



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176  
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**Minutes**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**  
**7:00 VA ATLAS Room**

Sons of the American Legion Squadron No 176 Commander Pfeifer opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:07 p.m. on June 9, 2020 at the American Legion Post No 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Marty Pfeifer, Commander  
Jason Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Tyler Vanice, Adjutant  
Mike Wolfe, Historian

As was Kevin Gaddis.

Kevin Campbell, Paul Kaeppel, and Chuck Seward were excused by the Commander.

The Commander held a moment of silence for our departed comrades.

Mike Wolfe made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 10 General Membership Meeting as written and was seconded by Kevin Gaddis. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander gave an overview that he is the acting post General Manager until a new person fills the vacancy. Robert "Bob" Eidsvoog had his going away part on June 1 and was well attended. Jason represented the squadron and presented Bob with the plaque and gift card. The post will also remain closed until end of month.

The Adjutant gave his report. He read the elected officers list for Squadron 176 for 2020-2021 year as follows:

Jason Rodriguez, Commander

Marty Pfeifer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Tyler Vanice, Adjutant  
Kevin Campbell, Finance Officer  
Mike Wolfe, Historian  
Paul Kaepfel, Chaplain  
Chuck Seward, Sergeant-at-Arms

The Commander appointed Kevin Gaddis as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. Installation will be at a later date.

The Adjutant stated the squadron started the year with 120 members and now has 154 paid members. The Detachment of Virginia has waived their per capita allowing squadrons to renew noncurrent 2020 members for \$2 (National's per capita), which the squadron had taken advantage of the offer.

The Adjutant also reminded members that dues have increased to \$35 for regular members, \$30 for dual members, and \$25 for youth members. Officer's are expected to renew early.

The 17<sup>th</sup> District American Legion and Sons of The American Legion decided to keep the same officers for the 2020-2021 year, so Tyler Vanice, Marty Pfeifer, Mike Wolfe, and Kevin Gaddis will remain in their office.

He also gave a brief report on the Sons Finances in lieu of the Finance Officer.

Under unfinished business, Vanice talked about the squadron holding an annual scholarship for local high school students. It was discussed about having two \$250 or two \$500 scholarships. The members like the idea and the discussion was tabled for a further date.

Jay discussed ideas for holding the pig roast for later in the year, around mid-September and what we can do to prepare. He mentioned he talked to representatives from Grover Gaming at Bob's party the previous week and they are interested in supporting again. Tyler mentioned working with Jay to get some information to plan for the pig roast.

The Commander mentioned starting a new tradition of giving the incoming Squadron Commander a specialized Gavel to use and keep after his tenure. Vanice made a motion to purchase a gavel and block, with value of \$100 or less, with inscription for the incoming Squadron Commander and was seconded by Gaddis. The motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Sons, Vanice brought up the fundraiser apron that Child Welfare Foundation is selling for \$20 with dual CWF/SAL logos and to contact him if anyone is interested.

Rodriguez mentioned the Squadron holding a summer event. Discussion was had about what the squadron can do, including doing a Sons and family picnic for a social gathering. Wolfe mentioned being able to get historic memorabilia to display if desired.

Vanice reminded the members that there are no General Membership meetings in July and August.

With the colors of the Nation being in place, the Commander rendered a hand salute and moved that the meeting be adjourned and was declared closed at 7:54 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 'V'.

Tyler Vanice  
Adjutant