

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** May 12, 2025

**Time:** 19:00

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

### In Attendance

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

Commander	<b>Kathy Pascoe</b>	Historian	<b>Mark Sullivan</b>
Sr Vice		Sgt-at-Arms	<b>John Reiley</b>
Jr Vice	<b>Paul Burgerl</b>	Finance Officer	
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	<b>Bob Wallness</b>

Attendance: 5 Officers, and 23 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 Logan 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:** Jeff Long, US Army visiting

### MINUTES – April 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	\$5563.83
Veteran Family Fund	\$220.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$831.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7262.10</b>

- Motion to accept report made and passed

### **Membership Report -**

- New 2025 Goal 197
- Current Membership 139, 3 pending, 142 total, 72%

### **Americanism - John Meyer**

- Drone program running 12 youth
- 26 May Memorial Day, Florence Cemetery
- Blood Drive July 28, Oct 25

### **Chaplain's Report - DC Brown**

- Tye Logan stepped in...
- No report to give

### **Service Officer's Report - Don Baer**

Veterans Assisted	<b>55</b>	Outgoing Calls	<b>-</b>
Appointments	<b>48</b>	Incoming Calls	<b>7</b>
Walk Ins	<b>6</b>	Emails Sent	<b>33</b>
Claims Filed	<b>17</b>	New Post Members	<b>-</b>
Other Docs Filed		Voice Mails	<b>4</b>
Pages sent to VA		Money Given	<b>0</b>
Hours Worked	<b>96.5</b>	Miles driven	<b>398</b>

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Riders meeting changing to 3rd Saturday of the month, 7am
- Doing a ride after the meeting
- New officers ran unopposed, vote casted and new officers in place.

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 65 hrs of community, 82 veteran service
- Membership is 36, 90%
- The last coffee and donuts was May 7.
- Sip and Paint Fundraiser equipment donating back to the Post and Veteran Center
- Continuing 50/50 May and June
- Letter for closing the Auxiliary will be submitted in June.
  - Distribution of Funds money went to Veteran Center Property, Girls State, Tucson Veteran Hospital, Tucson Fisher House, poppies donating to Unit 54, Jack Harmon Elementary school for lunches, \$500 gifted to Riders for shop with the sheriff, \$500 gifted to Post to spend on Veteran

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 10 members, 100%
- nominees.
- John Kohler will be finance officer

### Old Business

- 19 April, Property Cleanup

### New Business

- 26 May 0700, Florence Cemetery, replace US Flags
- 26 May, Memorial Day free breakfast at the Veteran Center
- Veteran in Need - Clean up 0800 24 May, Anthem HOA area

### Post Elections

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|-----------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|
| - <b>Commander</b>    | <b>Brent Doyle</b>                        | <b>Yay: all</b> | <b>Nay: none</b> |
| - <b>1st Vice</b>     | <b>Mark Sullivan</b>                      | <b>Yay: 22</b>  | <b>Nay: 1</b>    |
| - <b>2nd Vice</b>     | <b>Paul Burgert</b>                       | <b>Yay: all</b> | <b>Nay: none</b> |
| - <b>Mbr at Large</b> | <b>Tye Logan, Mark Houle, Bob Wanless</b> | <b>Yay: all</b> | <b>Nay: none</b> |

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard meeting 17 May 11:00 at the center.
- Thanks to everyone who helped at the property clean-up. If you are at the property please respect the area and items on it. Contact Property Committee for access.

**Next meeting will be 9 June 2025**

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

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97