

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 19:00

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

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: **Attended** **Excused** **Absent**

Commander	Brent Doyle	Historian	Tony Emery
Sr Vice	Mark Sullivan	Sgt-at-Arms	
Jr Vice	Paul Burgert	Finance Officer	Derek Heckman
Adjutant	Dave Long	Service Officer	Don Baer
Judge Advocate	Keith Harris	Service Officer	Bob Swatzell
Member at Large	Mark Houle	Chaplain	DC Brown
Member at Large	Tye Logan	Member at Large	Bob Wallness
Past Commander	Kathy Pascoe		

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 20 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 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 Brent Doyle of which enough officers were present for a quorum.

SPECIAL GUEST:

NEW GUEST: Michael Barnes USN, new member;

MINUTES – Previous Month Minutes

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 -

Joe Foss Post 97	\$3,933.85
Veteran Family Fund	\$1145.00
Events	\$647.03
Petty Cash	\$275.00
Total	\$6,000.88

Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 153, 2 pending, total 102%

Americanism - John Meyer

- April 30: Poston Bute JROTC
 - 2 awards given
- Blood drives
 - July 27 10-1pm
 - Oct 24 10-1pm
- May 25: Memorial Day
 - 7am Florence Cemetery Service
 - Breakfast at the Veteran Center afterwards
- ALLECA: June 6-13
 - May 10 deadline to sponsor someone

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- excused

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Scheduled Appointments	56	Phone Calls	0
Walk-Ins	11	Voice Mails	22
Veterans Assisted	66	Emails Sent	28
Claims Filed	19	Money Given	0
Hours Worked	236	Miles driven	426

American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Eric Ingram is recovering from stage 4 cancer. Regaining weight (put on 30 lbs) and in good spirits.
- Director going in for knee surgery
- Nothing new to report
- Riders meeting 3rd Saturday of the month, 7am

Auxiliary – NA Temporarily archived

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 12 members, 1 pending 130% of goal
- 852 volunteer hours. 10 events attended
- Blood drive 50 donors 60 units
- 10 events, mentioned 6 times in local media
- \$2000 raised for community, \$1500 given out

Honor / Color Guard

- Bob (Bob) is the new Honor Guard Lead.

Good of the Legion

- May 15, Golf tournament at Johnson Ranch, benefiting STV Veteran Center
- May 22, AZ Legion, Diamond Backs event. AZLegion.org
- May 25, Memorial Day at the Veteran Center
- June 25-28, Convention
- June 6, Veteran Game day at the Veteran Center

New Business

- **New Meeting Day:**
 - Proposal for new day is 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00am - Noon
 - First meeting of new day will be September 5, 2026

- **Officer Voting for 2026/2027 year**

	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Elections in May</u>
- Commander:	Brent Doyle	Yay
- Sr Vice:	Mark Sullivan	Yay
- Jr Vice:	Paul Bergurt	Yay
- Members at Large:	Dave Long, Mark Houle, Danny Love	Yay

The **Adjutant & Sgt-at-Arms** position is open and we need volunteers

Next meeting will be June 8:

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:40 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97