

COLE-MIERS COURIER

Fair Booth 2019

Well, another year and another Fair Booth completed. We had another excellent year in despite of some major setbacks! Mother Nature had her say and took the power not once but twice during the Fair. We even had a lightening storm that impeded our mission but we still prevailed. Thanks to all the volunteers but especially we thank our

Impromptu Chairman Ken Gresham, and his two assistant Chairs Jennifer Hester and Summer Despain. Thank you for an amazing job of keeping things rolling. As you all know this is our biggest money maker of the year, without it, we won't be able to help our community, Veterans and Programs with much success.



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Happenings at the Post

Nov 7: JRTC Fort Polk Veterans Day; Monthly Meeting 6:30 Joint Session, 7 PM Membership Meeting

Nov 9: LSU v Alabama tailgate 12 PM cook, 2:30 PM Kickoff

Nov 11: Post Veterans Day Ceremony 11 AM

Nov 16: District 5 Meeting 9 AM (Post 3619)

Nov 19: Planning Session 6:00 PM

Nov 23: Escort "Keep a Vet Warm" to Bossier

Nov 28: Thanksgiving Dinner



From the Desk of the Commander

Wow, that month flew by! We had a very successful Fair Booth this year, but it wouldn't have happened if you, the membership and auxiliary didn't step up and volunteer to work, so thank you very much for all of the support.

We are now moving into November, and with that, we have Veterans Day coming up. Remember that Veterans Day is one of the most important days for our organization as we celebrate the service of ALL VETERANS!

We had the Bobby D Memorial Ride on 2 NOV, Thank you for those that supported it.

On the 11th we will host our Veterans Day Ceremony at the Post and really need people to come out for this. Veteran is in our name! This our day to celebrate those that serve or have served.

On the 16th we will host the District 5 Meeting at our Post, if you have never attended a District Meeting please come join us so we have great representation from the Post.

On the 23rd, we will escort "Keep a Vet Warm" blankets up to Bossier City, to the VA Hospital, if you want to join us we will depart the Post at 8:30 AM.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we will continue our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post, but this means we need volunteers to bring dishes, help setup, serve and clean up. Please get the word out, we want a great turnout this year!

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 53 (as of Oct 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!

Hunter Safety Class

Each year we conduct at least 2 Hunter Safety Classes at the Post. This year is no different, we held our second Hunter Safety Program of the year on 22 and 23 October. (Life Member) Mike Halter runs a great program, the post serves dinner both nights, at no charge. Thank you to all that came out and supported with either cooking, serv-

ing or cleaning up. We appreciate the support!

**BEAUREGARD
PARISH**
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DERIDDER, LOUISIANA



Trunk or Treat

It was a “spooktacular” great time at our Annual trunk or Treat! Great turn out for the event, and support of as usual. Kids had a great time, the cars were decorated and much candy was handed out. Thank

you to our Chairs for setting this up and doing a superb job. Without the post and auxiliary Members we

would never be able to pull these things off! Thanks for all that participated and helped out. Looking forward to next year!



Southern Conference

Report from our Quartermaster/Adjutant Matthew West, as he attended the Southern Conference Meeting at baton Rouge, from 18-20 October. During the Southern Conference, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer were elected. Candidates for National Offices (National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or other positions) have the oppor-

tunity to Campaign and garner support from the 14 States in the Southern Conference. Southern Conference Bylaws are discussed, as well as changes, or amendments.

Finally, there is a banquet with a guest speaker, this year National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch was the

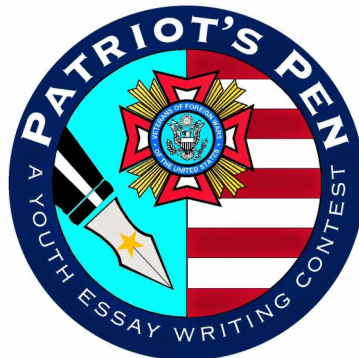
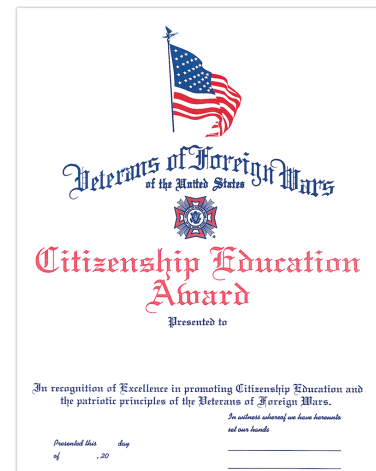
Guest speaker, and National Senior Vice President of the Auxiliary was also in attendance. Additionally, the Deputy Adjutant General and Quartermaster General were there as well.



Programs

This past month is one of the most important Months for VFW Programs. The deadline for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Americanism and Teacher/Educator of the year are all due on 31 October. We then judge those at Post level, and must have them to the District chairman no later than 15 November. Best of luck to all the stu-

dents that participated.



Fair Booth

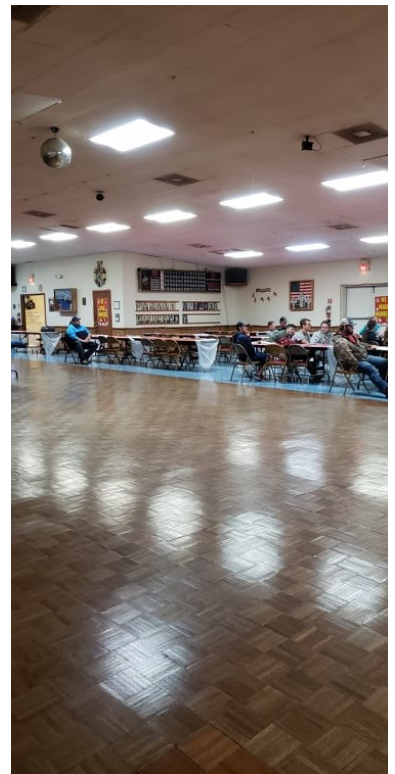


Hunter Safety Class



Above: Students eating food provided by the Auxiliary

Below: Students learning Safety from Beauregard Sheriff's Department



Trunk or Treat



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*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

Flyers



**COLE-MIERS
VFW POST 3619 AND AUXILIARY**

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

**WE ARE ASKING FOR TWIN OR FULL SIZE BLANKETS THAT CAN BE
DELIVERED TO THE WARRIOR CLOSET IN BOSSIER CITY, TO GIVE
TO HOMELESS VETERANS
ON 23 NOVEMBER 2019.**

**THE COLE-MIERS RIDERS WILL BE ESCORTING THE TRUCKS THAT
MORNING. 8:30 AM DEPARTURE FROM THE POST.**

**** PLEASE HAVE DONATIONS TURNED IN, PRIOR TO 22
NOVEMBER 2019. ****



**ALL MILITARY, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE
WELCOME**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 3619 & AUXILIARY
DERIDDER, LA.
NOVEMBER 28, 2019
11:30-1:30**



**YOU HAVE DEFENDED OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM
LET US SERVE YOU A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL**

**PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH
CALLING 337-463-3977 BETWEEN 8-4**



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

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AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Bingo	Bobby Durham Ride
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bingo				Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM	Super Bingo	hall rented LSU v Alabama Tailgate 1230
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bingo					Bingo	District Meeting 3619 Dart Tournament
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bingo		Planning session 6:00PM			Bingo	wahoo tourn blanketsto shreveport
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Bingo				Thanks giving Day	Bingo	Blood Drive 10-2 LSU v Texas A&M Tailgate
NOTES:						
23 rd---- cody's house warming party						



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