

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Mar 9, 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:** Don Breiland, USAF briefing Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Program

**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.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance Report -**

Joe Foss Post 97	\$4523.34
Veteran Family Fund	\$1145.00
Events	\$647.03
Petty Cash	\$275.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6482.89</b>

### **Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan**

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 139, 3 pending, total 95%

### **Americanism - John Meyer**

- 7 March - Fishing Derby
  - 45 anglers, 20 fish caught, 40lbs total caught
- Blood drives
  - 2nd march completed 11 donors 13 pints
  - July 27 10-1pm
  - Oct 24 10-1pm
- 4 Schools sponsoring ROTC
- ALLECA: June 6-13
  - May 10 deadline to sponsor someone

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

- excused

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

Scheduled Appointments		Phone Calls	
Walk-Ins		Voice Mails	
Veterans Assisted		Emails Sent	
Claims Filed		Money Given	
Hours Worked		Miles driven	

### American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- No meeting for February
- 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,
- No meeting due to fishing derby
- Thinking of moving SAL meeting to second Saturday

### Honor / Color Guard

- We have a new Honor Guard Lead volunteer starting April.

### Good of the Legion

- April 18 - Spring BBQ, Noon at the veterans center
- Signed card for deceased Post 97 member: Edward Dieleman
- 22 March, Canteen volunteers and 50/50 help needed during Bingo
- 21 March, outreach table at 9 Round near Walmart off Hunt Hwy

### New Business

- **Nominations in April      Elections in May**
  - Commander
  - Sr Vice
  - Jr Vice
  - Members at Large
- **Women's Veteran & First Responder Support Group starting Wednesday 18 March 7pm - 9pm, and running weekly**

**Next meeting will be April 13:**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:52 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97