



**Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 297, Union, MO.
Monthly Meeting Minutes –April- 2025**

Commander: Brad Parker

Finance: Virgil Weideman

1st Vice: Pete Colombo

Chaplin: Eric Young

2nd Vice: Joe Colombo

Historian: Phil Rubach

Adjutant: Gordian Parker

Sgt. at Arms: John Cloud

Opening: Meeting was held on the 15th day of April, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (4): Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant, and the Historian.

Members: There were 9 at large members present for a total of 13 members at the April 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.

March Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Gordy Parker to accept the March, 2025 meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by Danny Thompson. 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 March 19, 2025 thru April 15, 2025. 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 Danny Thompson. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) The Commander asked for volunteers for the Stausing 5K Run on Saturday April 26th @ 8:00 AM.
- 2) Memorial Day events on the weekend of May 24-26 were discussed and volunteers are needed.
- 3) Missouri Veterans Home luncheon will be served by Squadron 297 on Wednesday April 30th. Volunteers will meet at Post 297 at 8:00 AM.
- 4) 500\$ raffle tickets for the 2025-26 raffle fundraiser are now available to the membership. All members are encouraged to sell tickets. This is the Squadrons biggest fundraiser. First drawing will be on Monday 07/07/2025 and drawn weekly (every Monday night) for the duration of the raffle (one year). See Mike Livengood for tickets or they are available behind the bar.
- 5) Gordy Parker will peruse a QR code and cube for the Squadron to be used as a Point of Sale at Squadron events. Meramec lakes Golf course will be charging the Squadron a 10\$ per person cork fee if we provide our own beer for the Sept. 6th tournament. To be discussed as we get closer to tournament date. The 2500\$ reservation fee that the squadron paid Meramec Lakes Golf Course should be recouped in the next few months as we collect sponsorships, well before the Sept. 6th tournament.

New Business :

- 1) Danny Thompson made a motion to donate 100\$ to the Perryville, MO Veterans Memorial Fund, 2nd by Bob Bruton. All in favor no objections. The motion passed.
- 2) The Commander announced that Phil Schroder will MC the Firecracker Extravaganza and asked for all to volunteer for the event. Further discussion and details will be revisited at the upcoming meetings.
- 3) Pete Colombo made a motion to donate 300\$ to Post 297 for the rental of 5 golf carts for Post veterans to ride in during the Memorial Day Parade, 2nd by Gordy Parker. All in favor, no objections. The motion passed.
- 4) Pete Colombo made a motion to donate 100\$ to each graduating Union High School student who will be enlisting in the Armed Services, 2nd by Gordy Parker. All in favor, no objections. The motion passed.
- 5) Pete Colombo made motion to sell the gun safe the Squadron owns to Bob Bruton for 1000\$, 2nd by Tim Dempsey. All in favor, no objections. The motion passed.
- 6) The Post 297 Women's Auxiliary is asking for volunteers to be judges for their Founders Day Pie contest to be held on Saturday May 10th, 2025. Time TBD.
- 7) Tim Dempsey announced that the EAA organization is holding their "Learn to Fly Day" on Saturday May 17th @ 8 AM at the Sullivan Regional Airport, Sullivan MO. All flights are 30-40 minutes and are free to all Squadron 297 members.
- 8) Pete Ramsey nominated Danny Thompson to replace Eric Grainger on the Home Association, 2nd by Pete Colombo. Mr. Thompson accepted the nomination.
- 9) Gordy Parker nominated Bill Hill to replace John Cloud as Seargent at Arms and Pete Ramsey to replace Eric Young as Chaplin. Both accepted.
- 10) Danny Thompson made a motion to accept all 8 nominations for the 2025-26 Squadron officers, 2nd by Pete Colombo. They are as follows:
 - Commander-Brad Parker
 - 1st Vice Commander-Pete Colombo
 - 2nd Vice Commander-Joe Colombo

Adjutant-Gordy Parker
Financial Officer-Virgil Weideman
Chaplin-Pete Ramsey
Historian-Phil Rubach
Sgt. at Arms-Bill Hill

Closing Comments: The Commander asked for any additional new business, at which none was reported at that time, he asked for to a motion to adjourn. The motion was made to adjourn by Pete Colombo, 2nd by Eric Grainger. 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 7:40 pm.

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