

COLE-MIERS COURIER

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

The Post hosted a Veterans Day ceremony at 1100 AM on the 11th Day of the 11th Month. LTC Shawn Keller, Battalion Commander of the our adopted unit, the 519th MP Battalion was our guest speaker. Good to have him, and excellent words were spoken. Im-

mediately Following we had a simple lunch. Thank you to all that participated and help set it up. On November 3rd, members from the Post attended the Veterans Day ceremony at East Beauregard High School. And many Veterans attended the myri-

ad of local school Veterans Day programs.



Special points of interest:

- Veterans Day Events
- Happenings at the Post
- Commander/Bingo
- Riders Group/ Membership
- Thanksgiving
- Keep a Vet Warm
- District 5 Meeting
- Mid-Winter Conference
- Photos from November
- Flyers



Happenings at the Post

Dec 5: Monthly Meeting 6:30 Joint Session, 7 PM Membership Meeting

Dec 7: Jennings Veteran Home Visit

Dec 11: Post Christmas Party

Dec 14: Wreaths Across America, Army-Navy Game; Jolly Ole Santa Haulers

Dec 17: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Dec 21: Canteen Christmas White Elephant Party

Dec 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!



From the Desk of the Commander

Ok folks, it is the last month of the calendar year and we still have a lot going on!

Come out and join us on the 7th as we head down to Jennings to present our yearly donation to the Veterans Home there.

Dec 11th, we will have our Post Christmas Party with a meal and Santa!

December 14th, another big day, as we go

support our very own, Mark Boucher, who will deliver the wreaths, for Wreaths Across America to the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery. Also, the Army-Navy Game is that day. Lastly, downtown, we will support the Jolly Ole Santa Haulers as they present gifts and donations to the Police Station to be given out to needy families in the Parish.

We will have our Canteen Christmas Party on the 21st, and have our annual White Elephant Gift exchange.

We have done a lot of stuff for the first half of this year, but there is a lot more to do. We still need help each week with Bingo, and we need to get out there and work on our unpaid member list. Go out and recruit a new member! If we did that we would double our Post!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Commander Josh Morgan

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.

The Current Bingo number is 50 (as of DEC 1st), and it will be going up every month, and then we will have more people playing, so we could really use the help!

Please get with Mary Gibson, so she can get you on the roster. Selling extra sheets, doing payouts or sell-

ing pull tabs, all areas need help.

Additionally, they need help in the Kitchen if you prefer to do that.



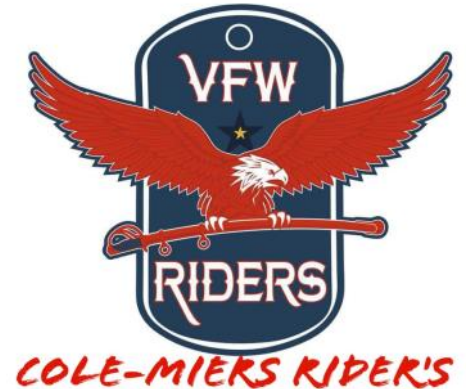
From the VFW Riders Group

The 2nd Annual Bobby D Memorial Ride took place on **2 November**, with registration at 9:00 AM and Kick-Stands Up (KSU) at 10:00 AM.

It was a cool morning but turned out nice for the rest of the day. We rode for about 6 hours, and went around Toledo Bend. We only had about 16 Motorcycles that supported the event, but about 25 registered.

We had raffles, table prizes, 50/50 raffles, food and drink. Proceeds will split between VFW Veterans and Military Support and the Riders Group.

Thank you for those that provided raffle items. We will hold our next Ride in the Spring. Please come out and support if you can.



Membership

Now is the time folks to extend your dues! If you are annual member and have dues that will expire before 30 June 2020, let's not wait until then to pay your dues. By extending your dues, you are showing you are committed to the success of the Post and want to help us achieve 100%. Our Goal is to try to be at or close to 100% by

31 December 2019.

If you have a new prospective member and want to bring them in, come see Sr Vice Shane Fowler or QM/ADJ Matt West, and we will help get you squared away. All it takes is asking someone if they

meet qualifications, then we can do the rest.

The lifeblood of the VFW is our Membership, that is how we get a seat at the table in front of Congress, to help move Veteran related Legislation through the system, for final approval!

Thanksgiving

Each year we try to put together a home style Thanksgiving Meal for our members and local Veterans.

This year, Sr Vice Commander

Shane Fowler and Auxiliary President Sonja Lambert spearheaded the event and did an outstanding job!

Thanks to all that participated and brought, cooked and

served our Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Once again, you prove what family outside of family is all about.

Keep a Vet Warm

We had a lot of people donate blankets for this program. Over 150 blankets were presented to the Warrior Closet at Overton Brooks Veterans Administration Medical

Center in Bossier City. On the 23rd we had members of the Riders Group and Auxiliary ride up (in very cool weather) to deliver these blankets.

Thank you to Sonja Lambert for over-

seeing this very important project, to ensure that homeless Veterans can stay warm this winter.

5th District Meeting

Post 3619 hosted the District 5 Fall Conference at the Post on 16 November.

coming events, programs and what was happening around the District.

served as the District Commander for the meeting. Thank you to Mary Gibson for making Taco Soup, we actually had the majority of people stay to eat!

We had Posts from all over the district in attendance and were updated on up-

District Senior Vice Commander, Debby McElhannon

Mid-Winter Conference

January will hold the Mid-Winter conference in Alexandria, at the Holiday Inn downtown. 16-19 January. If you are interested in attending

please let the Commander and Quartermaster know. For those new members that have never attended a State Level

convention/conference this is a good one to attend.

Veterans Day



Cole-Miers VFW Post 3619

Veterans Day Ceremony

Guest Speaker:

LTC Shawn C. Keller

519th MP Battalion

11 November 2019

11:00 O'clock AM

1115 Hwy 27

DeRidder, LA 70634



Veterans Day Events



Blanket Drive



Thanksgiving



Flyers



Donation suggestions for Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home

(VARIOUS SIZES AND COLORS) Elastic waist pants, T-shirts, Slippers with backs, Zip-up Jackets

(CLEAN FRESH SCENTS) Liquid body & hair wash, spray deodorant, body spray

MUSIC CD'S (20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, era)

Wall Calendars

Branch of Service Items (Hats, lapel pins, shirts)

Sunglasses

Donations will be taken at Post 3619, contact Mary Gibson, 337-463-3977

****For safety reasons, please no food items****

For more information, please contact the Activity Department @ (337) 824-2829



PSAK-47 GF3 Classic Polymer Rifle
•Gas Nitride 4150 steel treated barrel
•Stamped steel receiver
•Hammer Forged Front Trunnion
•Hammer Forged Bolt
•Hammer Forged Carrier
•Side Scope Mount
•7.62x39 Caliber
•1 in 9.5" Twist
•Std 800-yard rear sight leaf
•Classic Polymer Furniture, Black
•(1) Magpul 30 round magazine



PSA 16" Classic AR-15 Rifle
Barrel Length: 16"
Barrel Profile: M4
Barrel Steel: Chrome Moly
Barrel Finish: Nitride
Chrome Lining: No
Muzzle Thread: 1/2" - 28
Chamber: 5.56 NATO
Twist Rate: 1 in 7"
Barrel Extension: M4
Gas System Length: Carbine
Diameter at Gas Block: .750"
Gas Block Type: F-marked FSB

**VFW POST 3619
RIFLE RAFFLE**

**15 NOVEMBER 2019 –
21 DECEMBER 2019**

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

\$10.00 PER TICKET

ONLY 500 SOLD

THIS IS A CHANCE TO WIN BOTH RIFLES WITH ONE RAFFLE

These two rifles are purposefully built together and will have matching serial numbers with rifle specific prefixes.

AR-15: "ARSET#####" PSAK-47: "AKSET#####"

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS VFW POST
3619 TO HELP WITH OUR PROGRAMS AND VETERANS**



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



**VFW Post 3619
Post Christmas Party**

**11 December 2019
6:30 PM – 8 PM**

Santa will be on hand to give out presents

**please ensure your gift is no more than \$15
per present, Ensure you bring a gift if you
bring a child!**

Come out enjoy yourselves!



VFW Post 3619

Canteen Christmas Party

21 December 2019

7 PM – 10 PMish

Don't forget the White Elephant Game

**please ensure your gift is no more than
\$2000* per present, we don't want people
getting mad!**

Come out enjoy yourselves!

***Total cost of present is not required to be \$2000,
that was a joke....**



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 than the VFW!**

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

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bingo	2	3	4	5 Monthly Meeting 6:30	6 Bingo	7 Jennings
8 Bingo	9	10	11 Post Christmas Party Santa @	12	13 Bingo	14 Pax Christmas Party
15 Bingo	16	17 Planning session 600	18	19	20 Bingo	21 canteen white elephant party
22 Bingo	23	24	25	26	27 Bingo	28
29 Bingo	30	31				
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