

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Apr 8, 2024

**Time:** 19:00

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

### In Attendance

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

Commander	<b>Kathy Pascoe</b>	Historian	
Sr Vice	<b>George Peck</b>	Sgt-at-Arms	<b>John Reiley</b>
Jr Vice	<b>Paul Burgert</b>	Finance Officer	<b>Maurice Mitchell</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>

Attendance: 9 Officers, and 20 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:** none

**NEW GUEST:** Steve Pryce USN new member; Doug Unger SAL; John Unslinger

**MINUTES** – March

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 - Maurice Mitchell

	PCFCU	DFCU
Joe Foss Post 97	\$1188.64	\$4197.00
Veteran Family Fund	\$20.20	-\$8.00
Events	\$494.03	-\$8.00
Sons of the Legion	\$17.00	-\$8.00
Membership Savings		475.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1719.87</b>	<b>\$4673.08</b>

- A motion to accept the Finance report was made and passed.
- Motion put forward to close the Pinal Federal Credit Union account. Discussion was had. Vote was conducted. Yea: 20 Na: 0 Abstain: 0 Vote passed, PCFCU account will be closed.

### Membership Report - George Peck

- 178 members with 2 pending, total 180, 103%
- New 2024 Goal 174

### Americanism - John Meyer

- JrROTC Posten Butte & Apache Junction
- 23 March - Fishing Derby, Johnson Ranch

### Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- From the last meeting a kid was helped and doing well with welding, nominated for shop with a cop.

### Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- Scheduled appointments: 51
- Walk-ins: 5
- Veterans assisted: 41
- Open Claims: 30
- outgoing: 36 incoming calls: 23
- Voicemails: 28
- Emails: 17
- Hours worked: 68
- Miles driven: 122
- New Post members: 2
- **Operation 3 days a week**

**SAVE training Saturday 18 May 2024, 10AM**

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Nothing new to report
- Helped out with fishing derby

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Auxiliary membership has grown to 123 % 11 new members 40 total
- 58.5 24 hours of vet service hours, 77 72 hours of community service
- Also changing over banking to Desert Financial
- Coffee and donuts doing well
- Helped out at the fishing derby
- Will not have a meeting for three months
- Sip and Paint coming up has sold out.

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Membership cards arrived
- Freedy's business contacted to donate custard to sell during Bingo
- Created resolution to start drone program for Sons Program.
- Vote made: Yea: 20 Nea: 0 Abstain: 0

### Old Business

- T-shirt Sales New order went in on 5 April
- VSO Building - Don has a plan to work within Pinal County laws.
- District meeting - May 19

### New Business

- Preston's property. Thank you to everyone helping out with clearing the property.
- Nominations for officers
  - Commander: Kathy
  - First Vice: George
  - Jr Vice: Paul
  - Members at Large:
    - 1 vote Yea for all positions by Adjutant
- Convention 22-23 June: Best day to go is Saturday for all the information. Please let the Adjutant know if you would like to go so you can save money.
- Memorial Day - Helping Florence with flags and having pancake breakfast at Veteran Center

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- None
- \$20.00 donated by Dennis Ibach for the drone program. Deposit into SAL account

**Next meeting will be 13 May 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 20:01 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97