

Cole-Miers Courier

New VFW Year

Well, we have made into the final month of the VFW Year. A lot of work and effort goes into the business of the Post. As we move into a new year, with new officers, consider yourself to be part of a team. You don't have to show up for everything, but showing up, some of the time, helps the post, relieves some of the

same people that are participating on the majority of the tasks required, and hopefully, provides you with a sense of purpose and pride.

So, if you can participate on any of the varied missions we conduct at the post, please do. We can always use the help.

Lastly, as we begin the year, remember if you are an annual member that paid your dues this past year, they become due again starting 1 July 2023. Your actual date is on your card, but, if you are able, please pay dues as early as possible, you due date will not change, you will just be paid until that time in 2024.

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Upcoming Events

Jun 1: Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

Jun 7: Cornhole Tourney

Jun 14: Flag Day/ Cornhole Tourney

Jun 15-18: State Convention

Jun 18: Father's Day

Jun 19: Juneteenth

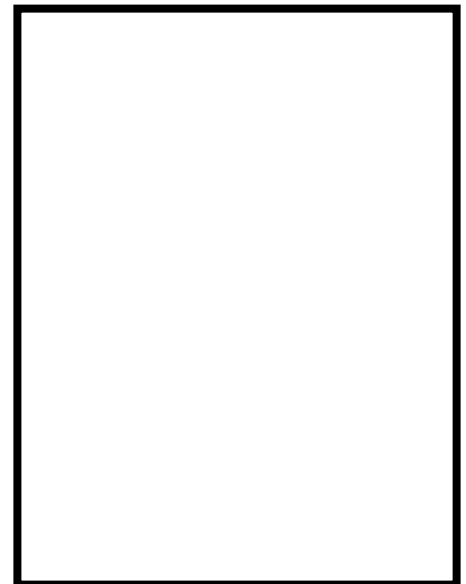
Jun 20: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Jun 21: Cornhole Tourney

Jun 22-24: Watermelon Festival

Jun 27: Riders Meeting

Jun 28: Cornhole Tourney



Commander's Corner

Comrades, welcome to another and My Final Commanders installment. This month, we had installation of our New Officers, conducted a Mentorship Ride for Fort Polk which was our National Day of Service event. We held the Inaugural VFW Riders Group State Rally and held Fair booth Watermelon Festival Preparations. We also conducted our first ever sunrise service for Memorial Day at the Court House as well as placing flags at Woodlawn Cemetery, the POW/MIA Monument on Washington St, and finished at Beauregard Cemetery. These were followed up with a wonderful cookout and get together at the Post to round out the day's events.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to every member that supported me this last year as your commander. I couldn't have accomplished what we did without ALL of your support. It has been truly an Honor Serving this organization. As our new officers take over the reins, please show them all the same level, or more, of support that you showed me so we can continue to do great things in Our Organization and in our community.

I will be right there with them lending my support. I love you all, very much. Keep Moving Forward.

Larry Koons, Post Commander

Senior Vice Vision

As the 2022-2023 VFW year comes to a close, I want to thank the membership for entrusting me with the Sr. Vice Commander role. I have learned a great deal during the past year and look forward to the year ahead. I would like to wish Randy Carson the incoming Sr. Vice Commander for 2023-2024 as memorable of a year as I have had. I will be continuing as the Post's appointed PAO in 2023-2024. As well as taking on new roles in both District 5 and Department. I will be serving as the District's PAO, Service Officer, and Community Service Chairperson. At the Department level I have accepted the State Community Chairperson appointment, and joining the Departments Women's Veteran Committee. I am very excited for the new challenges and honored to be a part of the bigger VFW picture. June 18th our newly elected Post Officers for the 2023-2024 VFW year will begin their year in office. I wish you all a great year!

May 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 May! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

Cole-Meirs VFW 3619 & our Auxillary were joined with Boy Scout Troop 30 and members of our community to honor our fallen and Veterans that came before us on Memorial Day. We will started the day at the Beauregard Courthouse with a Sunrise Ceremony, then to our Post to put out flags, and continued out to local cemeteries to place flags on Veterans graves. Videos and pictures of the days events are available on our VFW Post 3619 Facebook page.

Our post cannot do what we do for our Veterans and community without funds. The Beauregard Parish Watermelon Festival is quickly approaching. Please reach out to our in-coming Sr. Vice, Randy Carson for volunteer opportunities. 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 June:

Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 6/1: Joint Session @ 6:30pm/Membership @ 7pm)

Attend the Post Planning Session. (3rd 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 (3rd Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)

Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Online or in the book located in the Canteen.)

Participate with the Post at the Watermelon Festival.

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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Quartermaster Que

As May comes to a close we find ourselves moving into the end of another leadership year. Looking ahead we find yet another opportunity to face the challenges of a new year. As we move into 23-24 year look for changes around the Post. New faces, new ideas and new processes. Embrace them and step up when you can. Remember...perception is reality. If you see something that needs to be done, say something. Don't wait for someone else to come to the rescue. Be the change you want to see. See you in the Que next year....

Robert Bates

Post Quartermaster

PAO Connection

In May our post continued to grow our reach in our community.

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

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VFW 3619 HASHTAGS



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 #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



June Flyer

JUNE 2023



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

Visit Our Food Booth
 @ THE
BEAUGRARD WATERMELON FESTIVAL

Cole-Miers's
POST 3619

VFW
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

JUNE
 25, 26 & 27

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
51
 NUMBERS
 As of 6/2

BINGO!
 @VFW 3619

VFW 3619, 1115 LA-27, DERIDDER

WATERMELON
 THEMED RAFFLE TABLE
 FRIDAY 6/9

Happy Hour
 \$2.50 DRINKS
 EVERYDAY
 5:30 PM
 TO
 7:30 PM

OFF DUTY @ THE
 OPEN TIL CLOSE
 COLE-MIERS 3619

RED
 FRIDAY
 3 PM - 7:30 PM
 WEAR A RED SHIRT
 BUY THE 1ST DRINK
 GET THE 2ND FREE

BINGO!
 @ VFW POST 3619

NO BINGO
 FRIDAY, JUNE 16th
 SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

#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>

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PURCHASE HELPS
SUPPORT OUR
GROUP!**



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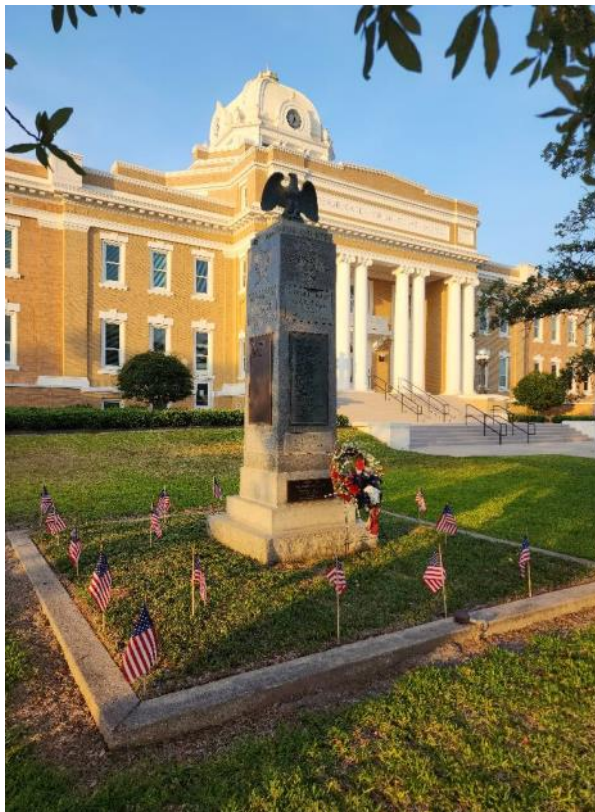
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#Post Pride Memorial Day



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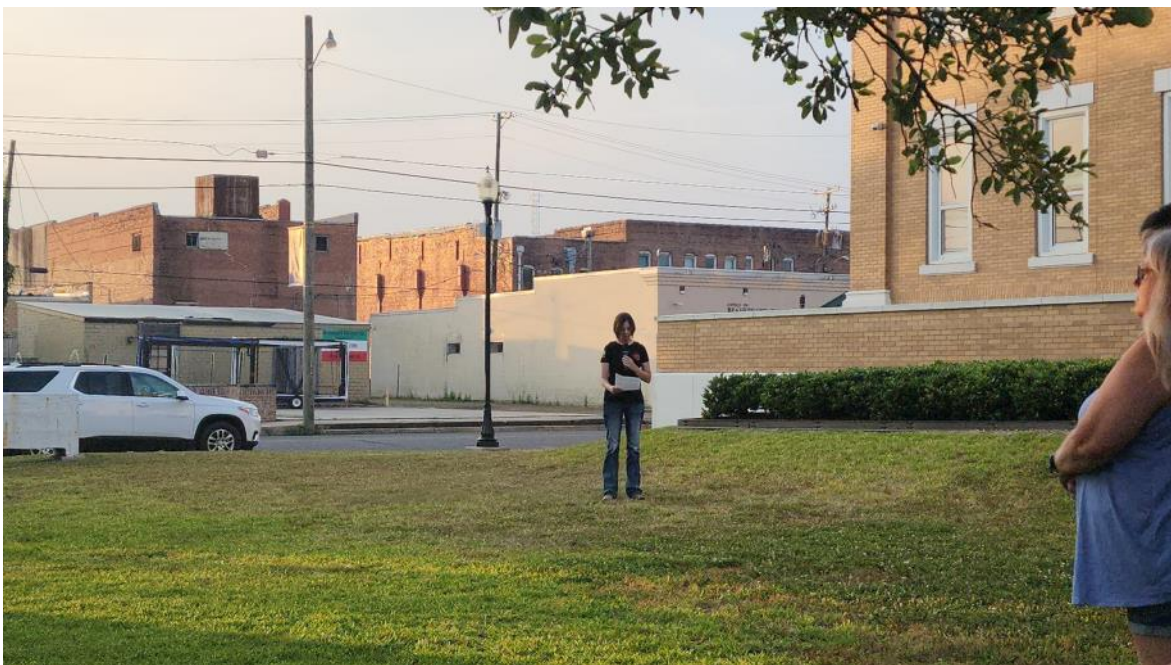
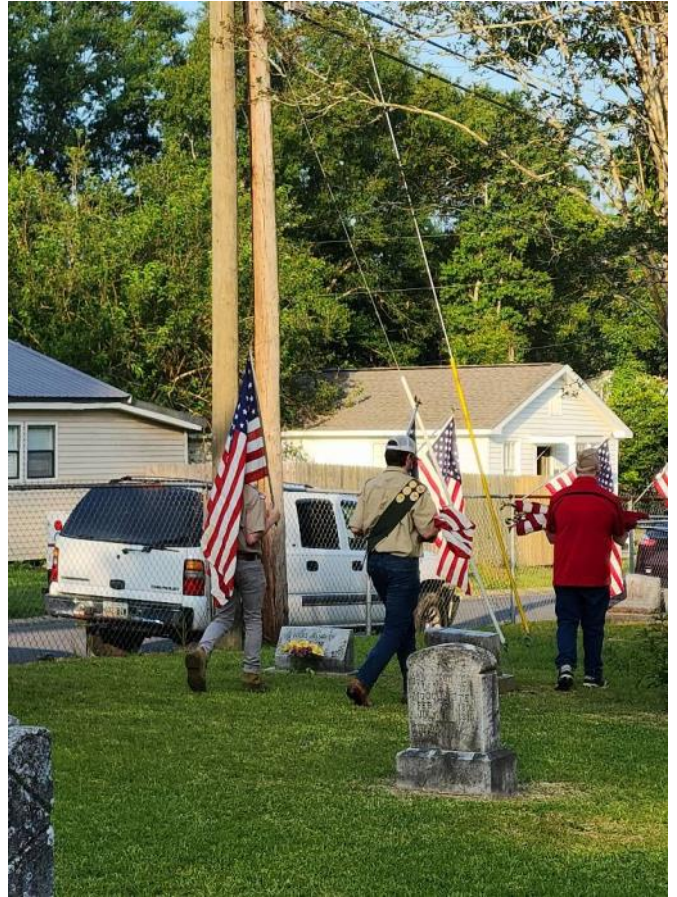
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 than the VFW!**



LOOK FOR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

https://www.facebook.com/VFW.Post3619/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>



JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
			Corhole Tournament	Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00		Hall Rental Mary Cross
4	5	6	7	10	9	10
			Corhole Tournament			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Corhole Tournament	convention	convention	convention
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
convention FATHER'S DAY		Planning Session 6:00	Corhole Tournament	Watermelon Festival	Watermelon Festival	Watermelon Festival
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Riders Meeting 6:30	Corhole Tournament			
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**Veterans Of Foreign
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