

Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: Sep 8, 2025

Time: 19:00

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

In Attendance

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

Commander	Brent Doyle	Historian	Tony Emery
Sr Vice	Mark Sullivan	Sgt-at-Arms	Dennis Ibach
Jr Vice	Paul Burgert	Finance Officer	Derek Heckman
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
Past Commander	Kathy Pascoe		

Attendance: 8 Officers, and 27 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 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 Brent Doyle of which enough officers were present for a quorum.

SPECIAL GUEST:

NEW GUEST: Crystal, Army Vet;

MINUTES – August 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	\$4362.92
Veteran Family Fund	\$895.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$843.24
Total	\$7016.19

- Motion to accept report made and passed

Membership Report - Mark "Doc" Sullivan

- New 2025 Goal 149
- Current Membership 69, 4 pending, 73 total, 47%

Americanism - John Meyer

- Veterans day activities
 - Flag raising ceremony for honor guard
 - Sept blood drive 18 donors
- Pinal County Sheriff Cadet post looking to partner with the drone program

Chaplain's Report - DC Brown

- Tye Logan filled in - Riders
- Saturday, Cars and Coffee at Rock Point Coffee 7-9am
- Let us know if you need help

Service Officer's Report - Don Baer

Scheduled Appointments	42	Phone Calls	0
Walk-Ins	6	Voice Mails	15
Veterans Assisted	-	Emails Sent	26
Claims Filed	6	Money Given	0
Hours Worked	54	Miles driven	220

- We are looking for a little help with Office Help, man phones to assist with work load
- We are looking for help in the way of bicycles. Cycles to help veterans to get to and from local locations

American Legion Riders - Mark Houle

- Raffle is going to be starting, Nintendo Switch 2 bundle

Auxiliary – NA

- Temporarily archived

Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 9 members, 75% of goal, try to reach goal by veterans day
- Paid 47.82 back to Post for memberships
- Did not receive Cox charity grant
- 1 Nov have booth at Johnson Ranch holiday market
- Next meeting Oct 4th
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Old Business

Ship and Paint, was a success, over \$1095
Gross \$893.35 was made for Shop with the Sheriff

New Business

- 11 October, HOHP veteran stand down
- 1 November, Johnson ranch holiday outreach
- 11 November, After veterans day breakfast will do a flag retirement ceremony
- Network / Support Groups
 - Purpose: Enable Networking/Support Groups. Recruit leaders by naming groups and promoting groups. Work with group leaders where needed.
 - Recommended from the floor, to push out via email to all members to engage and get back with us.
 - Recommended from the floor, have the group ideas available at the next meeting for the social hour.
 - Will work an email blast
- **Motion put forward and seconded: Create task force to develop the “Networking / Support Groups”**
 - Motion passed with Yays: All Nays: None

Good of the Legion

- Our VSO program is good however we are looking for someone who would like to assist and learn the job to help out
- Honor Guard: get involved and grow it
- Legion Basic Training: Encourage you to complete it. Good information about Legion History.

Veteran Center

- Things going on monthly at the Center
 - Veteran & First Responder Group: Tuesday 10am-noon, Thursday 7pm-9pm
 - Alcohol Anonymous groups: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 6-7pm Saturday 8-9am
 - Senior Activity Group: Thursday 10am - 3pm
 - Arizona @ Work: 1st and 3rd Wednesday
 - Blood Drives: 1 every 3 months
 - Visit: www.stv-veteranscenter.com

Next meeting will be 13 October 2025

Meeting Adjourned – by Commander Brent Doyle at 19:50 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97