



## Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Virginia Commander Tyler E. Vanice

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SQUADRONS

**SUBJECT: Commander's Project, Willing Warriors**

DATE: November 11, 2025

Dear Comrades and Friends of the American Legion Family,

As the newly elected Detachment Commander of the Sons of The American Legion – Detachment of Virginia, it is my privilege to announce that the 2025-2026 “Commander’s Project” will proudly support Willing Warriors, the wholly-volunteer, privately-funded 501(c)(3) organization that offers cost-free retreat stays and support programs for wounded, ill and injured service members, disabled veterans, and their families.

Founded out of a simple “taste-of-home” helping event in 2006 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center by community volunteers, Willing Warriors acquired a retreat facility on 37 acres and opened its “Warrior Retreat at Bull Run” on Independence Day 2015 to give recovering Warriors a “home away from home.” Their mission is to provide cost-free getaways and programs that positively impact our nation’s servicemen and servicewomen and their families whose hospital stays average 300 days and whose recovery journey does not end with physical healing.

### **Why this matters to us**

As members of the American Legion Family, we have sworn to serve, support and honor those who served. Supporting Willing Warriors aligns perfectly with our longstanding mission of “Veterans ... their families ... the community.” By contributing to this vital effort, we help ensure that our comrades who sacrificed so much receive the rest, respite, recovery and renewal they so richly deserve.

### **How you can help**

- Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Willing Warriors. Their mailing address: 16013 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA 20169-2126.
- You may also donate online via their website’s “[Donate](#)” link.
- Encourage your Post, Squadron, or Auxiliary to pledge a fundraising event, memorial tribute or corporate sponsorship in support of Willing Warriors.
- Share this message broadly: within your Squadron, at Post meetings, and with local civic, corporate and church partners.

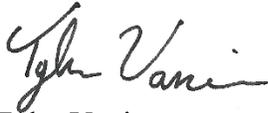
Another option is to forward your donations (or pledge commitments) to the Detachment Headquarters marked “Commander’s Project – Willing Warriors.” At the close of our year we will present a consolidated donation from the Detachment of Virginia to Willing Warriors and highlight our collective effort in our Detachment newsletter and Annual Convention.

### **Our goal and your impact**

My goal as your Commander is to raise meaningful support, not just financially, but in volunteerism and awareness, for Willing Warriors, demonstrating that the Detachment of Virginia stands shoulder-to-shoulder with our recovering service members. Every dollar helps provide a retreat, a seminar on Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), a weekend of family healing, or a quiet moment of reconnection away from the hospital environment.

Thank you for your dedication to our mission and for standing with me on this vital project. Together we will ensure that our motto “Honoring America’s History” is more than words—it is action, compassion and respect for those who served.

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  
Detachment Commander, 2025-2026  
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