

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 19:15

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 Burgerl	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: [ACADEMY BANK](#), presented their products that directly support the [Veteran Community](#).

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	\$4253.90
Veteran Family Fund	\$1145.00
Events	\$647.03
Petty Cash	\$275.00
Total	\$6320.93

Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 147, 4 pending, total 101%

Americanism - John Meyer

- April 6: Apache Junction medals given
- April 30: Poston Bute JROTC
- Blood drives
 - July 27 10-1pm
 - Oct 24 10-1pm
- ALLECA: June 6-13
 - May 10 deadline to sponsor someone
- May 25: Memorial Day
 - 7am Florence Cemetery Service
 - Breakfast at the Veteran Center afterwards

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- excused

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Scheduled Appointments	47	Phone Calls	0
Walk-Ins	13	Voice Mails	27
Veterans Assisted	46	Emails Sent	29
Claims Filed	30	Money Given	0
Hours Worked	208	Miles driven	376

American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Eric Ingram is recovering from stage 4 cancer. Regaining weight and in good spirits.
- Director going in for knee surgery
- 50/50 raffle will start back up at the General Meeting
- 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
- Thinking of moving SAL meeting to second Saturday

Honor / Color Guard

- Bob (Bob) is the new Honor Guard Lead.

Good of the Legion

- April 18, Spring BBQ, Noon at the veterans center
- April 26, Canteen volunteers and 50/50 help needed during Bingo
- May 15, Golf tournament at Johnson Ranch, benefiting STV Veteran Center
- June, Convention

New Business

- **New Meeting Day:**
 - Proposal for new day is 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00am - Noon
 - First meeting of new day will be September 5, 2026
- **Nominations**

	Nominations	Elections in May
- Commander:	Brent Doyle	
- Sr Vice:	Mark Sullivan	
- Jr Vice:	Paul Bergurt	
- Members at Large:	Dave Long, Mark Houle, Danny Love	
- **Women Veteran & First Responder Support Group: Wednesday 7:30pm - 9pm, and running weekly**

Next meeting will be May 11:

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:55 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97