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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 297, Union, MO. Monthly Meeting Minutes –July-2026



Commander: Brad Parker

Finance: Virgil Weideman

1st Vice: Pete Colombo

Chaplin: Pete Ramsey

2nd Vice: Joe Colombo

Historian: Phil Rubach

Adjutant: Gordian Parker

Sgt. at Arms: Bill Hill

Opening: Meeting was held on the 21th day of July, 2026 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (4): Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant, and the Sgt. at Arms.

Members: There were 14 at large members present for a total of 18 members at the July meeting.

The American Flag was in position and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members in attendance, after which the meeting was open for business.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Commander thanked everyone in attendance for their continued support of the Sons of the American Legion.

June Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Colombo to accept the June meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by Bill Hill. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed. This motion was made in lieu of the fact that all monthly meeting minutes will be posted on the Post 297 website for all members to read as of the January 2023 meeting. Old and New business may be read at monthly meetings pending needed reference.

Financial Report: The Financial Reports were read for business conducted from June 1st, 2026 thru June 31, 2026. There were no notable corrections. The Commander called for a motion on the Finance Reports. A motion to accept the Finance Reports as reported was made by Pete Colombo, 2nd by Bob Wright. There were no additional discussions and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence: A letter of thanks was read from Danyka Lonsberry thanking the squadron for awarding her a Sam Stausing, 1000\$ scholarship.

Old Business:

- 1) The commander announced that the Women's Auxiliary still 250th U.S. anniversary T-shirts for sale at 15\$ apiece.
- 2) The Schicker Car Show will be held on Saturday Sept. 19th at Shicker Ford in Union and they have asked the Squadron to distribute flyers for the event. Available at tonight's meeting.
- 3) Gordy Parker gave an update on the preparations for the sons' annual golf tournament to be held on Saturday Sept. 12th at Meramec Lakes GC.

New Business:

- 1) The commander announced that son's member Mark Alonzo wants to take his food truck to the Vets-Way tiny homes in Union and serve a meal to the Veteran residences of the homes. Date TBD.
- 2) The annual Post 297 installation will be held in the basement of the post of August 13. Cocktails at 5:00 pm. Dinner and installation at 5:30 pm.
- 3) Son of the Year applications nominations are open now. See the Adjutant for applications.
- 4) The walk-in cooler in the basement will be removed. It does not work and the cost to repair it is too high. The home association has earmarked money to replace it and it will become property of the legion.
- 5) The commander discussed the Veterans Fishing Day to be held on Saturday October 10th 10:00am-2:30 pm. Details forthcoming.
- 6) The Squadron awarded a 1000\$ Stausing scholarship to Kloey O'Connel
- 7) The Vets-Way organization will be holding a veteran's dinner on September 5th. Time and place TBD.
- 8) Pete Colombo announced that Post 297 could possibly mount a corresponding military flag on each Vets-Way tiny home. Each flag will represent the branch of service that the veteran resident was inducted into.
- 9) The commander announced that Post 297 is currently accepting bids for the proposed patio on the east side of the building.

Closing Comments: The Commander asked for any additional new business, at which none was reported at that time, he asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made to adjourn by Pete Colombo, 2nd by bob Wright. Motion passed. (All in Favor - No Objections.).

The Commander thanked everyone for their attendance and support of the Son's Squadron 297, and wished everyone a great evening.

The Flag was retired, and the membership was dismissed. Meeting was closed at 7:28 pm.

A copy of the minutes was placed in the Squadron Historical folder.