



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

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



**Commander
Andrea Crews**

**1st Vice
Debra Owen**



As I complete my time as First Vice, learning the in's and out's of membership has been quite the part job! I will still continue to help with membership until a new First Vice is identified.

I recently went to the Department convention to represent Post 202. It is interesting to see how resolutions are discussed and voted on at the department level. We picked up the 2024 membership cards and it won't be long until National starts sending out reminders for renewals.

Welcome to JULY

Well, another month has passed us by. For those of you that have not heard Fred will be the new Commander. Jim is the Treasurer, Mike Chaplain, 1st Vice George Carol and 2nd Vice Tom Wells.

Make sure you open your calendar to see all the activities we have planned. We will have a float in the Keystone Height Parade starting at 11 am on Tuesday July 4th with an open house from 12-2 pm. We will also have a live band, Second Chance, starting at 6pm with hamburger/hot dogs from 5-7 pm on Saturday July 1.

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. The RV Resort has really helped increase our membership in all the families and supported us.

We have accomplished so much since Oct 2022 and am looking forward to seeing where the next year takes Post 202.

For God and Country
Commander Andrea Crews

**Adjutant
George Owen**



We have some RED T-shirt orders that members have not claimed. The new orders have been submitted and we should be getting an update this week. We have kicked off a joint American Legion - AMVETs entertainment committee. Larry from the Sons attended the first meeting on our behalf and it was a great start. If anyone is interested in participating, let Larry know.

July 4th Parade - we need volunteers to ride in the parade. There will be chairs on the parade trailer and all you have to do is enjoy the ride and wave at folks.

VOLUNTEERS - From pressure washing walls, to helping in the kitchen, we need help. There are a few folks that do a ton of work and we don't want to see people get burned out! Even if you can only volunteer for 30 minutes or an hour, we need your help.

George Owen
904-616-4197

**Chaplain
Mike Plummer**



Sorry to hear that Maurice Ebling, AKA Smurf, passed away. I want to thank all who attended Nye Nye John's celebration of life over the Am Vets.

Please keep all our veterans and active duty in your prayers. Our world is in great turmoil and we must band together to help all those that we can. God bless all.

Mike Plummer, Chaplain

**Sons Squadron
Commander
John Lee**



No Report

**JROTC
Brian Rutowski**



No Report

**The Kitchen Squad
Pat Farnsworth**



Welcome to July everyone!

Friday Dinners for July are:

- 7th - Salisbury Steak
- 14th - Country Fried Steak
- 21st - Fish Fry
- 29th - Rider's Pulled Pork

Shrimp available at all dinners except the Rider's

Don't forget our AUCE Breakfast on the 10th

**Canteen
352-473-2503**



We have kicked off a Pabst blue ribbon poker. On the inside of the beer cap is a playing card symbol and you can collect them each week and the best hand is given a prize. The best hand is played on Tuesday evenings. Give it a try!

**Riders Director
Chip Nilsen**



**Auxiliary President
Pat Farnsworth**

Hello Riders,

I want to give a great “Shout out” to Vicki, Carlton, John Carter, John Lee, and Pat for making the last Riders Dinner a success! I changed it around this time by making just pulled pork instead of ribs. It went well and I think that’s what we will do in July. Thank you, Vicki for making the desert and everyone else that helped. It turned out great!

Remember, our K9-Line ride is set in stone for October 21st, 2023. Please think of a route we can do this year. Put on your thinking caps and let me know at our next meeting on July 18th.

We also have a ride on July 8th for Ashley Miniaci. I will let everyone know where to meet.

Also, remember installation for our Riders officers is on the 9th of July at 1000.

See you all at the post, ride safe,
Chip Nilsen
Riders Director

This will be a short introductory report for those of you who do not know me.

My name is Pat Farnsworth and I am you new – not so new – Auxiliary president. I have already served as president for 4 years and this will be my 5th.

Though we remain a separate entity from the Legion we are still an integral part of the Legion in our support for and assistance to the Legion.

In the coming year I am hoping for two things: the first is that we grow our Auxiliary numbers and the second is to becoming an outstanding member of the District 5 Auxiliary. I can only do that with YOUR help.

I’m very proud of our Auxiliary and proud of the way we all work together for our aims and goals.

In conclusion I would like to thank Betty Dickens for her leadership these past two years and hope she stays with us as she is full of ideas to better both the Auxiliary and the Legion families. Hats off to you, Miss Betty!!
