

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Aug 11, 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>Brent Doyle</b>	Historian	<b>Tony Emery</b>
Sr Vice	<b>Mark Sullivan</b>	Sgt-at-Arms	<b>John Reiley</b>
Jr Vice	<b>Paul Burgerl</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>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>
Past Commander	<b>Kathy Pascoe</b>		

Attendance: 6 Officers, and 30 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 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:

### NEW GUEST:

### MINUTES – August 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	\$5142.07
Veteran Family Fund	\$895.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$843.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7527.74</b>

- Motion to accept report made and passed

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

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

### **Americanism - John Meyer**

- Drone program running
  - Applying for grants
  - Drone competition grant
- Veterans in the classroom, get with John Meyer if you are interested in Veteran Outreach to youth
- Going to try to sponser someone to ALECA and BOYS STATE this year
- 250th birthday next year for 4th of July, working ideas for new STV town

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

- Chaplin Brown is back
- Keep Sarah, Veteran, member of the post in your prayers as she's struggling with her disabilities
- If you need Chaplains help reach him at: 253-353-1514

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

Veterans Assisted	45	Outgoing Calls	0
Appointments	43	Incoming Calls	0
Walk Ins	7	Emails Sent	31
Claims Filed	14	New Post Members	-
Other Docs Filed		Voice Mails	28
Pages sent to VA		Money Given	0
Hours Worked	60	Miles driven	371

- New VA program will assist veterans with home payments if the veteran has gone up to 3 months delinquent on house payments. Check the VA website for more information

#### American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Riders meeting changing to 3rd Saturday of the month, 7am
- Nothing new as it's summer time

#### Auxiliary – NA

- Temporarily archived

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

- 2 Aug meeting done
- 6 members 50% goal of 12 members
- John Kohler is new finance officer
- Working marketing for SAL
- Drone program, discovered drones struggle during the summer heat
- Put together a FAA grant
- Cox Grant also submitted
- Looking at alternative drones to DJI
- Legion college, looking to send a member of the SAL to it
- Next SAL meeting will be on 6 Sept

#### Old Business

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### New Business

- 30 Aug, Post BBQ, 4-8pm. Post provides burgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, water
  - Members bring side, utensils, own drinks and deserts
- 14 Sept, American Legion Day at the Cardinals
- Network / Support Groups
  - Start groups to keep veterans engaged with each other with common interests
  - Women group, Guns group, Gaming group etc
- **Motion put forward:** create group to look into researching these network groups
  - **Commander referred** motion to Post 97 Officers to complete the task

### Good of the Legion

- Our VSO program is good however we are looking for someone who would like to assist and learn the job to help out
- Honor Guard: get involved and grow it
- Legion Basic Training: Encourage you to complete it. Good information about Legion History.

### 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: Thursday 10am - 3pm
  - Arizona @ Work: 1st and 3rd Wednesday
  - Blood Drives: 1 every 3 months
  - Visit: [www.stv-veteranscenter.com](http://www.stv-veteranscenter.com)
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**Next meeting will be 8 September 2025**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:56 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97