

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: June 12, 2023

Time: 19:00 hrs

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

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: Cmdr John Meyer; Adjutant Dave Long; Sr Vice George Peck; Jr Vice Paul Burgert; Chaplin Tye Logan; Service Ofc Mike, Don; Finance Officer Thomas Davidson

Absent Officers: Sgt at Arms (vacant)

Attendance: 6 Officers, 1 vacant, 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 Commander John Meyer 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 John Meyer of which enough officers were present for a quorum.

SPECIAL GUEST:

NEW GUEST: Eric Yohons, Army; Ron, Army; Rick Oswald, Navy; Joe & Kim Rollins, Navy;

MINUTES – May minutes lost

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 - Tom

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-John Meyer

- Goals Met- 173 members 0 pending 119%. 1st in the district!!! Party from district 4 Commander to be announced
- This year's goal is 144 members for 2023.

Americanism- John Meyer

- Memorial Day service - Florence Veteran Memorial Cemetery. Very successful, thanks to riders for a good job and rifle volley.
- Venture Crew - \$500 giving back to the team
- Blood Drive - July

Chaplain's Report- Tye Logan

- Call if you need help. Veterans were helped with food cards for Fry's. Refer anyone who needs help to Chaplain
- Has contact with 55 Chaplains across the states.

Service Officer's Report—Mike

- Dennis Update - June 20 he's having surgery.
- Amberlynn has earned her accreditation certificate

PACT Act - apply!! After August 10 you can no longer qualify for early registration.

- 47 appointments, 12 walk ins, opened 13 claims, 97 hours for the month, 318 miles for the month

Board of Supervisors Grant

Post Home/Veteran Center

- Officer meeting held afterwards. Plan made to move forward with grant spending.

American Legion Riders - Bob Wanless

Had 1 ride and went well

Legion Riders election was completed

- Paul director
- Turtle vice
- Danny secretary
- George treasurer

Memorial Day service at Florence was good

20 May veteran memorial service was conducted at the Veteran Center and was successful.

- 3rd Sat of July will be honor guard practice. (15 July)
 - We need more people for Honor Guard
 - 1030-1130 practice time

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

Holding pattern

Auxiliary – Linda

Coffee / donuts 3rd Friday - having a raffle or surprise

- 9-11am

Virtual Tea

- Made \$300

Found a veteran we could honor in the STV area

New president of Aux

- Carol Colson

Linda kept the Auxiliary going for 14 years.

Old Business

None brought up.

New Business

New Commander - Kathy takes over June 26

Radar - Farewell Speech

- Moving to District Vice.

Convention in June is to learn and network within the legion.

Good of the Legion

Auxiliary - Sip and Paint party in July

Women's veterans Day

- Women Veterans Recognized

Getting together with Post 129 (Queen Creek) collaborate and sharing in work

Mike is training one of the Post 129 VSO's

- Jack Holder built the challenge coin holder in the VSO office, bring a coin and donate it for display

50/50 won by Ron - paid back to the Riders

Next meeting will be 10 July 2023

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander John Meyer at 20:04 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97