



## **Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 97**

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### **Squadron 97 Meeting – July 5, 2025**

**Date:** July 5, 2025

**Location:** San Tan Valley Veterans Center

**Time:** 1000 hours

**Attendance:** 3 officers, 1 member

### **Membership Update**

At the Detachment Convention, we picked up our **2026 membership cards**, with **all dues paid and forms submitted** ready to hit the ground running!

### **2026 Membership Goal: 12 Members**

Let's grow the Legion Family and keep the momentum going!

We're not just meeting the standard, we're building something bigger.

### **Finance Report**

**Checking: \$831.24**

**Cash: \$310.00**

**Total: \$1,141.24**

- Jon Kohler will be getting with Dave Long to get on the bank account for SAL/ALR

### **Old Business**

- Marking materials to assist with promoting the Squadron.
  - Tablecloth-Shipped
  - Pop Up Tent-?
  - Wristband -?
- Looking into drone program grants
  - FAA grant-undisclosed (submitted)
  - Cox Charites-\$10,000- Open June 1 Closes June 30 (Submitted June 20<sup>th</sup>)
    - Grant will fall under the STV Veterans Center due to being attached to it 501 3c status. An MOU has been signed.
  - The Florence Copper Community Foundation (\$1000 grant)
  - Drone Blocks STEM Drone & Robotics Program Funding (\$4,000 grant) Open Aug 1



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- Looking into drone competition through Robotics Education & Competition Foundation's
- Looking to ramp-up recruitment for SAL and drone program.
- Creating drone curriculum.
- Press releases out to local media about SAL.
- Still seeing about running raffle during Bingo, we make on average about \$80 to \$90

### **New Business**

- At **12:01 AM on June 28, 2025**, Squadron 97 — along with two fellow squadrons — was officially lifted from **probation status** and granted eligibility to **vote at Convention** (pending all other Constitutional requirements).
  - This year, **Squadron 97 cast its very first vote** at the Detachment Convention. Yes, it was only **one vote**, but it carried **years of growth, hard work, and purpose** behind it.
- Jon Kohler and the commander attended.
- Fall Convention will be at the Double Tree in Tucson 6-9 Nov.
- July 28- Blood Drive, if you can please donate and don't forget to let me know for CSR.
- Sons, you have a new Detachment Commander **Gary Manwell**
- Arizona Legion College will be held on September 19th, 20th, & 21<sup>st</sup> at Frank W. Write Post #34 6272 East Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, Az 85331. Anybody wishing to attend need to complete the American Legion basic training <https://www.legion.org/alei> and submit your application at <https://azlegioncollege.org/files/Application.pdf>
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### **For the Good of the Sons**

- There will be no Post meeting for July.
- The SAL will have a District Representative who is Randy Wakefield from Post 9.

The next **Squadron 97 meeting will be held on Aug,2 2025.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1045 hours.**