



**The American Legion Department of Florida  
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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 MAY

April 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.

We will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo on Friday May 5 come on out and enjoy Enchiladas and all the fixing.

The auxiliary will be having a Rummage sale on Saturday May 6 from 8-12. Come on out and support the auxiliary.

We are having CPA class on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Signup sheet at the bar.

We will be going to the District meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to elect new District officer.

We have elections coming up this month May 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:45 pm. Please come out and vote. You can make a difference. Results will be

announced at the Legion month meeting on election night. The meeting starts at 6pm.

We will be placing flags at the cemetery in Melrose on May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 am. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having an open house lunch on May 29 string at noon to celebrate Memorial Day.

There will be another unarmed self-defense class on May the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st. This will start at 9 am and go to around noon. 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, chess, trivia as well as Tap TV trivia, we will be doing a game night and playing Show Me the Money, and more which are on our calendar.

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.

For God and Country  
Commander  
Andrea Crews

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



We have reached our membership goal for 2023. Thanks to everyone who helped us get there. Our Canteen attendants were a big help with collecting membership applications and money and holding cards for people behind the bar. I also appreciate everyone who encouraged people to join or renew and those who helped me with phone calls.

Pat Farnsworth has agreed to take point on the Fourth of July float. Talk to Pat if you would like to be involved.

For God and Country  
Debra Owen

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**Adjutant  
George Owen**



We have the current Legionnaire election nominees for review at the post. The information is attached to various doors and bulletin boards.

Absentee ballot voting will be open as of May 1st for those that cannot come to vote on May 9th. We will be open for voting from noon to 5:45PM on May 9th to vote.

Contact anyone of on the nominee committee to get a ballot for absentee voting (Debra Owen, George Owen & Jim Harland).

Here are the members running for the post positions. Each position also has a write in available.

Commander - George Owen  
1st Vice - Open  
2nd Vice - Fred Dressel

Sergeant at Arms - Chip Nilsen  
Finance Officer - Jim Harland  
Chaplain - Mike Plummer  
Historian - Open

We have 4 members running for the 3 executive committee person positions.  
George Carroll  
Brian Clark  
Jerry Smith  
Tom Wells

George Owen  
904-616-4197

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**Chaplain  
Mike Plummer**



Hello everyone. We've had a few people in the hospital lately and a few who were sick. Let's remember them in prayer. Please remember there is a chaplains box on the wall by the office. If you or someone you know need prayers or perhaps assistance please feel free to drop us a note. This box is for all families of our post.

Mike Plummer, Chaplain

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**Sons Squadron  
Commander  
John Lee**



No Report

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**JROTC**  
**Brian Rutowski**



No Report

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**The Kitchen Squad**  
**Pat Farnsworth**



Welcome to May everyone!

Friday Dinners for April are:

5th - Enchiladas

12th - Meatloaf

19th - Fish Fry

27th - 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 13<sup>th</sup>

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**Canteen**  
**352-473-2503**



We usually have a group on Wednesday evenings playing TAP TV. It is always fun as we play as a team to get to the top of the scoreboard!

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**Riders Director**  
**Chip Nilsen**



Hello Riders,

Remember, our K9-Line ride is set in stone for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 May 16<sup>th</sup>. I said there would not be a meeting in May, but I realized I will still be here before my trip up north.

We had a great ride on the 22<sup>nd</sup> for Warrior (Soldiers) Outdoors. I want to thank everyone who made it. We met at the AMVETS and we ended up with 13 riders. The ride in Stark ended up with over 60 riders. Great job and we had fun. Remember, we will have a meeting in May on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's come up with a route for K9 Line.

See you all at the post, ride safe,

Chip Nilsen  
Riders Director

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## Auxiliary President Betty Dickens

Hello Auxiliary Members,

We are at 122% membership, number 3 out of 16 units in District 5. Thanks to all of you that have renewed. If you haven't renewed please do so asap.

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, Karen 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 May meeting so we need to know as soon as possible if you are running.

Our Easter Bake sale made almost \$300, thank you to those that brought in the goodies.

Our Rummage Sale will be Friday night May 5th after dinner and Saturday May 6th from 8-12 noon. Bring your items starting May 1st to the back porch. We need volunteers to work the sale so contact me if you can. Especially Friday night for set up.

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 send 4 delegates to the convention and conference.

President of the District Nancy Chandler and Molly May (Sgt. at Arms) visited our April meeting. Nancy is running for District President again.

We sponsored a little league girls softball team for Keystone Heights and our American Legion Auxiliary sign is up at Field 3 at Little Rain Park.

We also voted to contribute money for food (by a locally owned restaurant (Clydes) for Teachers Appreciation Day in Keystone Heights. .

May 20th volunteers are needed to put out flags on a local cemetery for Memorial Day.

Jackie Bondurant is chairman of the Poppies and will set up a table on the 27th of May at Hitchcock's grocery giving out poppies and collecting donations.

There is a Family Uplift Request and prayer box installed at the post if you want to let us know of someone with a need.

There is a CPR class at 1:00 at the post right after our rummage sale, on May 6th, the legion will pay for the first 20 that sign up.

Lastly, it has been a pleasure to serve as your president these past few years and we have exceeded our goals to support the post and veterans in need.

Service Not Self,  
For God and Country

Betty Dickens  
President

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