

# COLE-MIERS COURIER

## Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home

As we do every year, the District met in Jennings at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home, to provide a BBQ for residents. Each Post had a specific thing to do or bring. As usual, Post 3619 provided the and cooking of the Chicken. Sam Levine, Ken Gresham and Donald Fontenot did the majority of the cooking and did an outstanding job.

We had about 8 or 9 members of the Post attend the event, and we got to spend some quality time with the residents, and bring some joy to those that live there.

Our next SWLA Veterans Home trip, will take place in December, as we bring much needed items to the residents, and try to give them some Christmas Spirit!



### Special points of interest:

- District BBQ, SWLA Veterans Home
- Happenings at the Post
- Commander
- Bingo
- Riders Group
- Membership
- Photos from September

### Happenings at the Post

**Oct 1-5:** Beauregard Parish Fair

**Oct 10:** Monthly Meeting (moved due to fair)

**Oct 12:** Fair Booth Appreciation Dinner

**Oct 15:** Planning Session

**Oct 18-20:** Southern Conference (Baton Rouge, LA)

**Oct 26:** Tailgate LSU v Auburn Game (2:00 PM cooking starts)

**“THE WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT TALKING AND BEGIN DOING.”  
– WALT DISNEY**



## *From the Desk of the Commander*

All, I wanted to first say that I appreciate the support I received while I was gone and that through that support I have made some real life changing decisions. So thank you to all.

Now business at hand, there was a lot things that took place in September and I appreciate all the help at Jennings, the Fundraiser for Mary and all of the Fair Booth prep.

Now it is October, and since this is going out late, we have already conducted the Fair booth, so if you came out and helped, THANK

YOU! That is our biggest money maker each year, so we try hard to make it worth it. The end of October we have our Post deadlines for Americanism, Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy, if you are involved in those programs please have your stuff turned in on time.

Remember, we have much to do as we come to the end of the calendar year. We need to reach out to our Members that are coming due in October—December, and ask them to renew their dues. Let's close the year out with a good membership push.

Veterans Day is right around the corner, and we have the opportunity to honor all that serve or have served. Finally, at the end of November, we will host our annual Thanksgiving Meal on 28 November. We still need a Chair to oversee this endeavor that means so much to our community and local Veterans, especially those with loved ones deployed.

Thanks for all you do!

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 (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 next Event coming for us, is the 2nd Annual Bobby D Durham Ride.

The event will take place on **2 November**, with registration at 9:00 AM and Kick-Stands Up (KSU) at 10:00 AM.

There will be raffles, table prizes to drop your tickets in to, 50/50 raffles, food and drink.

Come out and support whether you ride or not.

Proceeds will split between VFW Veterans

and Military Support and the Riders Group.

If you have raffle items that would like to donate we are gladly accepting them! Please let any member of the Riders Group know, we will secure your donation until the day of the ride.




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## *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!

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# SWLA Veterans Home



# Mary Gibson Fundraiser





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



**2ND ANNUAL BOBBY D MEMORIAL POKER RUN**

**02 NOVEMBER 2019**

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

**9 AM REGISTRATION - 10 AM - KSH**

**\$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!**





## *Donation suggestions for Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home*

Flyers

(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**

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 than the VFW!**

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<http://vfw3619.org>

**OCTOBER 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>FAIR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>Bingo FAIR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Bingo</b>	Fair booth clean up			Monthly meeting 6:30	<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Fair booth appreciation Dinner</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Bingo</b>		Planning Session 6:00 Riders Mtg after			<b>Bingo Southern Conference</b>	<b>Southern Conference Baton Rouge</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Bingo</b>		Hunter Safety 6-10 Riders Mtg 6:30	Hunter Safety 6-10	vfw riders meeting 6:30	<b>Bingo</b>	
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>Bingo</b>				Trunk or Treat 6:30-8:00		
<b>NOTES:</b>						



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