

COLE-MIERS COURIER

Winter Blues and the Holidays

During this time of year, there is much to be thankful for. However, this is also a time of year, where people get down and depressed. Thoughts of what could have been, or the loss of friends and loved ones have a tendency to surface as the days are shorter and nights are

longer. Many Veterans who don't have much family to speak of, tend to let the demons inside come out, or take advantage of them. These are the Veterans we need to be helping through the tough times. Look out for your fellow Veterans, do a Buddy Check, make a phone call.

You never know if you don't try. Make that call, and you could very well be saving someone's life. From all of us at the Post to all of you that read this, Merry Christmas, and wishing you and yours a very prosperous and Happy new Year!

Special points of interest:

- Happenings at the Post
- Post Officers
- Riders Group/Bingo
- Bobby D Memorial Ride
- Keep A Vet Warm
- Thanksgiving

Happenings at the Post

Dec 3: Post Meeting
6:30 joint/7:00 PM
Membership meetings.

Dec 15: Planning
Session 6:00 PM

Dec 17: Canteen
Christmas Party

Dec 25: Christmas

Dec 31: New Years
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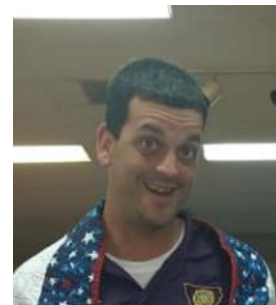
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HAVE TO BE
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START, BUT
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Commander's Corner

I hope that every one had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. I would like to thank every one that made our Thanksgiving dinner a huge success once again. We were able to serve nearly 200 people a nice meal. I'm happy to report that we hit 100% on membership this past week. With that being said, if you are an annual member please pay your dues. If you know any qualifying veterans get them signed up. We need to add approximately 65 new or renewed members to achieve our All American requirements. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of your leadership team if you have any questions, comments, or concerns with things around YOUR post. I hope every one has a blessed Christmas season.

Josh Morgan, Commander



Quartermaster's Corner

Team Building- The action or process of causing a group of people to work together effectively as a team, especially by means of activities and events designed to increase motivation and promote cooperation. As your Quartermaster I've seen a surge of camaraderie and influx of new faces/members willing to and wanting to get involved and help! I would implore you to mentor them and listen to their ideas and help cultivate a new culture of team work, we may have been lacking in the past! Please don't mistake this as a ding against all the great work we've already accomplished this year or in recent years, it's not! I just want to see us continue to grow and getting back to the VFWs Mission and achieve our Goals! I have several goals I personally want to see get completed in the near future top among them is a technology class for the elderly demographic in our parish that may not be familiar with or down right afraid of. Using things like a smartphone or Google account may seem trivial to most of us but it can appear scary to someone who hasn't grown up with doing it. The class would entail the individual bringing their personal device; be it laptop, smartphone, tablet or car with Bluetooth, whatever they need help with. A group of will assist 1 on 1 helping them get their device set up and show them the basics of how to navigate the menus or apps and how to set up their account. My other goal is to have a Service Officer help clinic. We can ask the VFW, DAV, American Legion Department SO and at a minimum the LDVA Parish Rep to attend and literally just HELP VETERANS.... Should they need to start a VA claim, or have questions about State benefits or other related items like fixing a Service record to reflect the Veterans awards. Our Slogan is.... No One Does More For Veterans.... Let's walk that walk!



Shane Fowler, Quartermaster

Senior Vice Corner

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, the Post held their Thanksgiving dinner, and special Thanks to New Step Outreach, and all of the Post and Auxiliary Members for their support. As we move into December, and the end of the year Holiday Season, please reach out to your fellow Veterans, and make sure they are being taken care of. If possible, we really could use your help with Bingo. If each Officer of the Post worked one session, it would greatly appreciated.



Ken Gresham, Sr Vice Commander

Junior Vice Corner

Hello everyone, I really hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This month just like last, is just as busy and I hope everyone's Christmas will be just as good. As a gift idea, let's get some people in and signed up for the VFW and Auxiliary. This holiday can be trying for some Veterans and as an organization we will continue to serve and be the for our brothers and sisters in arms.



Jeremy Golden, Jr Vice Commander



**COLE-MIERS VFW POST 3619
AND AUXILIARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH
NEW STEP OUTREACH**



**WILL BE DELIVERING BLANKETS FOR
"OPERATION KEEP A VET WARM"**

**WE ARE ESCORTING BLANKETS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF
REFUGE (VINTON) AND WARRIOR CLOSET (BOSSIER CITY), TO GIVE TO
HOMELESS VETERANS**

**ON 5 DECEMBER AT 09:30 AM (VINTON) AND 12 DECEMBER AT 08:30
AM (BOSSIER).**

**THE COLE-MIERS RIDERS WILL BE ESCORTING THE TRUCKS THAT
MORNING. ALL VEHICLE TYPES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**



**COLE-MIERS VFW POST 3619
VFW RIDERS GROUP**



**3RD ANNUAL BOBBY D MEMORIAL & POLAR BEAR
POKER RUN**

23 JANUARY 2021

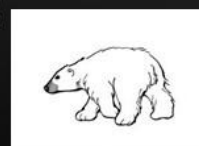
VFW POST 3619, 1115 HWY 27 SOUTH, DERIDDER, LA

9 AM - REGISTRATION - 10 AM - KSE

\$20 PER BIKE, \$10 PER RIDER

**PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN NATIONAL VETERANS
MILITARY SUPPORT AND THE VFW RIDERS GROUP**

Come out and support a great event!



From the VFW Riders Group

Hurricanes, COVID, and any other bad stuff headed our way won't keep us down this year! We keep on keeping on! Our Bobby D APR Date has been moved more times than I can count but has settled on 23 Jan 21 with Registration being at 0900 and Kick Stands up at 1000! This will be a

Polar bear run of sorts so please dress for the occasion! We have added several new members to the Riders Group these past few months on both sides of the Membership, Look for this fresh blood to garner new ideas and keep our Riders and Post in the Spotlight as we move into 2021! BamBam



Bingo

Since we started Bingo back up, we have a need for additional workers, as we have to ensure we are playing in the safest of conditions. This includes temperature checkers, paper sales and

payouts. There is a calendar on the Bingo Managers' door, please sign up for just one session a month. It is greatly appreciated!



#Post Pride Thanksgiving 2020



Meal Preparation



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Serving close to 200



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Points of Contact

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

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

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo	Escort Blankets to Vinton 09:30 AM
6 Bingo	7	8	9	10	11 Bingo	12 Escort Blankets to Shreveport 08:30 AM
13 Bingo	14	15 Planning session 6:00 PM	16	17	18 Bingo	19 Canteen Christmas Party
20 Bingo	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27 Bingo	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	New Years	
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