

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** June 10, 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	
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: 8 Officers, and 10 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:** None

**MINUTES** – May

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	\$279.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5431.06</b>

- Motion to accept report made and passed

### Membership Report - George Peck

- 195 with 2 pending, 197 total, 110.3%
- New 2024 Goal 174
- We will have a membership party in September since we hit our %100 goal

### Americanism - John Meyer

- Placed flags in Florence Cemetery on memorial day
- Blood Drive July 25th

### Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Not available for report

### Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- Scheduled appointments: 49
- Walk-ins: 9
- Veterans assisted: 39
- Open Claims: 17
- outgoing: 30 incoming calls: 23
- Voicemails: 15
- Emails: 24
- Hours worked: 58
- Miles driven: 274
- New Post members: 2
- Buddy Checks: 0
- **Operation 3 days a week**

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- May 25 was Globe, AZ ride was good
- Riders raising money with AR-15 raffle for community programs.
- Check made to Combs District completed and they were happy

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Not available to report

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Drone program started moving, Don Baer 107 test taken
- 2 grants put in; Florence Copper Foundation \$2k, State Farm
- Program SOP created
- Working to recruit more members
- 50/50 Winner is Tye Logan, donated to SAL Drone Program

### Old Business

- Post 97 T-shirts still available
- VSO buildings on track, 1-2 weeks out from delivery. Get with Don Baer to assist with building up the buildings

### New Business

- 22-23 June 2024, Convention: 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. Go to AZLegion.org to register
- 8 July 2024, meeting will be canceled

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard meeting 15 June 2024, 10am

**Next meeting will be 12 August 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:36 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97