

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Oct 14, 2024

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	Thomas Wainman
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: 8 Officers, and 15 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:

NEW GUEST: Jim Estee; Rick US Navy ; David & Todd Stratford US Navy; Preston Gardom US Navy

MINUTES – Sept 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	\$5996.76
Veteran Family Fund	\$120.00
Events	\$142.00
Sons of the Legion	\$477.24
Total	\$7383.03

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - George Peck

- New 2025 Goal 195
- 75 with 0 pending, 37%

Americanism - John Meyer

- Blood Drive 26 October

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Family from Bingo requesting for prayers due to loss of a family member
- Do buddy checks,
- Officer Coolidge who passed away in our prayers

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Veterans Assisted	51	Outgoing Calls	58
Opened Claims	21	Incoming Calls	14
Hours Worked	86	Miles Driven	316
Buddy Checks	0	New Post Members	1

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Raffle raffle closing up on Saturday 19 October
- Shop with Sheriff Dec 7
\$500 per gift card
PCSO requested riders to escort the BEARCAT into Walmart, not finalized

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 120 hrs of community, 40 veteran service
- Visited Tuscon Veteran homes again, bringing them puzzles or word searches. Now asking for CDs, music.
- Paint and Sip Oct 4, cleared \$550
- District Meeting, making up meeting Nov 4
- Coffee and Donuts moving to a Monday or Wednesday
- Membership is close to 50%

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Drone program, up and running
- Meetings on first Saturday of month at 10am
- Right after SAL meeting go into Drone Program

Old Business

- 14 Sep 1400 District meeting; Veterans Center
- 21 Sep Youth protection training; Veterans Center
- 5 Oct 1600 Membership party; Veterans Center
- 25 Sep CPR Class; Veterans Center
- 4 Oct Sip & Paint; Veterans Center
- 11 Oct Post 54 Resource day
- 12 Oct HOHP Veteran Stand Down

New Business

- 24 Oct Walker Butte School Hoot Night, outreach table
- 26 Oct Bass Pro Mesa, Honor Guard Presenting
- 26 Oct Blood Drive, Veteran Center
- 4 Nov Veterans Dinner; Rock Point Church
- 8 Nov Color Guard; ALA Florence
- 9 Nov Veteran Car & Bike show; Rock Point Church
- 23 Nov ALA Florence; Fall festival

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard, 19 Oct practice
- 1-3 Nov, Convention in Oro Valley. Best day to go is Saturday

Next meeting will be 11 November 2024

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:34 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97