led community service event.

**FREE**  
fun & creative

CRRAFTS  
STORY TIME  
CAR SEAT CHECKS  
GUN SAFETY  
WATER SAFETY  
FIRST AID & CPR & MORE!

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VFWPost3619](https://www.facebook.com/VFWPost3619)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ELIZABETH AT 337-446-9814



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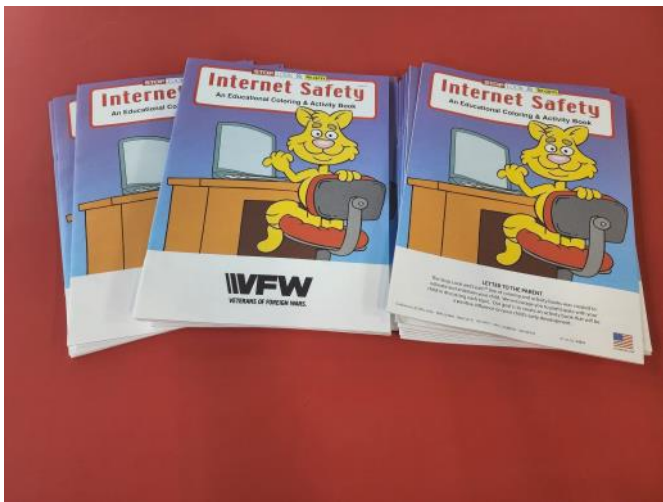




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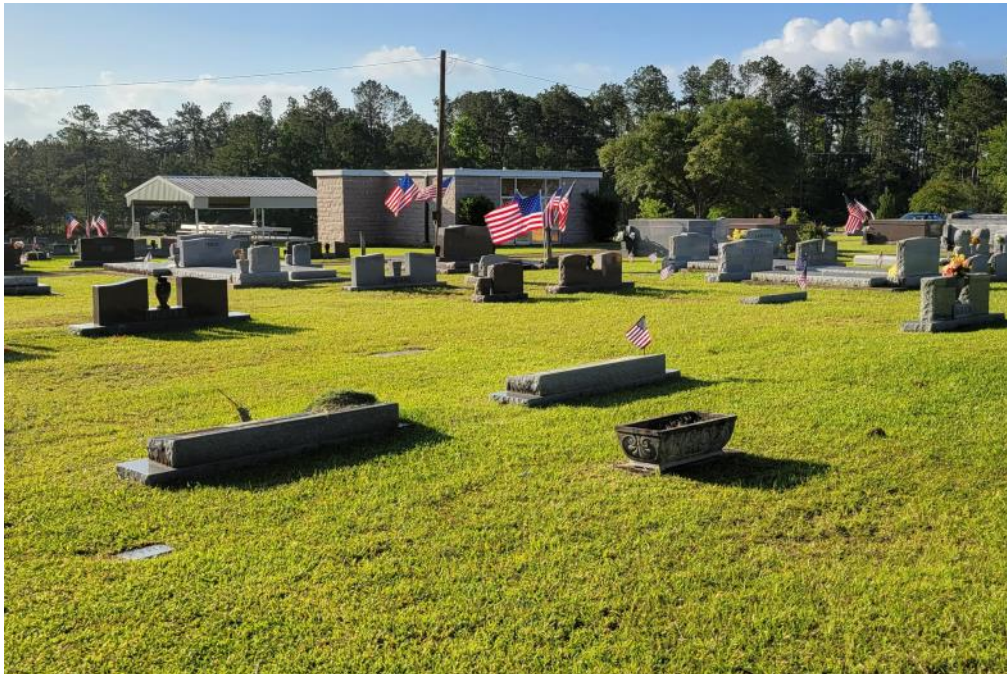
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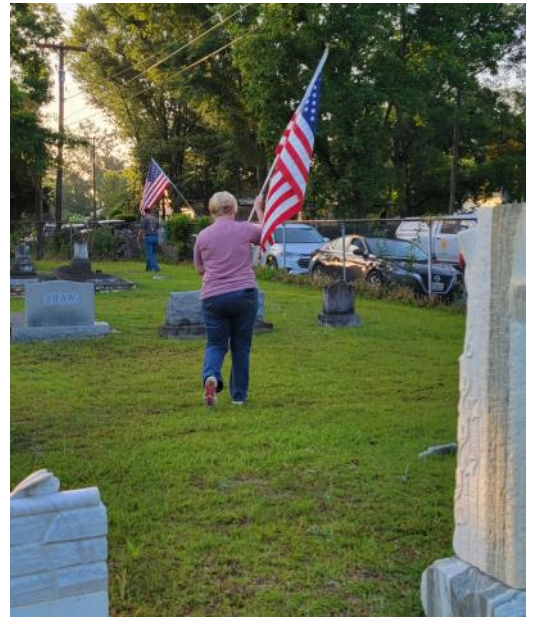
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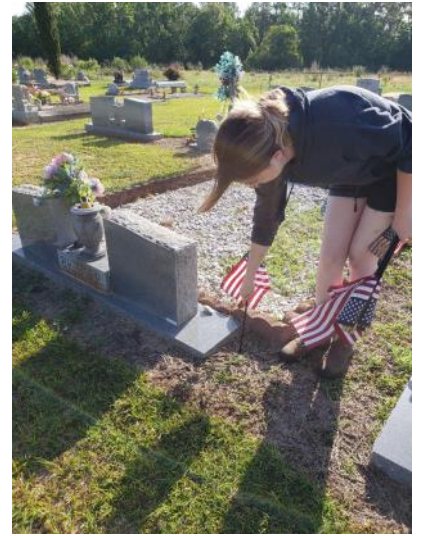
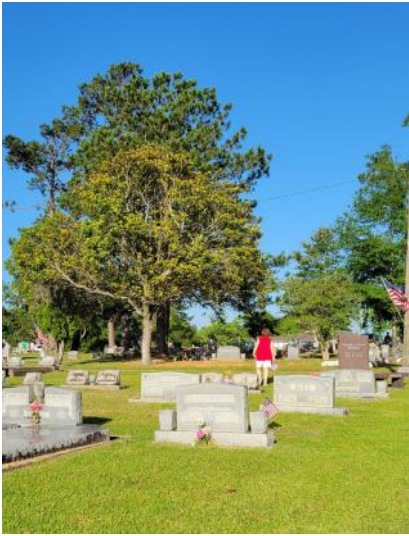
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 DeRidder, LA 70634

*Points of Contact*

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 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>

**JUNE 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke	Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	Rifle Drawing	<b>Booth Cleanup 8:00 AM</b>
5	6	7	8	10	10	11
			Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke			<b>Community Marketplace 8:00 AM</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke	<b>convention</b>	<b>convention</b>	<b>convention</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>convention FATHERS DAY</b>		Planning Session 6:00	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke	<b>Watermelon Festival</b>	<b>Watermelon Festival</b>	<b>Watermelon Festival</b>
26	27	28	29	30		
		Riders Meeting 6:30	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke			
NOTES:						
<b>Bingo is closed until further notice</b>						



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