

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Feb 10, 2025

Time: 19:00

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

In Attendance

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

Commander	Kathy Pascoe	Historian	Mark Sullivan
Sr Vice	George Peck	Sgt-at-Arms	John Reiley
Jr Vice	Paul Burgerl	Finance Officer	
Adjutant	Dave Long	Service Officer	Don Baer
Judge Advocate	Keith Harris	Service Officer	Amberlynn Newell
Member at Large	Mark Houle	Chaplain	DC Brown
Member at Large	Tye Logan	Member at Large	Bob Wallness

Attendance: 5 Officers, and 25 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 DC Brown 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: none

MINUTES – December 2024 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	\$6555.11
Veteran Family Fund	\$220.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$1077.24
Total	\$8499.38

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - George Peck

- New 2025 Goal 197
- 127, 64%

Americanism - John Meyer

- Blood Drive 3 March 2025 1400 - 1730
- 29 March, 8th annual fishing derby, See Radar to volunteer
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Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Outreach table at Rock Point Church for the Post and Veteran Center was great
- 22 flyers passed out for Veteran Help
- 30 flyers passed out for Drone program and Fishing Derby

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

2024 Numbers

(Items no longer tracked)

Veterans Assisted		Outgoing Calls	-
Appointments	55	Incoming Calls	-
Walk Ins	7	Miles Driven	-
Claims Filed	17	New Post Members	-
Other Docs Filed		Buddy Checks	-
Pages sent to VA			
Hours Worked	68	Miles driven	338

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Poker Run, alright turnout.
- Sausage and Gravy was great

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 40 hrs of community, 303 veteran service
- 2 Visited Tuscon Veteran homes again,
- Coffee and Donuts moving to a 5 March
- Membership is 33, 82%
- Meeting moving permanently
- Sip and Paint 4 April

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 8 paid membership
- Squadron fundraiser, 3rd sunday doing 50/50 raffle and running canteen on bingo
- \$150 giving to fishing Derby
- March 1st nominees for officers
- April voting
- 29 March - Fishing Derby, running it
- Drone program, 6 youth attended. All youth have FAA trust license

Old Business

- 25 Jan Poker Run, Biscuits and Gravy

New Business

- 22 Feb Resource Fair,
- 19, 25, 26 Feb Senior in Digital Age, 65+
- 3 Mar Blood Drive
- 29 Mar SAL Annual Fishing Derby

Post Elections

Nominate by April, Vote at the May Meeting

- **Commander**
- **1st Vice**
- **2nd Vice**
- **Members at Large**

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

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Next meeting will be 10 March 2025

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:50 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97