

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Aug 12, 2024

Time: 19:00

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

In Attendance

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

Commander	Kathy Pascoe	Historian	Mark Sullivan
Sr Vice	George Peck	Sgt-at-Arms	John Reiley
Jr Vice	Paul Burgerl	Finance Officer	
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: Mary Ann; Girls State presentation. Rural Metro AED and Narcam training

NEW GUEST: Harley, daughter of Veteran

MINUTES – No meeting for July

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	\$4611.03
Veteran Family Fund	\$120.00
Events	\$142.00
Sons of the Legion	\$379.00
Total	\$5431.06

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - George Peck

- New 2025 Goal 196
- We will have a membership party 21 September since we hit our %100 goal

Americanism - John Meyer

- Blood drive July 29 was a success, helped 23 hospital patients
- Next blood drive in October
- Blood drive starting in prison for staff members
- Venture Crew, youth protection training: 8 youth
- Sept 11, ready to conduct stuff in schools

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Working on transportation for veterans from Vet Center
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Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- Scheduled appointments: 49
- Walk-ins: 9
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- Vets Counseled: 42
- Veterans assisted: 37
- Open Claims: 17
- outgoing: 39 incoming calls: 14
- Voicemails: 3
- Emails: 24
- Hours worked: 66
- Miles driven: 267
- New Post members: 2
- Buddy Checks: 0
- **Operation 3 days a week**

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Nothing new to report

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 88 hrs of community, 105 veteran service
- Poppy table done at Safeway successful
- Finding family to support at Christmas
- Tuscon, AZ Veterans Home, assisted
- Planning fundraiser in October
- Have 19 members

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Aux donated \$200 do drone program
- Florence Copper donated \$1000 to drone program
- Don and Radar working now to purchase new drones
- Coordinating with Venture Crew 2222 for additional youth
- Sept implementing Youth Protection training
- By October program is full up and running

Old Business

- none

New Business

- none

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard,

Next meeting will be 9 September 2024

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 20:27 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97