



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176  
6520 AMHERST AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

**Minutes**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**  
**7:30 p.m., ATLAS Room**

Sons of the American Legion Squadron N<sup>o</sup> 176 Commander Rodriguez opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:31 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Post N<sup>o</sup> 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jason Rodriguez, Commander  
Martin Pfeifer, First Vice Commander  
Kevin Gaddis, Second Vice Commander  
Tyler Vanice, Adjutant  
Kevin Campbell, Finance Officer  
Chaplain, Paul Kaepfel

As was Linwood Jones, Erich Pfleeger, Matt Hedrick, and Floyd F. Cline.

Mike Wolfe and Chuck Seward were excused by the Commander.

Gaddis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting as written and seconded by Kaepfel. The motion passed unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Pfeifer gave a report on membership and requested the members to share the news of renewing their membership with the Sons if they see another member. Vanice mentioned that the current membership roster is 85 people renewed/new members and we have a target goal of 94 people to reach our 60% by January 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Chaplain mentioned that the members should be receiving the latest Postscript by email or mail any day now. He requested the Commander to submit an article for the March/April issue by the end of the month.

The Adjutant mentioned that the Spring Conference will be virtual and will be livestreamed from our post on March 6. All are welcome to attend, but virtual attendance is preferred.

There was no Sick Call and Relief. The Commander mentioned about potentially sending letters to the Legion Family who are in distress and can double up as a Buddy Check.

No Unfinished business was brought to the floor.

Under new Business, the Commander mentioned about the Sons helping or planning an event for the Superbowl. It mentioned that the post is already planning events for the game and will let us know if there is any other assistance needed.

The Wagon O' Cheer was brought to the floor as Saint Patrick's Day is March 17 and that the Sons would normally raffle off a wagon full of liquor. Jones mentioned that we should do multiple smaller raffles instead of one large one. The Commander made a motion to spend up to \$500.00 for the purpose of the Saint Patrick's Day raffle or raffle and was seconded by Vanice. The motion passed. The Commander said more discussion will be brought up at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

Campbell made a motion to have the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 176 publicly make a statement to condemn the insurrection and violence in the U.S. Capital on January 6 and Vanice seconded. Campbell shared a draft of the statement and Vanice mentioned that we should combine the language of the American Legion's message with our intention as to be in line with the organization's views. The motion passed unanimously. Vanice will send the amended statement to the members by email by the end of the week.

The Commander stated that there will be an Executive Committee Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> to be held virtually. The Adjutant will send out the Zoom link.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

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 8:18 p.m.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Vanice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tyler Vanice  
Squadron Adjutant