

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Apr 14, 2025

**Time:** 19:00

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

### In Attendance

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

Commander	<b>Kathy Pascoe</b>	Historian	<b>Mark Sullivan</b>
Sr Vice		Sgt-at-Arms	<b>John Reiley</b>
Jr Vice	<b>Paul Burgerl</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: 6 Officers, and 25 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 Logan 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:** John SrA ROTC

**MINUTES** – No March 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	\$3892.53
Veteran Family Fund	\$220.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$831.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5596.80</b>

- Motion to accept report made and passed

### **Membership Report -**

- New 2025 Goal 197
- Current Membership 140, 71%

### **Americanism - John Meyer**

- Drone program running 12 youth
- 2 awards given to Apache Junction HS ROTC
- Blood Drive July 28

### **Chaplain's Report - DC Brown**

- Tye Logan stepped in...
- Please let the Chaplains know if you need assistance or prayers. If you need connected we know a lot of the churches, talk to us, we can't read minds.

### **Service Officer's Report - Don Baer**

#### **2024 Numbers**

#### **(Items no longer tracked)**

Veterans Assisted	<b>42</b>	Outgoing Calls	-
Appointments	<b>53</b>	Incoming Calls	-
Walk Ins	<b>8</b>	Emails Sent	<b>26</b>
Claims Filed	<b>18</b>	New Post Members	-
Other Docs Filed		Buddy Checks	-
Pages sent to VA		Money Given	<b>0</b>
Hours Worked	<b>92</b>	Miles driven	<b>168</b>

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Paul, doesn't have anything

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- 55 hrs of community, 164 veteran service
- Membership is 36, 90%
- Voted to surrender the chapter due to no members wanting to step up to be officers
- Last Coffee & Donuts is May 7
- Sip and Paint Fundraiser was great. \$846 profit.
- Auxiliary donating \$1k to Veteran Center Property.

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 10 members, 100%
- April May nominees.
- John K volunteered for finance officer
- 3 people attending SAL state meeting

### Old Business

- 29 March - Fishing Derby. 100 signed up, 38 showed up.
  - Going to use lessons learned to improve next year.
- 3 March - Blood Drive, 12 at the center, 22 at the prison

### New Business

- 19 April, Property Cleanup
- 26 May, Memorial Day free breakfast at the Veteran Center

### **Post Elections**

#### Nominate by April, Vote at the May Meeting

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| - <b>Commander</b>        | <b>Brent Doyle</b>                        |
| - <b>1st Vice</b>         | <b>Mark Sullivan</b>                      |
| - <b>2nd Vice</b>         | <b>Paul Burgert</b>                       |
| - <b>Members at Large</b> | <b>Tye Logan, Mark Houle, Bob Wanless</b> |

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- June 26-29 State Convention, Get with adjutant to register

**Next meeting will be 12 May 2025**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:50 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97