

# Joe Foss American Legion Post 97

## General Membership Meeting Minutes



**Date:** June 9, 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 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>
Past Commander	<b>John Meyer</b>		

Attendance: 5 Officers, and 22 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:

**NEW GUEST:** John Dunton, USN, past commander; Tony Emery, USA; Derek Heckman USAF; Amanda Adkins USN.

### MINUTES – May 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	\$5366.94
Veteran Family Fund	\$895.00
Events	\$647.03
Sons of the Legion	\$831.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7740.21</b>

- Motion to accept report made and passed

### **Membership Report -**

- New 2025 Goal 197
- Current Membership 139, 3 pending, 142 total, 72%

### **Americanism - John Meyer**

- Drone program running
  - Applying for grants
  - Drone competition grant
- Blood Drive July 28, Oct 25
- Post donated school supplies to Mary Gloria foundation

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

- Absent, no report

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

Veterans Assisted	<b>22</b>	Outgoing Calls	<b>0</b>
Appointments	<b>30</b>	Incoming Calls	<b>0</b>
Walk Ins	<b>5</b>	Emails Sent	<b>31</b>
Claims Filed	<b>10</b>	New Post Members	<b>-</b>
Other Docs Filed		Voice Mails	<b>12</b>
Pages sent to VA		Money Given	<b>0</b>
Hours Worked	<b>96.5</b>	Miles driven	<b>225</b>

Susan with AZWorks is here 2 times a week to help any veteran find work or assist in career changes

### American Legion Riders - Paul Burgert

- Riders meeting changing to 3rd Saturday of the month, 7am
- Nothing new as it's summer time

### Auxiliary – Carol Coleson

- Temporarily archived

### Sons of the American Legion – John Meyer

- 10 members, 100%
- Drone program being worked
- Continuing with recruitment
  - Getting merchandise items to promote SAL

### Old Business

- 24 May - post volunteers cleaned up members front area
- 26 May - Memorial day Florence Cemetery participated with Post 9 to honor vets
- 26 May - Memorial Day Breakfast was successful, 130 people

### New Business

- Today - This is Kathy Pasco's last meeting as Commander
- **There will be no meeting for July. Next meeting Aug 11**

### Post Home / Vet Center

- None

### Good of the Legion

- Dennis Ibach volunteered to be Sgt at Arms
- Derek Heckman volunteered to be Finance Officer
- Tony Emery volunteered to be historian
- 28 June - Convention
- Explore the possibility of a flea market / bazaar in October or November, get with Mark Houle

**Next meeting will be 11 August 2025**

**Meeting Adjourned** – by Commander Kathy Pascoe at 19:43 hours.

CC: Members of the Joe Foss American Legion Post 97