



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

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 16th day of September, 2025 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 9 at large members present for a total of 13 members at the September 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.

August Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Pohlmann to accept the August, 2025 meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by Pete Colombo. 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 August 20th, 2025 thru September 16th, 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 Larry Pohlmann. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) Gordy Parker made a final report on the 09/6 sons 2nd annual golf tournament.
- 2) Brad Parker made a final report on the Squadron serving food at the Schicker Ford car show on 09/13.

New Business:

- 1) The commander announced that the Squadron will be serving food at the Ridge Church Picnic in Villa ridge, MO on the first Sunday in May, 2026.
- 2) The Veterans Fishing Day will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Union on October 12th, 2025. 10:00 A.M. The Squadron will cook/serve food only. Volunteers needed.
- 3) The Squadron will cook/serve food at the St. James Veterans Home on Wednesday September 24th, 2025.
- 4) Pete Colombo made a motion to buy a police shield from No Access Armor and donate it to the Union Police Dept. No Access Armor will match the Squadrons donation, 2nd by Bill Hill. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 5) Pete Colombo announced Post 297 will be holding a MIA/POW ceremony in conjunction with the new, Union MO VFW Post #12243, at 10:00A.M. to be held at Post 297 Union, MO on Friday Sept. 19th, 2025. 09/19/2025 is national MIA/POW day.
- 6) Pete Colombo asked for volunteers to help plot Midlawn Cemetery for veteran's graves. Time and date: 10/05/2025....11:00 A.M. Midlawn Cemetery will participate in Wreaths Across America this year.
- 7) Tim Dempsey suggested that the Post might consider putting some kind of military vehicle in front of the post as others do. This is an issue that was presented at the posts Home Association Meeting on 09/08 as they are the governing body of post. It was denied due to liability issues that may arise.
- 8) The Women's Auxiliary is hosting a cornhole tournament on October 25th at the post. The Squadron will cook the BBQ. The Squadron will donate chips leftover from the Firecracker/Car show to the event.
- 9) The Posts annual Buddy Supper will be held on November 9th, 2025.
- 10) The Post will hold its annual Veterans Day Luncheon on Tuesday November 11th, 2025 (Veterans Day).

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 Eric Young, 2nd 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 7:29 pm.

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