

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Feb 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	Brent Doyle	Historian	Tony Emery
Sr Vice	Mark Sullivan	Sgt-at-Arms	Dennis Ibach
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 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: 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.

PCSO presented plaques thanking the Veteran Center and Legion Riders for their support and participation in the Shop with the Sheriff Program.

Buddy Check Phone Calls - Conducted buddy check phone calls with members who were present at the general meeting. Took 20 minutes to complete the task and then continued with the meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance Report -

Joe Foss Post 97	\$4415.86
Veteran Family Fund	\$1145.00
Events	\$647.03
Petty Cash	\$275.00
Total	\$6482.89

Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 139, 0 pending, total 92%

Americanism - John Meyer

- 7 March - Fishing Derby
- Blood drives
 - 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	41	Phone Calls	0
Walk-Ins	10	Voice Mails	10
Veterans Assisted	40	Emails Sent	11
Claims Filed	16	Money Given	0
Hours Worked	77	Miles driven	407

American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Poker run canceled
- Bug Run looking at starting
- Eric Engram, stage 4 stomach cancer. Going through chemo and it is shrinking
- Riders meeting 3rd Saturday of the month, 7am

Auxiliary – NA Temporarily archived

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 12 members, 120% of goal,
- State individual visited last meeting to look to go state
- Caitlin got her 107 and can start instructing
- Thinking of moving meeting to second Saturday

Honor / Color Guard

- We have a new volunteer starting April.

Good of the Legion

- 7 March - Fishing Derby
- April 18 - Spring BBQ, Noon at the veterans center

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

Next meeting will be March 9:

- **Have a visitor who will speak about the MIA / POW program**
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Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:41 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97