



**The American Legion Department of Florida
KEYSTONE-MELROSE POST 202, INC.
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Executive Board meets 5:00 pm first Monday

General Membership meets monthly, 6:00 PM the second Tuesday



**Commander
Andrea Crews**

Welcome to APRIL

March was another successful month at the Legion. Our Saturday AYCE Breakfast was successful as always. Our Friday night meals are serving 90 + meals. Our Wednesday bingo players are holding their own, with our kitchen serving some great food.

Our St Patrick's day dinner and celebration was wonderful. Fred and the kitchen volunteers stepped up like they always do with corn beef and cabbage. Thank you to our bagpiper play Michael Beadle, he was fantastic. We had the perfect Leprechaun, Dave who gave out money at the end of the rainbow for jello shooters. Larry followed up with open Mic night, which we had several entertainers.

We have received our Pull Tab machine, called the Grand Master. Thank you to George, Jim and Tom for unloading and assembling it.

We have a full calendar for April We are having another unarmed self-defense class on April 15. The last one we had was a very well-informed class. It

really opened your eyes to what is going on around you. I would highly recommend taking this class.

We also have pool tournaments, poker, trivia as well as Tap TV trivia and more which are on our calendar.

The auxiliary will be having a Bake sale on Friday April 7 come out a buy some of our great dessert by our members.

I would like to thank everyone from the Legion Officers to our Legions families and all our volunteer. We would not be able to accommodate the people we do if not for them.

There will be a district Picnic on April 8 at Post 137 which is at 5443 San Juan Ave, Jacksonville Fl. from 12-5 pm.

For God and Country
Commander
Andrea Crews

**1st Vice
Debra Owen**



Membership is at 96.19%

We are going to have a float in the 4th of July parade. If you are willing to help with the float please let me know.

We will be having a CPR class in May. There will be a sign up sheet once the date and time is confirmed.

For God and Country
Debra Owen

**Chaplain
Mike Plummer**



Prayers for Jackie B, healing. Prayers for Dale, surgery. Keep praying for our countries leaders for guidance and strength. Prayers for all our men and women defending our country and our freedom. If anyone needs prayers or assistance feel free to call. Mike 352-837-8268. God bless all.

**Adjutant
George Owen**



Membership Cards - Please keep your Legion membership card with you when coming to the Post. The canteen attendant may ask for ID at any time since we are required to spot check for current year verification. Also if you play Queen of Hearts, if your name is selected, you must show your valid membership card to play.

We have our new Pull tab machine in the game room. Stop by and check it out!

Elections - 2023 elections are heading our way quickly! If you are interested in running for a position, contact any of the nominating committee members. They are Jim Harland, Debra Owen and George Owen. The deadline for nominations is May 1st. Our Legionnaire election is May 9th.

RED Friday T-shirts - Thanks to everyone that pre-ordered shirts. The order has been submitted and we should start to see them arrive in 2 weeks. We are still taking orders and once we have a minimum, we will submit another order. We are planning to offer long sleeves and other colors once we get our initial order completed.

George Owen
904-616-4197

**Sons Squadron
Commander
John Lee**



No Report

**JROTC
Brian Rutowski**



No Report

**The Kitchen Squad
Pat Farnsworth**



Welcome to Spring everyone!

Friday Dinners for April are:

7th - Country Fried Steak

14th - Lasagna

21st - Fish Fry

28th - Rider's Ribs

Shrimp available at all dinners except Rider's Ribs
(Have you tried Fred's Boom Boom Shrimp?)

Don't forget our AUCE Breakfast on the 8th

Canteen

352-473-2503



As it starts to stay warm, you will see some light & refreshing specials on the menu. Stop by to see what is new!

**Riders Director
Chip Nilsen**



Hello Riders,

Our K9-Line ride is now set in stone for October 21st, 2023. We will start our planning at our next meeting which will be April 18th. I will let all of you

know by email or text you just before the meeting. I want to welcome aboard John Carter and Jeffery Ritchie to our Riders ranks.

See you all at the post, ride safe,

Chip Nilsen
Riders Director



**Auxiliary President
Betty Dickens**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to those that have renewed your membership. If you haven't please do so now.

Thanks to all that have volunteered this month at the Post. You are appreciated and loved.

It's election time for officers and executive board members at large. Robin and Lynda are on the nominating committee so please contact them or me if you are interested in holding a position. Please consider running for a position. We will hold the election at our next April meeting so we need to know as soon as possible if you are running.

Our Easter Bake sale is the Friday before Easter. (April 7th) Please donate a homemade item such as (cookies, cakes, pies or home made fudge (a very popular item last time). Bring to the post in the afternoon that Friday (We cannot use the refrigerator to store items in, as the kitchen will be busy preparing for the Friday night dinner.) We will be having the Bake sale the same night as the Friday night dinner.

We are going to have another Rummage Sale so start saving your items to donate. The last one was very successful. We have a tentative date for May (or the end of April) but haven't finalized that yet. We will send out an email as soon as we have a date. We do not have storage space at the post to collect items early. If you have not updated your email address with us please do asap.

Our Auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm. Would love to have you attend.

At our last meeting we voted to start providing Friday dinners to our Post family members that may have a temporary need due to recent hospitalizations or illnesses.

If you know of a veteran in need (whether they are members of our post or not) we would like to help them in some way if we can. There will be a prayer box installed at the post if you want to let us know of someone with a need.

Service Not Self,
For God and Country

Betty Dickens
President
