



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176  
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**Minutes**  
**Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
**7:00 Teleconference**

Sons of The American Legion Squadron N<sup>o</sup> 176 Commander Marty Pfeifer opened the Executive Meeting at 7:05 p.m. on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 using Jitsi, an online teleconference platform.

The following members were present:

Marty Pfeifer, Commander  
Tyler Vanice, Adjutant  
Mike Wolfe, Historian  
Paul Kaepfel, Chaplain

As was Erich Fleeger.

Kevin Campbell, Jason Rodriguez, and Chuck Seward were excused by the Commander.

The Commander started the meeting by having Vanice give the Pledge of Alliance.

A moment of silence was had in memory of our departed comrades.

Vanice made a motion to approve the January 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Wolfe. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander gave the members an update on the following; the Warrior Café is open for takeout daily; General Manager Eisvoog is retiring at the end of the month; the new Post Finance Officer Dave is training to replace Jon Taylor; post elections were held and that Marty will be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and Kevin Gaddis moving up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, with Paul staying as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander; and that Marty will be acting General Manager during the leave of Eisvoog until a new General Manager is found.

Discussion was held about how the Squadron should proceed for their officer elections. The Nomination Committee Chair Vanice presented the following list of officers for the 2020-2021 year:

Commander - Jason Rodriguez  
1st Vice Commander - Marty Pfeifer  
Adjutant - Tyler Vanice  
Finance Officer - Kevin Campbell  
Chaplain - Paul Kaeppel  
Historian - Michael Wolfe  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Chuck Seward

Vanice made a motion to elect the recommended list of officers for the next year following the steps of the American Legion post and was seconded by Kaeppel. The motion passed.

The Commander led a discussion on the post's recent request for the American Legion Programs, the Sons and Riders, to assist the post. The post Finance Officer recommended that the two programs assist by contributing \$5,000 per program to help the post. The Commander mentioned a large response was held by various members of the post in an email debating how to proceed. A brief discussion of how much we could assist was held and amounts of \$1,000 to \$2,500 were mentioned, with majority in favor of the larger amount. Vanice made a motion that the squadron contributes \$2,500 to The American Legion Post and was seconded from Kaeppel. The motion passed unanimously. The Commander requested the Adjutant write an official announcement to give to the post.

Vanice mentioned purchasing a \$100 gift for Bob Eisvoog, General Manager, due to all his assistance over the years helping the squadron and the American Legion family. The Commander mentioned increasing the amount to \$250 and getting a plaque. Tyler made a motion that the squadron purchases \$250 gift card and a plaque, of value \$100 or less, to show our appreciation of his commitment to the squadron, the post, and the American Legion family at large and was seconded by Wolfe. The motion passed unanimously.

Vanice gave an update on the District and Detachment. As the T.A.L. District is keeping the same officers in place for the following year, so will the Sons keep their District Officers. Marty Pfeifer, Mike Wolfe, Kevin Gaddis and Tyler Vanice will continue to serve in their current office. The Detachment is electing officers for the following year, and each squadron will receive a ballot, or some form for voting, to elect the officers. The method is still being worked on with the Department.

The Adjutant continued about membership stating that renewals had stalled due to the coronavirus but was able to mail a few out starting in late April. As of the meeting, there

were 129 current members and stated that the squadron needed one more person to renew or sign up to reach the targeted goal for the year. He is also working on the Consolidated Squadron Report, which is due by the end of the month. Lastly, National Officers, for both T.A.L. and S.A.L., will keep their current officers until the next National Convention in 2021, allowing Virginia to have the honor of having a National Commander for another year.

With the colors of the Nation being in place, the Commander rendered a hand salute and moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Vanice and was declared closed at 7:45 p.m.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Vanice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tyler Vanice  
Adjutant