

Cole-Miers Courier

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Last May, VFW Post 3619 in Deridder, Louisiana, joined others around the country for the first-ever VFW National Day of Service. But Post members were stepping up for their community long before that. For National Day of Service, the Post hosted a Youth Summer

Safety Fair where kids received ID kits and personal first aid kits. Young attendees also enjoyed crafts, story time and snacks. The event was a bright spot for a community that continues to rebuild following the pandemic and Hurricane Laura.

Since the onset of COVID-19, members have provided essential supplies to senior and disabled veterans. The Post also welcomed school-aged children into its hall to use its internet for distance learning, which is critical in its rural area. When Hurricane Laura hit in late 2020, the Post sus-

Special points of interest:

- #StillServing
- Officer's Input
- Flyers
- SW LA Veterans Home BBQ
- POW/MIA Vigil
- 5th Annual Bobby D Ride
- Calendar

Upcoming Events

- Oct 3-8:** Fair Booth
- Oct 5:** Cornhole Tourney
- Oct 10:** Columbus Day
- Oct 12:** Cornhole Tourney
- Oct 13:** Post Meeting 6:30 joint/7:00 PM Membership meetings
- Oct 18:** Planning Session 6:00 PM
- Oct 19:** Cornhole Tourney
- Oct 22:** Community Marketplace
- Oct 25:** Riders Group Meeting 6:30 PM
- Oct 26:** Cornhole Tourney
- Oct 31:** Halloween; Trunk or Treat 6-9 PM



Commander's Corner

Comrades, welcome to another Commanders installment. We have had a few extremely busy weeks lately. We had an exceptional FAIR BOOTH this year with lots of folks stepping up and helping out. This was a banner year with our largest Tuesday that anyone can remember. I would like to personally thank our Fair Chairman Ken Gresham for all his hard work and determination. As well, I would like to thank Shane Fowler and Lori Bates for their work between day shift and night shift. Even though Shane worked well into the night shift on numerous occasions. These folks set a high bar for next years team. If you are interested in leading this team next year, please let us know as we need to get a start on next years fair.

The Post is trying to reinvigorate Tail-Gate Parties for our college teams. Please come out and support your organization and enjoy some food with friends and family. We will be having another Bike Night event in November, with good food and hopefully good music. You don't have to be a biker to come out and enjoy these events though.

This week will be the beginning of a new chapter for our Bingo program. We are introducing "iBingo" machines to our customers. This has the opportunity to be a great thing for our organization. If you would like to help, please come out and volunteer either on the floor or in the kitchen. Or, just come out and play bingo on our new machines. Either way, you'll be supporting our organization.

We are also moving into the Holiday season, with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner. If anyone would like to donate Turkeys or Hams, please let us know. Looking forward to closing out this year with a BANG!!!

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



September was a VERY busy month for VFW Post 3619! This post never stops! Seriously! We continue to be present in our community, conduct VFW programs, fundraise, and partner with other non-profits. So much so, that National VFW has noticed, and awarded YOUR post the #STILLSERVING Post of the Month for September! To my research, we are the first post in Louisiana to be recognized during this initiative!

A big THANK YOU to those of you who “showed up” in the month of September! Our VFW cannot function without its members and volunteers to make it happen!

So here it is...Could you spare some time in October to support YOUR VFW?

Don't know what you can help with? Look at the Post Calendar in this month's Courier and see if you have some free time to participate with your fellow comrades or take ownership of a task around the post. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved in YOUR post in the month of October.

- Attend the Joint/Membership/Auxiliary meetings. (1st Thursday @ 6:30pm)
- Attend the Post Planning Session. (3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm)
- Attend a Committee Meeting (Fair, Bingo, Community Marketplace, Building, Grounds, Veterans Benefit Fair, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party)
- Volunteer to work a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)
- Participate in a post event. (See the post calendar or social media for upcoming events)
- Stop by the Canteen and connect with other Veterans and members.
- Volunteer to help Newstep Outreach on Truck Day (3rd Tuesday 11am @ Newstep Outreach)
- Volunteer in the community and report your Community Service. (Book located in the Canteen.)
- In October, participate in the Post's Trunk or Treat...decorate your car, donate candy.

I encourage you to reach out to me via email, text or in person to find a way to volunteer your talents and your abilities. Let's forge ahead in future months with more membership participation! VFW Post 3619 is YOUR post. Become more involved. Participation in this organization builds comradeship, 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 showing up and being present is all that is needed.

Lori Bates

Sr. Vice Commander

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Quartermaster Que

October Quarter Master Corner. As we close on another Beauregard Fair i would like to thank all of you who took time out of your lives to assist the Post with what has been termed the largest money maker for the year. If you didn't have the time or thought that you have done enough in the past then you are wrong on both accounts and owe those who did put in the hours a debt of gratitude.

As I work my way through the property that the Post has and try to get a handle on the bills we pay so that Post Membership, Auxiliary, guests and Veterans can reap the benefits of the VFW ; I wonder what would possess a group of people to constantly put in time effort and money so that others can reap the benefits they have worked to provide. Veterans that are still with us earned those benefits, all of them whether they deployed or are members of the Auxiliary . The Auxiliary earned those benefits through their relatives service. The VFW cannot survive without some type of assistance from everyone who comes through those doors. Ok...off my soap box.

If you are still reading my write up thank you for taking the time. I plan on continuing with my tasks of accounting for property, finances and records until I can't. Any and all help to the Post is always appreciated. Until next month...

Robert Bates

Post Quartermaster

PAO Connection

September held some amazing accomplishments!

#STILLSERVING POST OF THE MONTH



At the beginning of September, we received an email from the VFW's marketing agency for the #StillServing initiative. They have long admire our Post, love how active we are in your community, and how we share our great work on social media! In the beginning of 2021, VFW national launched a component of #StillServing where they featured a VFW Post each month for their stellar job. The criteria included: Share their #StillServing story, post on social media using the #StillServing hashtag, community involvement during the campaign, and verified with community service hours. VFW Post 3619 met all of this (and so much more!). As such, they featured our Post in the month of September as the #StillServing Post of the Month. We were highlighted on the VFW's social media channels, in an email that went out to our members and will work to secure local media coverage of the great work we are doing.

VFW POST 3619 IS ON TICTOK!

Our Post Service Officer, Andrey Calvo started a series of videos related to Veterans benefits. Engagement went through the roof in a matter of hours.

VFW POST 3619 FEATURED ON CHUCK THE TRUCK!



Thank you all for continued help in sharing your participation in events and upcoming events to your friends and groups within the Facebook and Instagram communities. Please continue to share!

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



#StillServing 'Cont

tained major water, wind and structural damage. Yet, its focus was on helping others. For several weeks, members worked to clear power lines and debris to allow access for emergency personnel. But that was only the beginning.

Since the hurricane, the Post has been supporting the community however it can, explained Post Quartermaster Shane Fowler. Members have removed trees and tarped roofs, fixed generators, made fuel runs for those in need, organized and distributed essentials and handed out thousands of pounds of food. The Post fed more than 2,000 people in the first week following the hurricane and collected and distributed more than 200,000 tons of supplies to families in need around the state of Louisiana.

For its truly remarkable efforts, VFW Post 3619 received the 2021 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award — an honor well deserved. In addition to its ongoing hurricane-relief efforts, the Post carries on with fun programs and beloved traditions like Blankets for Warm Vets and a Memorial Day Flag Posting. The VFW is proud to recognize the tireless and selfless work of the members of VFW Post 3619 who are #StillServing in so many important ways.

Riders Group Release

Cole-Miers Riders was Proud to hold their 5th Annual Bobby D Memorial Ride to raise money for the VFWs Unmet Needs Program on behalf of the Post.

The Riders also raised money to go to the National Convention in Phoenix next year to ride in the Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride and help raise even more money for the VMS Program!

Robert "Bobby D" Durham was the Post Quartermaster at the time of his passing and was injured while traveling back from the District 5 BBQ at the Jennings War Veterans Home when a large mattress entered the roadway from a vehicle that was not tied down forcing him from the roadway. Bobby D was instrumental to the Post and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and was the driving factor for starting Cole-Miers Riders here at the Post.

On the 5th Annual memorial Ride our Riders lead a group of 50 Bikes over 200 miles safely into Texas and around Toledo Bend and raised close to \$10k. \$3,800 going to the Unmet Needs Program and \$3,800 to send our Riders to Phoenix for the National Convention in 2023. All this could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Ride Chairwomen Gail Combs and the support of the Post and Auxiliary!

The Riders were also a huge part of the nucleus of the Fair booth and it's success this year, with as many as 7 Members volunteering almost every single day.

The Riders we're able to add the remaining to their General fund to continue supporting Veterans and the Community. Like the \$500 Sponsorship the Riders Group donated to CASA Ride for the 387 Legion Riders, and \$150 to 145 Legion Riders Adopt a Senior Ride, and 2x \$250 Gold Sponsors for the Post and Riders through the SWLA War Memorial Fund to help fund the East Beau Veterans Day Celebration.

We are proud to support this Post and Auxiliary and want to remind both Memberships that outside of two Riders Group Members we are also Members and Officers of both Units. Those other 2 Members are Support Members not eligible for VFW or Auxiliary Rolls and huge supporters of almost everything we do here at the Post! Kevin Sharp and Greyson Fowler's Hearts are definitely in the business of taking care of Veterans!

Sincerely,

Bam-Bam
President
Cole-Miers VFW Riders

Monthly Flyer

OCTOBER 2022



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Events @ Post 3619

1115 LA-27, Deridder, LA

(337)463-3977

BINGO!
@VFW 3619

FRIDAY & SUNDAY
FRI: Doors Open @ 5P
SUN: Doors Open @ NOON

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

WIN IN LESS THAN
49
NUMBERS
As of 10/8

BINGO!
FRIDAY & SUNDAY
@VFW 3619

iBINGO Machines
START FRIDAY 10/14!

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

HALF TIME PROGRESSIVE : 49 or LESS
\$10,000 or \$250
COVERALL \$1,000

**FOOTBALL
TAILGATE**

OCT 15TH 6 PM

BE EARLY (3PM)
STREET TACOS PROVIDED BY THE ALARCONS
BRING SIDE OR TOPPINGS FOR TACOS

LSU VS FLORIDA
LET'S ENJOY THE GAME TOGETHER

VFW 3619 - CANTEEN
1115 LA-27, DERIDDER

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE
VFW POST 3619, 1115 LA-27, DERIDDER,
BOOTH SPACE PROCEEDS GO TO FUND OUR VETERAN PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022
11A-4P

SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL!

- INDOOR NON-SMOKING HALL
- OUTDOOR SPACE
- VFW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- BLOOD DRIVE
- LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- FOOD VENDORS
- POP UP SHOPS
- VETERAN OWNED SHOPS

VENDOR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
7:00A - 11:00A

\$10

- 2 Egg
- 2 Sausages
- 2 Biscuits
- 2 Pancakes
- Hashbrowns
- Juice

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION
VFW 3619 COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

VENDOR REGISTRATION
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/VFW3619-COMMUNITY-MARKETPLACE

VFW POST 3619 & AUXILIARY

TRUNK OR TREAT
@ VFW POST 3619

OCT 31

VFW POST 3619
1115 LA-27, DERIDDER LA

SET UP 4 PM-6PM
Decorate your trunk & bring candy for the kids. Open to the Public.

TRICK OR TREAT
6 PM-9PM

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

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

Cancer Research Fundraiser



NOV.1ST-JAN.31ST

CANCER RESEARCH FUND RAISER WITH SCENTSY

All orders placed on my personal website under the Cancer Aid and Research Party

(<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

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

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

<https://kareneburns.scentsy.us>

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.

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

Oct.1st, 2022-Jan.31st,2023

#SW LA Veterans Home BBQ



#SW LA Veterans Home BBQ



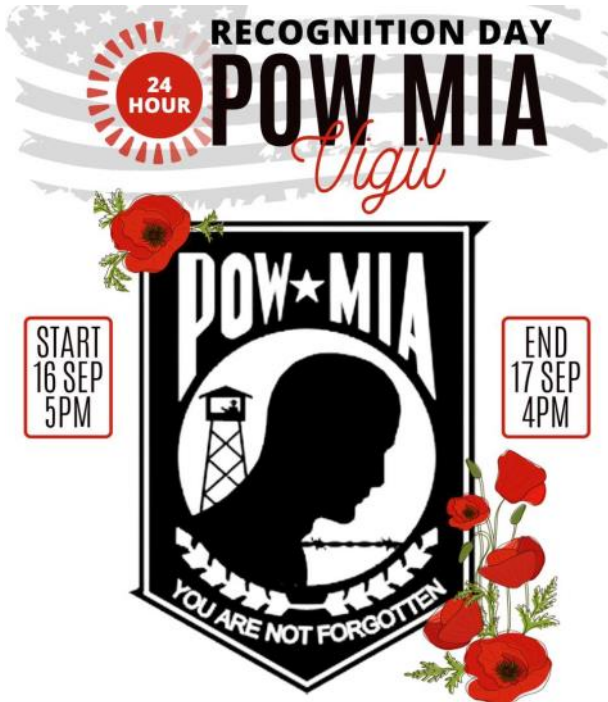
#SW LA Veterans Home BBQ



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#PostPride POW/MIA Vigil



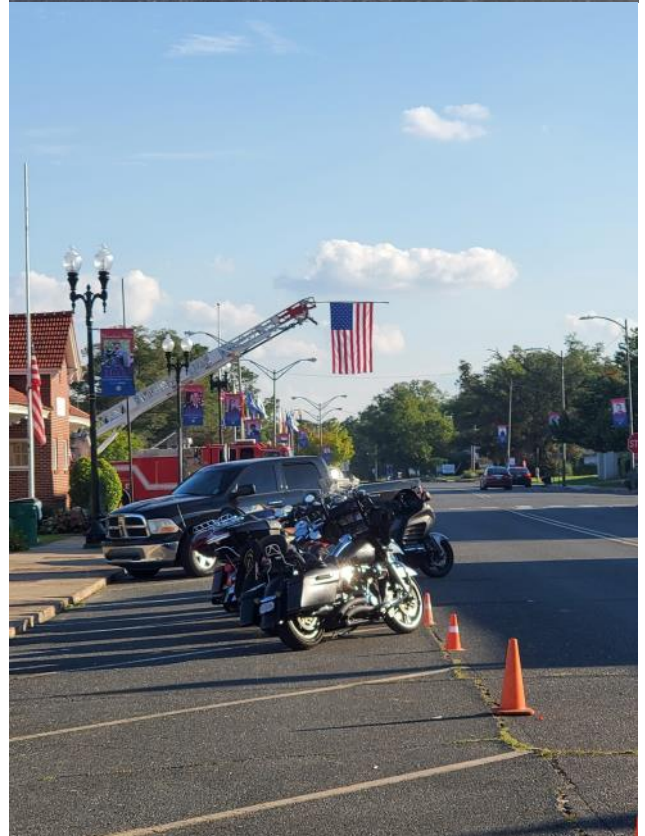
PRESENTED BY VFW POST 3619 & AUXILIARY
POW MIA MEMORIAL, CORNER OF HWY 190 & WASHINGTON STREET DERIDDER, LA

We take 24 hours to recognize the 24 POW/MIA Service Members from the State of Louisiana during Vietnam. Every hour at the top of the hour, 1x Bio from a POW/MIA will be read.

FLAG ESCORT BY THE COLE-MIERS RIDERS
OPENING CEREMONY 9/16 @ 5PM
CLOSING CEREMONY 9/17 @ 4PM



#PostPride POW/MIA Vigil



#PostPride POW/MIA Vigil



#PostPride POW/MIA Vigil



#PostPride 5th Annual Bobby D Ride



5th Annual **BOBBY D MEMORIAL RIDE**

VFW 3619 COLE-MIERS
RIDERS GROUP

POKER RUN

\$25 per Bike/\$15 per Rider

\$35 for Cages

BEST HAND \$300

WORST HAND \$75



START LOCATION VFW POST 3619
1115 HWY 97, DeRidder, LA 70634

September 17, 2022
9AM Registration IOAM KSU

For More Information
337.463.3977

Food, Drinks, Music and Raffles
Raffles Include Barrell of Booze, Shotgun, and
High Quality Cigars



#PostPride 5th Annual Bobby D Ride



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#PostPride 5th Annual Bobby D Ride



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 DeRidder, LA 70634

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 Auxiliary President: Sonja Lambert
 Post Secretary: Mary Gibson
 337-463-3977

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

LOOK FOR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

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

AND WEBSITE

<http://vfw3619.org>

OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bingo		FAIR	FAIR Cornhole tournament/ karaoke	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bingo	Columbus Indigenous People's Day		Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke	Joint meeting 6:30 Reg. Meeting 7:00	Bingo	East Beau Dance Rental
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bingo		Planning Session 6:30	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke		Bingo	Community Marketplace; Bike Night
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bingo		Riders Meeting 6:30	Cornhole tournament/ Karaoke		Bingo	
30	31	NOTES:				
	Halloween Trunk or Treat 6-9 PM					



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 3619
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