



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 97

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Squadron 97 Meeting – March 2025

Date: March 1, 2025

Location: San Tan Valley Veterans Center

Time: 1000 hours

Attendance: 3 officers, 3 members

Special Guests

Chas Bird, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona Vice-Commander, Area A. Chas announced he is running for Detachment of Arizona State, Detachment Commander

Lance Bymers, Sons of the American Legion, Detachment Awards Chairman. Lance announced he is running for Detachment of Arizona Area A Vice Commander

Membership Update

Squadron 97 currently has **9 paid members** for 2025. Efforts are ongoing to recruit additional members to reach our goal of **10** for the year.

Finance Report

- **Checking:** \$1,244.24
- **Cash:** \$100.00
- **Raffle:** \$ 195.00
- **Membership Dues** \$40
- **Total: \$1,579.24**
 - **Dues:** \$80
 - **Fishing Derby:** \$150.00

Total: 1,365.24

Upcoming Fundraising

Squadron 97 will host **50/50 raffles** on the **third Sunday of each month** at the STV Veterans Center. Additionally, running the canteen on the same Sundays was suggested as an opportunity to contribute volunteer hours.

Unfinished Business



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- Fishing Derby is on track, and we will need some volunteering on March 29 at 0800 to help set up and tear down and support during the derby. This will be a great opportunity to set up a table to have potential members for the American Legion Family.
- Recruitment is going slow but steady, we currently have 9 members with one more member. We will reach our goal for 10 paid members for 2025.
- We are looking to fill up some vacancies with the Squadron, the current vacancies are Chaplain and Finance Officer. Jon Kohler volunteers to be the Finance Officer, Commander Meyer accepts Jon becoming our finance officer.

New Business

- Need volunteers for the Property Clean-up on March 8th, Commander Meyer will send an email out as a reminder.
- All SAL members are encouraged to complete the American Legion Basic training which can be accessed at <https://register.legion.org/alei>. Please make sure you print or email your certificate to the Commander.
- At the last District 4 meeting a motion was made and accepted to introduce SAL district representative. If anyone is interested in becoming a SAL District Rep please contact the Commander.

Next Meeting & Officer Nominations

The next **Squadron 97 meeting will be held on April 1, 2025.**

- **Officer nominations for the 2025-2026 term** will begin in **April and May**, with voting taking place during the **May regular meeting**.
- The **Squadron Commander** will notify all **SAL Squadron 97 members in March** to ensure awareness of the nomination process.

Meeting adjourned at 1045 hours.