



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 297, Union, MO. Monthly Meeting Minutes –August- 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 19th day of August, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Commander.

Members Present

Officers (6): Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and the Sgt. at Arms.

Members: There were 6 at large members present for a total of 12 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.

June & July Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Colombo to accept the June, 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. There was no motion on the July 2025 minutes as there was no July 2025 meeting.

Financial Report: The Financial Reports were read for business conducted from June 18, 2025 thru July 15th 2025 and from July 16th 2025 thru August 19th, 2025. Both previous months financial reports were read due to the fact that there was no July 2025 meeting. 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: Gordy Parker made a motion to accept the new member application made by Dan Osburg, 2nd by Eric Young. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

- 1) A letter of thanks was read from Sofia Murillo thanking the Squadron for their donation to Missouri Girls State.
- 2) A card of thanks was read from Josselyn Smith thanking the Squadron for awarding her one of the 1000\$ Stausing scholarships.
- 3) A card of thanks was read from the Union Moose Lodge 1745 thanking the Squadron for their 200\$ donation to sponsor the Lodge's annual car show.

Old Business:

- 1) Gordy Parker gave a report on the progress of the upcoming (09/06) Son's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. How and whom the beer is to be purchased was discussed. Danny Thompson made a motion to let Meramec Lakes GC distribute their beer at a reduced price, 2nd by Gordy Parker. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 2) The Commander discussed the Squadron serving food at the Schicker Ford Car Show on 09/13.

New Business:

- 1) The Perryville Vietnam Memorial annual fund drive is requesting donations from the Squadron. Denied due to our recent donation to the drive.
- 2) Eric Young made a motion to donate 150\$ to the Union High School Band for their participation in the 2025 Memorial Day Parade and festivities, 2nd by Pete Colombo. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 3) The Squadron denied the Home Assn. request to pay 1/3 (1800\$) for the electrical upgrades needed at the Post. The Squadron believes some of the parking lot debt should be paid down first and that the income from the new gambling machines should be established before any electrical upgrades are made.
- 4) Randy Everett made a motion that all cash from all son's events be counted within 3 days of the event by at least 2 Son's members, 2nd by Gordy Parker. 10 yays. 2 nays. The motion passed.
- 5) The Commander expressed concern about the Squadron's income verses the amount of annual donations. Discontinuation of the 500\$ Cash Raffle was discussed. New fundraisers ideas were solicited.
- 6) Union High School cheerleader Ally Colombo made a presentation and request for donation to her Cheerleader competition in Florida. Virgil Weideman made a motion to donate 500\$ to help cover the cost of the competition, 2nd by Gordy Parker. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.
- 7) Virgil Weideman made a motion to donate 500\$ to the Knights of Columbus Tractor Ride/Food Drive, 2nd by Joe Colombo. All in favor. No objections. The motion passed.

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 Joe Colombo. 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 7:47 pm.

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