

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Feb 12, 2024

**Time:** 19:00

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

### In Attendance

Officer Attendees: **Attended**      **Did Not Attend**

Commander	<b>Kathy Pascoe</b>	Historian	
Sr Vice	<b>Paul Burgert</b>	Sgt-at-Arms	<b>John Reiley</b>
Jr Vice	<b>George Peck</b>	Finance Officer	<b>Maurice Mitchell</b>
Adjutant	<b>Dave Long</b>	Service Officer	<b>Don Baer</b>
Judge Advocate	<b>Keith Harris</b>	Service Officer	<b>Amberlynn Newell</b>
Member at Large	<b>Mark Houle</b>	Chaplain	<b>DC Brown</b>
Member at Large	<b>Tye Logan</b>	Member at Large	

Attendance: 8 Officers, and 30 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:** Dave Bonine, US Army    Dale Stevens, US Army    John Kohler, Sons of Legion

### MINUTES – January

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 - Maurice Mitchell

Joe Foss Post 97	\$4070.38
Veteran Family Fund	\$20.20
Events	\$494.03
Sons of the Legion	\$17.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4601.61</b>

- A motion to accept the Finance report was made and passed.
- Motion to move Financial institutes to Desert Financial Credit Union made and passed

### Membership Report - George Peck

- 162 members with 2 pending, total 164, 93%
- New 2024 Goal 174

### Americanism - John Meyer

- JrROTC Posten Butte & Apache Junction
- 23 March - Fishing Derby, Johnson Ranch
  - Budget went over - \$560 approved
  - Pinal Sheriff's Office will show up

### Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Keep active duty in our prayers, Iraq and Marine helo crash.

### Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- Scheduled appointments: 49
- Walk-ins: 4
- Veterans assisted: 38
- Open Claims: 24
- outgoing: 22 incoming calls: 12
- Voicemails: 10
- Emails: 20
- Hours worked: 77
- Miles driven: 341
- New Post members: 1
- **Operation 3 days a week**

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- 27 Jan - Poker Run - 60 bikes, the first ride. Don did an outstanding job.
  - \$250 high hand win, \$150 low hand win
  - Black Sheep manned the stops and did a great job
  - Aux did an awesome job with the breakfast

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Auxiliary membership has grown to 120 % 11 new members 37 total
- 58.5 24 hours of vet service hours, 77 72 hours of community service
- Participated in Poker Run, made breakfast
- Coffee and donuts doing well
- Carol learned Vet Center Lyft program to help out
- \$150 check to support the Fishing Derby given to the Post

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Membership cards arrived

### Old Business

- T-shirt Sales
- VSO Building - waiting on check from the county
- District meeting - Jan 21
- Fishing Derby - March 23
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - 2023
  - Plaque has arrived
  - March meeting will be present award

### New Business

- March 11 meeting going to do Lasagna, Salad, French Bread

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard Practice 16 March

**Next meeting will be 11 March 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:51 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97