

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Oct 13, 2025

Time: 19:00

Location: San Tan Valley Veteran Center, 5764 E Hunt Highway Florence, AZ

In Attendance

Officer Attendees: **Attended** **Absent** **Excused**

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	Amberlynn Newell
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:

NEW GUEST: Wolfert, US Army, member transferred; McCuchin, US Army, new member

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	\$4778.74
Veteran Family Fund	\$895.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$779.24
Total	\$7100.01

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2026 Goal 149
- Current Membership 79, 1 pending, 80 total, 54%

Americanism - John Meyer

- Veterans day activities
 - Flag raising ceremony for honor guard
- Ventue crew starting to be active
- 25 Oct, Blood Drive donors needed
- Pinal County Sheriff Community Relations meeting done, Explore program done
- 1 Nov, Walker Butte Community event with Johnson Ranch

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Globe, lost a veteran due to the floods

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Scheduled Appointments	36	Phone Calls	0
Walk-Ins	5	Voice Mails	33
Veterans Assisted	41	Emails Sent	28
Claims Filed	12	Money Given	0
Hours Worked	60	Miles driven	256

- Bob Swatzell, going to start shadowing the VSOs to start helping as a new VSO

American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Shop with the Sheriff,
 - Dec 6, Coolidge
 - Dec 13 San Tan
- Raffle for Nintendo Switch 2 bundle is to support Shop with the Sheriff and other programs
- Meetings 3rd Saturday, 7am

Auxiliary – NA

- Temporarily archived

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 12 members, 105% of goal, try to reach goal by veterans day
- No November meeting since they will be at Johnson Ranch event
 - 1 Nov have booth at Johnson Ranch holiday market
- 13 Dec, Sons would like to sponsor the Army Navy Game

Old Business

New Business

- Monthly BBQ & Game Night
 - Looking at starting it up, last saturday of the month, 5pm
- 1 November, Johnson ranch holiday outreach
- 11 November, After veterans day breakfast will do a flag retirement ceremony
- Network / Support Groups
 - Women Veterans group
 - Gun Club
 - Off Road Club

Good of the Legion

- 1 Nov Johnson Ranch market
- 1 Nov Rock Point Church veterans meal
- 6-9 Nov, Legion Convention, contact adjutant or commander to attend
- 8 Nov Rock Point Church Veterans Car & Bike show
- 11 Nov, 8-11am free breakfast
- 11 Nov, 12pm Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Veterans Center
- 8 Dec, 6pm Holiday Party
- **Honor Guard** needs your help, contact donbaer97@gmail.com or post97commander@gmail.com

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 Monday, 1pm
 - Visit: www.stv-veteranscenter.com

Next meeting will be 10 November 2025

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:44 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97