

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Sep 9, 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:

NEW GUEST: Randal Murphy, USN Mervin Alley, USA

MINUTES – Aug 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	\$6621.65
Veteran Family Fund	\$120.00
Events	\$142.00
Sons of the Legion	\$477.24
Total	\$7360.89

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - George Peck

- New 2025 Goal 195
- 60 with 4 pending, 33%
- We will have a membership party 21 September since we hit our %100 goal

Americanism - John Meyer

- Working with Venture Crew 2222
- Blood Drive 26 October

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Family from Bingo requesting for prayers due to loss of a family member
- Do buddy checks,
- Officer Coolidge who passed away in our prayers

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Veterans Assisted	51	Outgoing Calls	58
Opened Claims	21	Incoming Calls	14
Hours Worked	86	Miles Driven	316
Buddy Checks	0	New Post Members	1

American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Just another month for the riders

Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 60 hrs of community, 39 veteran service
- \$200 donated to Drone program
- Spent some time with Preston Gardom
- Visited Tuscon Veteran homes with Unit 8, bringing them puzzles or word searches
- Paint and Sip Oct 4
- Sept 11 - baskets for first responders in STV
- 22 paid members so far, Goal is 40

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- Drone program
- Received equipment to launch programs
- Received Grants
- 21 September 10am; Youth Protection Training at Veteran Center
- 5 October first SAL meeting
- Drone program published to local outlets

Old Business

- VSO annex, Thank you to the volunteers for helping out

New Business

- 14 Sep 1400 District meeting; Veterans Center
- 21 Sep Youth protection training; Veterans Center
- 5 Oct 1600 Membership party; Veterans Center
- 25 Sep CPR Class; Veterans Center
- 4 Oct Sip & Paint; Veterans Center
- 11 Oct Post 54 Resource day
- 12 Oct HOHP Veteran Stand Down
- 24 Oct Walker Butte School Hoot Night, outreach table
- 26 Oct Bass Pro Mesa, Honor Guard Presenting
- 26 Oct Blood Drive, Veteran Center
- 4 Nov Veterans Dinner; Rock Point Church
- 8 Nov Color Guard; ALA Florence
- 9 Nov Veteran Car & Bike show; Rock Point Church
- 23 Nov ALA Florence; Fall festival
- Veterans property Beneficiary Deed completed and filed with Pinal County.

Post Home / Vet Center

- None

Good of the Legion

- Honor Guard, Please get ahold of Don Baer to help out.

Next meeting will be 14 October 2024

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:41 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97