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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 297, Union, MO. Monthly Meeting Minutes –May-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 19th day of May, 2026 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (5): Commander, Adjutant, Financial Officer, Historian and the Sgt. at Arms.

Members: There were 9 at large members present for a total of 14 members at the May 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.

April Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Pohlmann to accept the April meeting minutes as written (not read), 2nd by Virgil Weideman. 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 April 1st, 2026 thru April 30st, 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 Larry Pohlmann, 2nd by Phil Rubach. There were no additional discussions and the motion passed. (All in Favor – No Objections).

Membership Report: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) The commander thanked all members who volunteered for the Women's Auxiliary Poppy Days event.
- 2) The commander updated the membership on the continuing installation of the new electronic sign in front of the post.
- 3) The Veterans Way Organization (Tiny Homes) have filled all of their board member spots.
- 4) The commander updated the membership on the Squadron's donation to the Roger Gansmann funeral.
- 5) The commander updated all information and requested volunteers for the Memorial Day preparation.

New Business:

- 1) Larry Pohlmann gave an update on the Veterans Way meat raffle.
- 2) Randy Everett made a motion to donate 300\$ to the Women's Auxiliary for all Memorial Day Celebration Volunteers T-shirts, 2nd by Danny Thompson. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 3) The commander asked for volunteers to carry flags in the Memorial Day Parade.
- 4) The commander gave an update on Mike Ifland's health.
- 5) The commander asked for three volunteers to stay after the Squadron serves lunch at the Saint James Veterans Home on June 17, 2026. This is to help with a Poker Run that the Washington VFW is putting on.
- 6) Danny Thompson approached the membership regarding buying a new smoker. Tabled pending further discussion.
- 7) Phil Rubach gave an update on the Squads Memorial Day float. Theme: The fallen soldier.
- 8) Randy Everett made a motion to donate 100\$ to the Moose Lodge annual car show, 2nd by Dan Sansom. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 9) All current offices were nominated and re-elected by acclamation. 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 a motion to adjourn. The motion was made to adjourn by Virgil Weideman, 2nd by Dan Sansom. 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.