

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: May 13, 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	
Sr Vice	George Peck	Sgt-at-Arms	John Reiley
Jr Vice	Paul Burgert	Finance Officer	Maurice Mitchell
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: 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: Thomas Mick, US Army; Dennis Krygowski, US Navy

MINUTES – April

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

	DFCU
Joe Foss Post 97	\$5454.03
Veteran Family Fund	\$120.00
Events	\$494.03
Sons of the Legion	\$274.00
Total	\$6342.06

- Pinal County Credit Union account has been closed out.
- \$1166 spent in the previous 2 months.
- A motion to accept the Finance report was made and passed.

Membership Report - George Peck

- 180 with 12 pending, 192 total, 110.3%
- New 2024 Goal 174
- We will have a membership party in September since we hit our %100 goal

Americanism - John Meyer

- Nothing new to report
- Next items would be Veterans Day in November

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- The service for James "Jim" Green was outstanding. All I ask is when please be there for your brothers and sisters when they need us or when they fall.

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

- Scheduled appointments: 43
- Walk-ins: 9
- Veterans assisted: 40
- Open Claims: 27
- outgoing: 28 incoming calls: 30
- Voicemails: 24
- Emails: 20
- Hours worked: 87
- Miles driven: 289
- New Post members: 1
- Buddy Checks: 0
- **Operation 3 days a week**

SAVE training Saturday 18 May 2024, 10AM

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Had a ride for the Coolidge Poker Run, 6 riders participated
- Rider plaque has been made and hung.
- Riders have found a need in the community, Combs Unified School District. (8 schools)
 - Pay off lunch debt of students who could not afford lunches. (\$1200)
 - Post voted to pitch in and pay up to \$500

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Auxiliary membership has grown to 123 % 11 new members 40 total
- Yearly volunteer hours for veteran services: 301 hours Community hours: 371 hours
- Donated clothes to HOHP in Casa Grande
- Account has also been closed with Pinal County Credit Union
- New Poppy Chairperson and doing great
- Will not have a meeting for three months
- Sip and Paint 43 tickets sold, \$795 profit going towards Girls State

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Drone program started moving, Don Baer 107 test taken for instructor
- 50/50 Winner is Carol Colsen, donated to SAL

Old Business

- VSO Building - Initial 10% down payments made, 4-6 weeks for building deliveries
- Annex naming of new VSO Buildings Use Jim Green and/or Larry Moore names for the buildings
- No other members volunteered to run for Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Member at Large. Adjutant cast vote to maintain members in current positions. All Post 97 Officers maintain offices for the second term.

New Business

- SAVE training 10-1pm 18 May 2024 in person.
- 27 May 2024, Memorial day: Flag placement at Florence Cemetery at 0700. 9-11AM Pancake Breakfast at the STV Veteran Center afterwards.
- 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

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

- None

Next meeting will be 10 June 2024

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

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97