



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 297, Union, MO. Monthly Meeting Minutes –June- 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 17th day of June, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (5): Commander, 1st vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and the Chaplin.

Members: There were 13 at large members present for a total of 18 members at the June 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.

May Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Colombo to accept the May, 2025 meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by Bob Wright. 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 May 21st, 2025 thru June 17th, 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 Bob Bruton, 2nd by Larry Pohlmann. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence: A letter of thanks was sent by the Post 297 Women's Auxiliary thanking the Squadron for their help/donation to the annual Memorial Day Celebration.

Old Business:

- 1) Gordy Parker reported on the progress of the Sept. 6th, 2025 Sons Annual Golf tournament. Flyers are presently being developed and printed. Expect to be available for distribution on June 23rd. 2500\$ check that was written in February as a deposit to Meramec Lakes GC has not been cashed. Gordy will inquire when he distributes flyers at course by the end of June.
- 2) The Progress of the 2025-26 Cash Raffle was discussed. All members are urged to sell/buy tickets.
- 3) The June 28, 2025 Firecracker Event was discussed. August 2, 2025 is the rainout date. Donations, logistics, cost, volunteers, etc. were finalized. Larry Pohlmann made a motion to pay 80\$ to Eileen Wade for face painting at the Firecracker Event, 2nd by Eric Young. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed. Thank you notes will be sent to all donors.

New Business :

- 1) The Squadron presented five 1000\$ scholarships to Squad 297 eligible applicants. They are as follows:
 - Taylor Meyer
 - Lewis Zimmerman
 - Josselyn Smith
 - Kaya Otto
 - Dalton Colombo
- 2) Larry Pohlmann made a motion to allow all available sons emails to go on a master list of all 4 Post 297 organizations (Sons, Legion, Auxiliary, Bar) for better communication within the entire Post 297. This list will be internal to Post 297 only and administered by Michelle Rohan (Assistant Bar Manager), 2nd by Eric Young. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 3) Eric Young made a motion to donate 200\$ to the Union Moose Lodge annual car show, 2nd by Virgil Weideman. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 4) VFW Post 2661, Washington, MO will be hosting a ROTC Bingo fundraiser on November 8, 2025. Bob Bruton made a motion to donate 200\$ to the cause, 2nd by Bob Wright. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 5) The Squadron will serve lunch at the St. James, MO Veterans Home on Wednesday June 25th. All volunteers will meet at the Post at 8:00 A.M.
- 6) Nominations for the 2025 Son of the Year will be accepted by the Squadron Adjutant thru the end of July.

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 Larry Pohlmann, 2nd by Eric Young. 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 7:37 pm. A copy of the minutes was placed in the Squadron Historical folder.