



# LVSAA NEWS

## March 2021

### LVSAA President's Report

*By Mike Rupp*

Hello Members. Let me update you on what has been going on. We finished our fourth year and continued to meet quarterly last year through Zoom. We had our annual meeting in January this year and had our elections. We want to thank a couple outgoing Board members, Steve Braband and Peter Kraut, and welcome in two new board members, Ryan Moorman and Adam Wrinkle. Ryan and Adam are both Troop 127 Eagle Scouts and founding members of LVSAA.

I'll report that through hard work and dedication from the Troop leadership, the Troop has held together and excelled during the pandemic. Tireless hours by all involved on the leadership committee have kept it going. One of our goals last year was to step up distributing the Eagle Scout Fund money and we were able to do this. Multiple Eagle projects were donated to by the LVSAA and completed by Eagle Scout candidates last year in and around the shutdowns. At this writing the Eagle projects are starting back up and the Troop is starting in person activities in accordance with all State and Federal guidelines.

We are on firmer financial footing thanks to generous donations we have received and will continue to support our chartered organizations projects. We will continue to increase our membership and continue to look for fresh member ideas. We all are hopeful in turning the corner and moving forward in 2021.

***Not a member yet? There is still time to join us and support local scouting.***

***Click on:***

***<http://lvscoutingalum.org/join-us/>***

### Membership Report

*By Jodi Regan*

At the end of 2019 the Association announced a change to the Association's Eagle Scout/Gold Award membership level.

The Association wants to help new Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients stay connected to local scouting in general, and to Troop 127 specifically. To do this we will give a free one-year membership to the Association to all new Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients who are members of a LVSAA chartered unit. That's a \$20 savings.

This membership for all Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts includes:

- Voting privileges at general meetings
- Invitations to alumni association events
- Quarterly newsletter announcements

After this first year, annual membership is \$20 per year.

I am happy to report that we have awarded free one-year memberships to the following Eagle Scouts in 2020 and into 2021:

**Omar Ekbote, Aaron Friedman, Ethan Goldenberg, Christian Gulbrandsen, Matthew Jarecky, David Kempton, Kaysan Lange, Calvin Lee, Cameron Lloyd, Luca McDonnell, Evan Micelotta, Mitchell Prokey, Tyler Rush, and Vipul Sangaraju**

Each received in the mail a welcome letter with a membership card. Association membership should proudly list it on their college applications and resumés.

The Association looks forward to welcoming more Eagle Scouts as members.

## Meet the Association's Newest Board Members



**Ryan Moorman** became an Eagle Scout in July of 2012 after graduating from Agoura High School. He later went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the George Washington University in

Washington D.C. while studying political science and public policy. Ryan worked in various marketing and product roles for nearly 8 years with NGP VAN, a software company that powers the DNC's voter contact and fundraising infrastructure. Ryan has also served as a consultant for nonprofits like the United Nations Foundation, Greenpeace, and the Humane Society of the United States. In 2020, Ryan joined Cameo as a Senior Product Analytics lead where he manages product infrastructure and serves as a product analyst. Recently Ryan moved back to the greater Los Angeles area and joined the Board of Directors of the LVSAA. As a founding member of the LVSAA, Ryan is excited to help grow our organization, promote local scouting, and serve as a trustee in an organization that charters his home troop.



**Adam Wrinkle** earned the rank of Eagle Scout in December 2012. After graduating from Agoura High School, Adam pursued a degree of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University in Indiana. Upon returning to Southern California, Adam got a job

working in the Architectural Engineering industry at Gausman and Moore, designing mechanical systems for buildings. This is an industry Adam first became interested in because of Boy Scouts and is currently working in pursuit of his professional engineering license. As a founding member of LVSAA, Adam recently joined its Board of Directors. He is looking forward to giving back and contributing as part of an organization that provided him with so much opportunity.

### Eagles Nest – Justin Regan

Justin Regan became an Eagle Scout in November of 2009. He went on to graduate from Northern Arizona University and pursue a career in audio journalism. He worked for five years at KNAU, Arizona Public Radio as a reporter and local *All Things Considered* host. In 2018 Justin started his own podcast called *American Rabbi Project*, where he interviews rabbis across the U.S. about their thoughts on the Jewish experience in America. The podcast can be downloaded on all major podcast platforms and at [rabbiproject.com](http://rabbiproject.com). He currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with his fiancée, Beth Vanderstroep.



Justin says scouting was a crucial source of community, friendship, purpose and fun for him during his impressionable teenage years. "It kept me on the right track. And even now in adulthood I keep discovering new examples of how much scouting helped me get to where I am today."

### 2021-2022 LVSAA Officers

**President** - Mike Rupp, **Vice President** - Mike Matthew, **Treasurer** - Bill Regan, **Secretary** - Bob Schuda, **Chartered Organization Representative** - Hal Siegel