

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Jan 8, 2024

Time: 19:00

Location: San Tan Valley Veteran Center, 5764 E Hunt Highway Florence, AZ

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: Cmdr Kathy Pascoe; Adjutant Dave Long; Chaplain DC Brown; Finance Maurice Mitchell; Service Ofc Don Baer, Amberlynn Newell; Member at Large Mark Houle;

Absent Officers: Historian (vacant); Judge Advocate Keith Harris; Jr Vice Paul Burgert; Sr Vice George Peck; Sgt at Arms John Reily

Absent Members at Large: 1 Vacant, Tye Logan

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 22 total members.

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at the San Tan Valley Veteran Center home of the Joe Foss American Legion by the Commander at 1900 hours. Chaplin DC Brown gave the opening prayer, followed by the POW/MIA resolution, Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call was conducted by Commander Kathy Pascoe of which enough officers were present for a quorum.

SPECIAL GUEST: none

NEW GUEST: none

MINUTES – November & December

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made. A 2nd was made to accept. Motion was passed without discussion.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Finance Officer:

- Sarah Bennington stepped down due to medical reasons.
- Maurice Mitchell has volunteered and been appointed as the new Finance Officer

Judge Advocate:

- Danny Love stepped down due workload and additional responsibility with the ALR
- Keith Harris has volunteered and been appointed as the new Judge Advocate

Historian:

- Mark Sullivan has stepped down due to medical reasons. Position has not been filled.

Committee Reports

Finance Report - Sarah Bennington

Bldg	\$ 25.20
Post	\$3121.55
Event	\$ 494.03
SAL	\$ 17.00
Total	\$3652.55

- Motion to accept the Finance report was made and passed.

Membership Report - George Peck

- 136 members with 1 pending, total 137, 78.1%
- New 2024 Goal 174

Americanism - John Meyer

- JrROTC Posten Butte & Apache Junction
- 23 March - Fishing Derby, Johnson Ranch

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Had a direct incident giving someone CPR. His CPR training kicked in and saved a life.
- Please get certified or get your CPR updated.

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- 31 / 27 scheduled appointments
- 8 / 4 Walk-ins
- 32 / 23 Veterans assisted
- 13 / 16 Open Claims
- 13 / 17 outgoing, 7 / 6 incoming calls
- 9 / 8 Voicemails
- 13 / 15 emails
- 67 / 50.5 Hours worked
- 277 / 350 Miles driven
- 1 / 1 new Post members
- **Operation 2 days a week**

- **VSO's have streamlined the system from 2-3 weeks down to 1 day!!!**

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Christmas Bazaar was a success. Raised almost 500 to donate to san tan animal rescue. May look at doing it a week earlier next year.
- 27 Jan - Poker Run 930-11 sign in. - Money earned will go back to the Post 97 ALR programs

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Auxiliary membership has grown to 113.33 %
- 70 hours of vet service hours, 77 hours of community service
- Attended conference with success
- Sip and paint was 31 tickets, they made over \$500 in profit
- December helped with HOPE, coffee with Vets
- Selected a girls state

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- No new updates

Old Business

- Members at large, need 1 more
- Christmas Party success!!
- PCSO
 - Shop with a sheriff - \$20,000 spent to help Pinal families
 - H.O.P.E. Dropped a full size truck load of toys off at the sheriff's station. Toys given to families in Pinal County.

New Business

- T-shirt Sales
- VSO Building - Tribal Grant
- District meeting - Jan 21
- ALR Poker Run - Jan 27
- Fishing Derby - March 23
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - 2023
 - Deputy Joel Chase - All voted YES to receive the award.

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

- none

Next meeting will be 12 February 2024

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:41 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97