

# Cole-Miers Courier

## Service to Others

Every member of the Post served in the military, as such we understand what the term "Service" is. But, what is Service to Others? Our ability to put our personal wants and needs aside to help someone else in their time of need, is Service to others. Our Post is involved with a lot of other agencies and organizations.

Weekly we assist those in need and do it without recognition or looking for a pat on the back. We do it, because it is the right thing to do, but also, to provide Service to Others. Your ability to assist those in need, not only helps those individuals, but it helps the Post, District and the Department. We tend to not

thump our chest, but sometimes, you need to do just that, so you get recognized for what you do. Additionally, we "The Post" get credit for the incredible efforts that are put forth. Please report what you are doing!

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## Upcoming Events

**Dec 1:** Beau Fair Commission Meeting 5:00 PM

**Dec 5:** BSA Troop Meeting

**Dec 7:** Cornhole Tournay

**Dec 8:** Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings

**Dec 10:** Hall Rental CVMA Birthday Party

**Dec 12:** BSA Troop Meeting

NSO Silver Bell Set-up

**Dec 14:** Cornhole Tournay

**Dec 17:** Wreaths Across America (Merryville)

Post Christmas Party 6:00 PM

**Dec 21:** Cornhole Tournay

**Dec 25:** Christmas

**Dec 27:** VFW Riders Meeting

**Dec 28:** Cornhole Tournay

**Dec 31:** New Years Eve and Canteen Party 6:00 PM



## *Commander's Corner*

Comrades, welcome to Novembers Commanders installment. This was yet again, another busy month for our Post. We hosted another beauty pageant, a District Meeting, our very own Veterans Benefit Fair, our Thanksgiving meal, as well as another successful Bike Night Event and a very good LSU tailgate event. Man that a lot of things to stuff into one month!

The Post is turning up the heat this winter and are looking for those members that want to get involved and make a difference. Lots of folks have already stepped up to help, but, we can always use a little more to help spread the load out.

Our Bingo sessions have suffered some during this past month. And, as our main source of income into the Post, we could surely use your help. Whether you can help with operations or just wish to play, please come out and help support our Post.

As some of you may know already, we have adopted Boy Scout Troop 30. They have been present at most of our events helping out and it just seems a natural fit for them to become part of our family. Robert Bater, Quartermaster, is their liaison as he has extensive experience with the BSA. If you would like to get involved with this program, please get with Bob.

We also participated in the Veterans Fair in Bossier City with some of our VFW brethren. This is another event that continues to try to shed light on one of our main goals...lowering and eliminating the 22 suicides committed by veterans across our nation daily.

As we move into December, please enjoy each others company as well as family. Please don't forget the reason for the season. Join us for our Post Christmas Party! We will also be delivering blankets and other items to needy veterans in Bossier City as well as Vinton this month. And, Wreaths Across America event, where we will be cooking as well as placing over 800 wreaths on Veterans graves across 13 cemeteries. Last but not least, we will close out the year with our famous White Elephant party in the canteen.

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*

November found VFW Post 3619 out in our community doing what we do! This post never stops! Seriously! 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 November! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen! Participation in this organization builds comradery, sense of community, and fosters success in fulfilling our VFW purpose to help Veterans and our Community. There is strength in numbers. When we band together, we make it happen. Simply show up, be present and take ownership.

Veteran’s Day was a very busy week for us! We divided and conquered! We represented Cole-Miers loud and proud on Ft. Polk, several area schools, Deridder Retirement Home and at our post. Be proud to be a Veteran. Be proud to be a VFW member giving thanks and remembrance to those who serve past & present.

Our post was honored to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to so many Veterans & Active Duty and their families.

I would like to welcome Boy Scout Troop 30 and Cub Scout Pack 30 to our Cole-Miers Family! They are a great addition to our post.

Ways to support YOUR VFW in the month of November:

- Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (Thursday 12/8 @ 6:30pm)
- Attend the Post Planning Session. (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30pm)
- Attend a Committee Meeting (Bingo, Community Marketplace, Building, Christmas Party)
- 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.)

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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## *Quartermaster Que*

So here we are at the end of November. A lot has happened in the last month. As a Post we have hosted the District 5 meeting, a Veteran's Benefit Day, a Bike Night and the Annual Thanksgiving Day Lunch. Could not have done it without several people giving their time effort and abilities to make the Post a better place. Thank you all.

I-Bingo has come to 3619 Bingo nights. Several packages are available as well as the good ol' fashioned paper books. Come on out and see what's going on. Check out the calendar of upcoming events on the Canteen Wall board and join in when you can.

As I have always said it takes people, resources AND participation to make the Post a better place. Until next month...

**Robert Bates**

**Post Quartermaster**

## *PAO Connection*

In November our post connected with our community in more ways than just social media! We were out doing what we do and we were noticed on 2 different News Stations in SWLA. First, 11/11 at the Ft. Polk Veterans Day Ceremony. And again on Thanksgiving! To see the news clips go to our Facebook Page!

Please continue sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities.

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





# Cancer Research Fundraiser



NOV.1<sup>ST</sup>-JAN.31<sup>ST</sup>

CANCER RESEARCH FUND RAISER WITH SCENTSY

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(<https://kareneburns.scentsy.us/party/16706869/cancer-aid-and-research-party>)

will have a percentage donated towards Cancer Research. I am partnering with VFW Post 3619 and Auxiliary on this.



Raising Money for Cancer Aid and Research

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I will donate a percentage of sales to Cancer Aid and Research Fundraiser

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The person with the largest order will receive a free gift from me!

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Make sure when you order to click the party named Cancer Aid and Research Party

KAREN BURNS

Oakdale-(318)335-5138  
Text or call me if you have any questions.

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Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022-Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

DECEMBER 2022

# VFW

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

### Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977



**VFW MEMBERS/AUXILIARY & GUESTS ONLY**

**Christmas Party**

Saturday December 17th

18:00 Social Hour  
18:30 Santa  
19:00 Dinner

**SANTA WILL BE HERE!**

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Please bring a dessert  
Holiday Dinner catered by **BIG THICKET**

Please bring a \$20-\$30 gift from Santa for each child attending.



**Scentsy Has It All!**

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**VFW 3619 MEMBERS/AUXILIARY & GUESTS ONLY**

**New Years Eve White Elephant Party**

December 31st  
Start @ 20:00

Finger Foods Welcome!

**ADULTS ONLY! 18+**

Please bring a \$20 gift to participate in the gift exchange

**BINGO!**

@VFW 3619

FRIDAY & SUNDAY

FR: Doors Open @ 5P  
SUN: Doors Open @ NOON

PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT  
\$10,000 or \$250  
COVERALL \$1,000

WIN IN LESS THAN  
**50**  
NUMBERS  
As of 10/8

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT & Karaoke**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**BEAUREGARD BAGGERS**

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

VFW POST 3619 - HWY 27 - DERIDDER, LA

**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.

**VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**

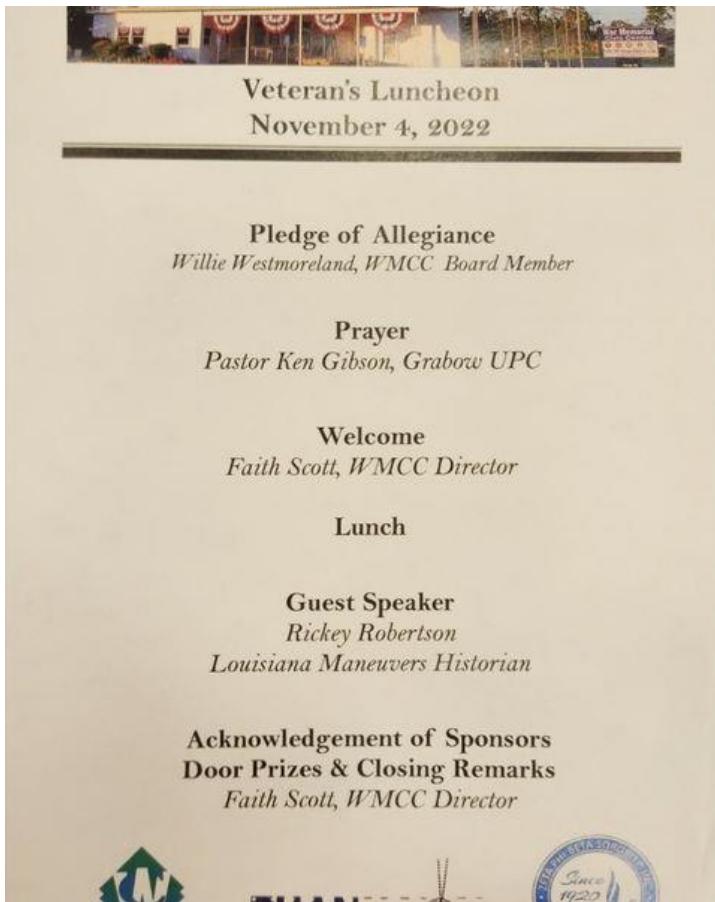
Post 3619

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

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



# #StillServing DeRidder Veterans Day Lunch





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# *#PostPride Country Christmas Pageant*



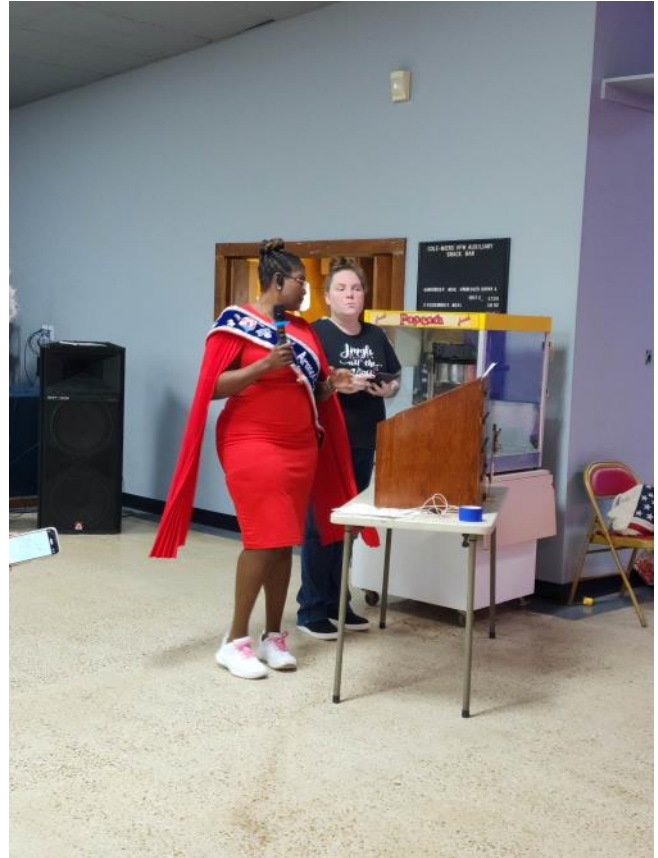


# *#PostPride Country Christmas Pageant*





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# *#PostPride Veterans Day Events*

## Singer High School Veterans Day program



## *#PostPride Veterans Day Events*



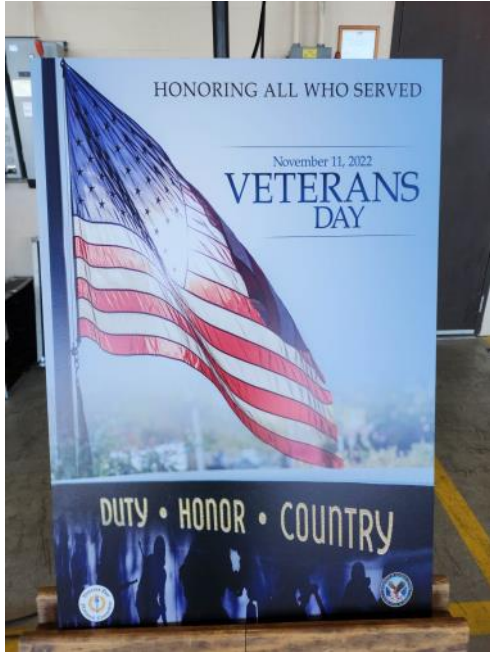


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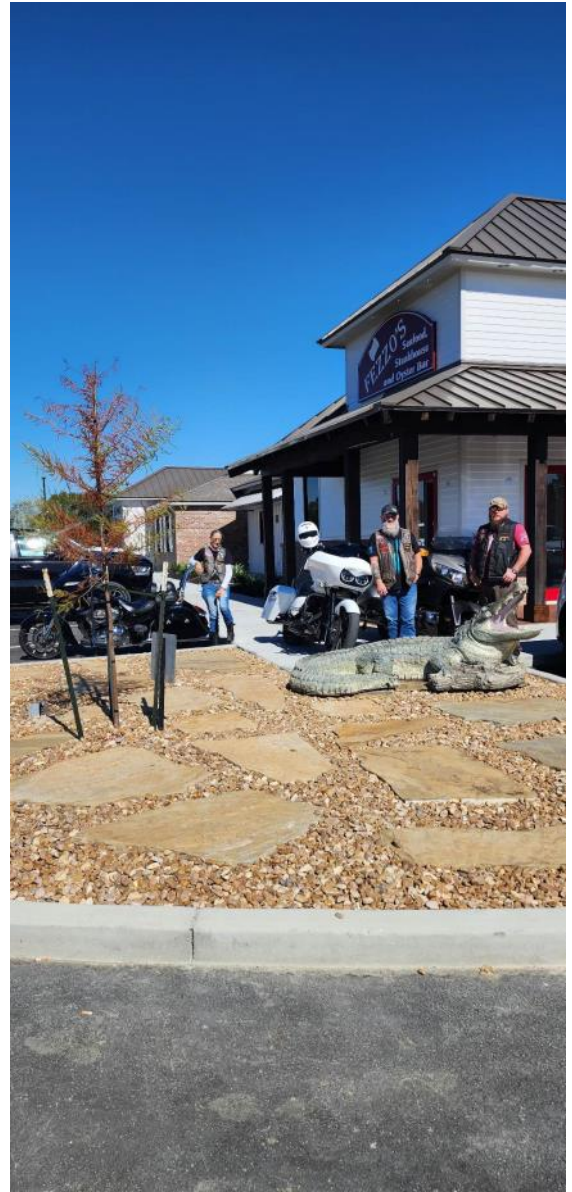




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## Singer School Veterans Day Ceremony



# #PostPride Veterans Benefit Fair



**Veterans BENEFITS FAIR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022**  
1PM - 4PM  
VFW POST 36191115 LA-27, DERIDDER LA

FREE ENTRY  
ALL ACTIVE DUTY, VETERANS & FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

LUNCH SPONSORED BY:  
**LOUISIANA SEAFOOD**  
LouisianaSeafood.com



**BE A DEER**  
*Donate Blood*

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Veterans of Foreign War Post #3619  
LifeShare Bus  
Saturday, November 12th • 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

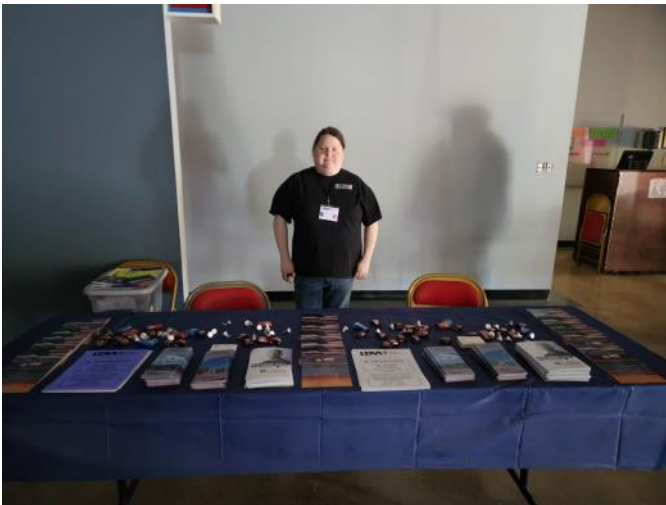


Scan QR code for appt

Donors get a FREE LifeShare t-shirt.

LifeShare

GIVING BLOOD is a SUPER SIMPLE way to make a BIG difference!





# *#PostPride Veterans Benefit Fair*



# *#StillServing East Beau Veteran's Day*





## *#StillServing East Beau Veteran's Day*



## *#PostPride Riders Bike Night*





## *#PostPride Thanksgiving Dinner*



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**VETERANS THANKSGIVING MEAL**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3619



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## *#PostPride Thanksgiving Dinner*



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 Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert  
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**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>

# DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Beau Fair Commission Meeting 5:00 PM	2 Bingo	3
4 Bingo	5 BSA Troop Meeting	6	7 Cornhole tournament	8 Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	9 Bingo	10 Hall Rental
11 Bingo	12 BSA Troop Meeting NSO Silver Bell Setup 8:00 AM	13	14 Cornhole tournament	15	16 Bingo	17 Wreaths Across America (Merryville) Post Christmas Party 6:00 PM
18 Bingo	19	20	21 Cornhole tournament	22	23 Bingo	24
25 No Bingo Christmas Day Canteen Closed	26	27 Riders Meeting 6:30 PM	28 Cornhole tournament	29	30 Bingo	31 Canteen White Elephant Party 6:00 PM
NOTES:						



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