

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Aug 14, 2023

Time: 19:00

Post Everlasting

- Commander Kathy Pascoe oversaw the ceremony to honor Master Chief Jesse M Coleson, USN, Retired. His wife Carol Coleson was in attendance along with 6 guests. Rifle display, flag honors and taps were provided. Master Chief Coleson's records were transmitted by fire to Post Everlasting by Chaplain Tye Logan. Ceremony ended at 19:10.

Time: 19:20 hrs General Meeting Started

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

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: Cmdr Kathy Pascoe; Adjutant Dave Long; Jr Vice Paul Burgert; Chaplain Tye Logan; Service Ofc Michael Bowers, Don Baer, Amberlynn Newell; Member at Large Mark Houle

Absent Officers: Sgt at Arms Vacant; Sr Vice George Peck; Finance Sarah Bennington; Historian Mark Sullivan

Absent Members at Large: 2 Vacant

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 28 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 Tye 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:

NEW GUEST: Gary Olfson USAF(new member); Ken Battey transfer from Post 29 USN; Havela USN; Janet Hayes USAF (new member)

MINUTES – July

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

Committee Reports

Finance Report - Sarah Bennington

Bldg	\$ 25.20
Post	\$1526.66
Event	\$ 494.03
SAL	\$ 17.00
Total	\$2062.89

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

Membership Report - George Peck

- 71 members with 4 pending
- New 2024 Goal 174
- Fees are \$40

Americanism- John Meyer

- Blood Drive we had 16 signup, 12 able to donate October 20 next one
- Venture Crew
- JROTC programs
- Veterans in the classroom email the Commander to partake in it.
- Veterans day we will do presentations for homeschoolers at the Veteran Center

Chaplain's Report- Tye Logan

- Had a lot of veteran loss in the last month
- DC will assist now as Chaplin
- Larry Moore passed - 1st part of October inturned in Cave Creek National Cemetery
- Tim Jeihl passed - Service was 11 Aug and went well.
- Thomas's (last years finance officer) wife passed away.
- AA group is exploding
- Veteran & First Responder group Thursday 7pm

Service Officer's Report - Michael Bowers

- Reporting now changing to calendar dates
- 38 scheduled appointments
- 7 Walk-ins
- 45 Veterans assisted
- 13 Open Claims
- 20 outgoing, 16 incoming calls
- 23 Voicemails
- 13 emails
- 103 Hours worked (21 at home)
- 254 Miles driven
- 9 new Post members

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- New director installed
- Pet expo, December 9
- Shop-with-a-Cop with Pinal County Sheriffs in the work.
- Working to set up a Poker Run for District 4 Posts
- Waiting on Temps to come down for next ride

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Contacted department to update
- They have their own website now
- You can do dual membership via parents, grandparents

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Updating records
- 9/11 Patriot Day, Auxiliary feeding 63 firemen and first responders in STV
- Donating \$100 to the Post for the Family Day party!!!
- Coffee and Donuts Friday 18 Aug.

Old Business

- Bring and donate challenge coins for the display in the Veteran Center
- Cooling center is open, volunteers needed

New Business

- Commander meeting with Jeff Meclure to discuss veteran needs in Pinal County, Aug 15
- Commander meeting in September with Mr. Goodman to discuss veteran needs in Pinal County
- Create Committee for December 9th Pet Expo; contact Mark Houle
- STVVC Haunt build starting August 26; contact Radar Meyer
- Color / Honor Guard people needed
- Changing Finance BLDG account to Veteran Family Funds
 - **Motion to address put before meeting, second motion made. Vote passed.**

Good of the Legion

- Aug 19, Post 97 Party and family day
- District 4 meeting Aug 20
- Sept 15, 16, 17, legion college at Chandler Post, \$100
- Oct 14, Pinal County HOHP Veteran Stand Down
- Oct 14, Black Sheep Bike Blessing at the Veteran Center

Next meeting will be 11 September 2023

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 20:06 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97