



**FEBRUARY  
2023**

**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 February

January was a great month. We added more seating by purchasing 30 chairs for the hall and game room. We also purchased a Convection Oven for the kitchen. Both were needed due to the increase in attendance for our Friday night meals and our AYCE breakfast. We had 94 people attend our Saturday AYCE Breakfast, which was a record number. Our Friday night meals are in the high 90's as well.

We had the Department Commander Eunice Butts, Department Vice Jessica Moore, Northern Department Commander Jim Bowers, District Commander Lena Heredia-Perez and 1 Vice Miguel Garcia visit our Post on Jan 14. They were extremely pleased to see all our Family's working together on our AYCE breakfast. All the warm smiles and the great atmosphere that our post has.

I would like to say Thank You to everyone that came out on Monday Jan 9 and cleaned up outside and in the sheds. It looks amazing.

For God and Country

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
Debra Owen**



Membership is on track but please continue to remind people to renew if they haven't done it yet.

We will be having a Post 202 Families get together on the 19th of February. It will be for members and their families and we'll have a potluck. The post will provide pulled pork. Everyone is requested to bring something.

The KSH chess club will be meeting at our post on Tuesdays from 2-4 starting February 7th. Anyone can come and all skill levels are welcome.

There will be an unarmed self defense class February 25th. See flyers around the post and on Facebook for details

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**Adjutant  
George Owen**



Trivia: The Post now offers Tap TV. It is in the canteen and the main hall. You download the app (for free) and play with other members, and compete

with other businesses across the nation. As a FYI, we are all playing together to beat Post 250!! :) We will have a device to use if you want to try it at the canteen. We will schedule Post bucket tournaments, so give it a try, it costs nothing but a good time.

On Tuesdays, we will continue with traditional trivia for now. We had a great time on the 24th with lots of laughs and good times.

For those that are not aware, there are laws we follow in the kitchen. Sometimes folks will walk through or want to say hello. If we are preparing food, we must follow Florida food safety laws. You should minimize coming in during these times. If an auditor were to observe this, we would get fined. Also, some folks will check the fridge for things when we are not selling food. The doors do not close well unless checked, then the fridge will run continuously and water will be in the bottom making a mess. If you are looking for something, please check with the kitchen staff or the canteen attendant.

George Owen  
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**Chaplain  
Robert Bell**



Happy Valentine's Day! A good time to do something to show your appreciation for your "special" other.

It was brought to my attention that some of my comments in last month's article were offensive. First let me say I appreciate being spoken to about this matter. I will endeavor to better express myself in the future.

I believe the problem arises from a failure to understand what an "atheist" is. First, it is not just believing there is no 'God or belonging to a religious group, by definition an atheist is:

**"One who disbelieves or denies the existence of a God, or supreme intelligent Being."**  
Webster's 1913 Unabridged English Dictionary.

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If you hold this view then you deny the existence of a system of morality. Since your responsible is to yourself there is no right or wrong. Anything you do or say is right, there can be no wrong. I don't believe very many are 'true' atheist. Most who deny the existence of God have adopted a moral code that comes from God. Basically act and live by what is called the 10 Commandments. True atheist have to believe we are just animals. A lion does not feel remorse when it kills another animal, it is just satisfying its hunger. Or it won't hesitate to take something from another animal if it is stronger.

To fully deny the existence of God leaves us with no rules to live by other than the basic instincts of animals. Without God the only other game in town is evolution. If this is true we are descended from apes. Evolutionists no longer try to answer the question "where did we come from?" Without God it can't be answered. A true atheist must accept that everything just came into existence without cause and exists without plan or design.

For God and Country  
Robert

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**Sons Squadron  
Commander  
John Lee**



**Canteen  
352-473-2503**



No Report

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**JROTC  
Brian Rutowski**



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**The Kitchen Squad  
Pat Farnsworth**



We have introduced a few new beers over the past couple months and a new one for February. Check out our drink specials of the month. These are posted in the canteen.

We are doing our best to absorb/minimize the price increases in the canteen. There will be a couple small price adjustments in February. Our practice is to keep prices low by finding the best prices and minimize waste, such as plastic cups. Recently, we put in place that if you want an empty cup, you will need to pay for it. Many do not realize that plastic is made from oil. So as oil/gas prices go up, our costs go up as well. From utensils, foam & plastic cups, to go containers, prices continue to go up, so please be mindful when using and help reduce waste at our Post.

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Friday Dinners for January are:

- 3rd - Country Fried Steak
- 10th - Lasagna
- 17th - Fish Fry
- 24th - Rider's Ribs

Shrimp available at all dinners,

Don't forget our AUCE Breakfast on the 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Riders Director  
Chip Nilsen**



Hello Riders,

Riders Rib night was fantastic! Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible. Our profits will be going towards K-9 Line and we are well on our way for a great year. I still do not have a date yet for our K-9 Line ride for 2023. I have a district meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and I should find out the date then. Hopefully I can schedule it for October just like this past year.

There will not be a meeting for this month (February). I will let all of you know when our next

meeting will be. Remember, our next Rib night will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. Hope to see you there. See you all at the post, ride safe.

Chip Nilsen  
Riders Director

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**Auxiliary President**  
**Betty Dickens**

No Report

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