

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Jan 12, 2026

**Time:** 19:00

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

### In Attendance

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

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

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 24 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:** Amy Graham, PCSO office

**NEW GUEST:**

**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.

\*\*\*Amy Graham from PCSO Shop with the Sheriff, presented Post Commander with a certificate of thank you for our support of the Pinal County program.

\*\*\*USA interment flag given to Legion to put on display to keep a WW2 veterans memory alive.

## Committee Reports

### Finance Report -

Joe Foss Post 97	\$4904.64
Veteran Family Fund	\$1145.00
Events	\$647.03
Petty Cash	\$275.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6976.67</b>

### Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 125, 0 pending, total 89%

### Americanism - John Meyer

- 7 March - Fishing Derby
- Blood drives
  - 2 March 10-1pm
  - July 27 10-1pm
  - Oct 24 10-1pm
- ALLECA: June 6-13
  - May 10 deadline to sponsor someone

### Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- excused

### Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Scheduled Appointments	<b>29</b>	Phone Calls	<b>0</b>
Walk-Ins	<b>11</b>	Voice Mails	<b>8</b>
Veterans Assisted	<b>34</b>	Emails Sent	<b>19</b>
Claims Filed	<b>13</b>	Money Given	<b>0</b>
Hours Worked	<b>46</b>	Miles driven	<b>231</b>

- Bob is in training for VSO

### American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Shop with the Sheriff
  - Dec 6, Coolidge
  - Dec 13 San Tan
- Meetings 3rd Saturday, 7am

- 1 sick rider, Eric Engram, stage 4 stomach cancer. If you want to reach out to him go through the riders for contact information

#### Auxiliary – NA Temporarily archived

#### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 12 members, 120% of goal,
- Fishing Derby - 7 march
- Drone Program, looking into different drones
- Recruit new members, looking to do more marketing and youth programs

#### Honor / Color Guard

- We Need your help, contact [donbaer97@gmail.com](mailto:donbaer97@gmail.com) or [post97commander@gmail.com](mailto:post97commander@gmail.com)

#### Good of the Legion

- April 18 - Spring BBQ, Noon at the veterans center
- Legion Basic Training: <https://register.legion.org/alei>
- **BE the ONE**
  - Join a network or support group
  - Buddy Check Program
  - Be the one Events

#### Veteran Center

- Things going on monthly at the Center
  - Veteran & First Responder Group: Tuesday 10am-noon, Thursday 7pm-9pm
  - Alcohol Anonymous groups: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 6-7pm Saturday 8-9am
  - Senior Activity Group:
    - Every Thursday 10am - 3pm
    - Third Wednesday 10-2pm Coffee & Games
  - Arizona @ Work: 1st and 3rd Monday, 1pm
  - Visit: [www.stv-veteranscenter.com](http://www.stv-veteranscenter.com)

#### **Next meeting will be February 9:**

- **We will be doing a “phone a thon” to connect with members who have not renewed their memberships to check in on them.**
- **The goal of this is ultimately check in on our veterans. Secondly, ask if they need anything. Thirdly let them know we are here for them and we can renew their membership.**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:41 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97