

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: July 10, 2023

Time: 19:00 hrs

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

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: Cmdr Kathy Pascoe; Adjutant Dave Long; Sr Vice George Peck; Service Ofc Michael Bowers, Don Baer, Amberlynn Newell; Finance Officer Sarah Bennington; Historian Mark Sullivan; Member at Large Mark Houle

Absent Officers: Sgt at Arms, Chaplain, Jr Vice

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 34 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: John Alveraz, USMC; Richard Johnson USA (member); Gale Renea, Daughter of Veteran (Blue Knight); Ken Eskelen, USA.

MINUTES – June

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

Went over finances.

Bldg \$ 25.20

Post \$2256.45

Event \$ 494.03

Sal \$ 17.00

Total \$2792.68

Motion to accept the Finance report was made and passed.

Membership Report - George Peck

- New 2024 Goal 174
- Fees are \$40
- District 4 is providing a gift to us for reaching the highest membership. Post party August 19

Americanism- John Meyer

- Volunteers for Veterans in the Classroom
 - 9/11, Veterans Day
- Venture Crew - \$500 gift for outing
- Blood Drive - July 31st

Chaplain's Report- Tye Logan

Service Officer's Report - Michael Bowers

- PACT Act
- Coins, display case bring them in and donate them
- 51 appointments, 8 claims opened, 140 hours worked.

American Legion Riders - Bob Wanless

- To hot for rides
- Pet Expo December committee starting
- Riders deciding on which program to do: Toys for Tots, or Shop with a Cop with Pinal County Sherrifs
- Honor Guard / Color Guard - Open to all. POC Don Bear and Danny Love

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Restarting SAL
- Youth programs engaging

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 6 new members, 12 renew, 1 added tonight; 27 members
- Sip and Paint Friday sold out
- 9/11 project to feed firehouses lunch

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

- Reports, get them turned in on time
- Post 97 is awesome. Keep the momentum going, grow and get better. What we have we need to build upon.
 - ALECA, sheriff's office meeting
 - Law Enforcement Person of the Year Award
 - Boys State
- Fishing Tournament for next year
- Air Rifles for Youth shooting competition
- The Honor Guard will be busy when the weather cools down.

Good of the Legion

- Aug 19, Post 97 Party and family day
- 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 10 July 2023

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:45 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97