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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 297, Union, MO. Monthly Meeting Minutes –August-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 18th day of August, 2026 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (3): Commander, 1st Vice Commander, and the Finance Officer

Members: There were 6 at large members present for a total of 9 members at the August 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.

July Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Colombo to accept the July meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by John Cloud. 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 July 1st, 2026 thru July 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 Phil Rubach. There were no additional discussions and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence:

- 1) A letter of thanks was read from the Perryville, MO Veterans Memorial thanking the Squadron for our donation (sponsorship) to their 5K run fundraiser.

Old Business:

- 1) The Veterans-Way organization is having a Veterans' dinner to be held on Sept 5th at the Baptist Association in Union, Mo.
- 2) The Sons' annual golf tournament (Sept. 12) was discussed.
- 3) The new BBQ pit was discussed along with some kind of outside storage shed.
- 4) The Sept 19th Shicker Car Show was discussed. The Squadron will provide/sell food.

New Business:

- 1) The new cooler was installed in the basement.
- 2) Girls State refunded the Squadron 250\$ of the 500\$ donation we made due to a girl cancelling.
- 3) The Squadrons' share of the Memorial Day Celebration bill was 534.26\$
- 4) The POW-MIA candlelight ceremony will be held on Sept 18th @ 7:00 P.M. in front of the post. Pete Colombo asked for volunteers.
- 5) The Washington, MO VFW is putting on a benefit Bingo on November 14th for the Veterans-Way Tiny Homes Project. They have asked the sons to sponsor a table. 50\$-1000\$.
- 6) Member Mark Alonzo wants to take his food truck out to the Tiny Homes Project and serve food to veterans sometime in October.
- 7) The financial officer discussed the financing for the new patio at the post, to be controlled by the Home Association. A motion was made by Pete Colombo to suspend the Squadrons monthly share of income for 6 months, to be dedicated to the patio project, 2nd by Dan Sansom. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 8) Signs for the Memorial Day Parade will be replaced.

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 7:41 pm.

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