

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
June 01, 2024**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (CDR) Larry Griffin opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain (Chap) Jeffrey Benoit gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker. CDR Griffin stated the purpose for us being here and stated the Mission Statement is posted on the wall. CDR Griffin declared the meeting open for business.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: CDR Larry Griffin, Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Ethel Smith, JVC Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Chap Jeffrey Benoit, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, and Officer-of-the-Day Rushton White. Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman was excused. Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. The general body had twenty-five members present.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade John Bucelato to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes for May 04, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade Rodney Young that we dispense with the reading of the May 04, 2024, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Herbert Jones reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for May 2024. The beginning balanced for May 2024 was \_\_\_\_\_ and the ending balance for May 2024 was \_\_\_\_\_.

Treasurer Herbert Jones asked for volunteers for the Budget Committee. The following members volunteered: Comrade John Bucelato, Comrade Mary Benoit, and Comrade Henry Hobdy.

The Treasurer's report will be filed for internal audit.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Reports were given by the chairperson or the respective committee representative for the following committees:

Welfare and Relief: Comrade Rodney Young reported we helped one veteran with late payment on trailer lot fee. (\$1000)

Entertainment: Veteran's Cookout will be September 27, 2024 at Upper County Park. JVC Terrell Lasker stated we need volunteer to help with this project.

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: Comrade Jerome Payton stated that in the month of May 2024, they made contact with 38 veterans and worked claims for 17 veterans.

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated that from 01 January 2024 until 31 May 2024 Chapter 34 has 3016 volunteer hours. Members are not turning in their LVAP hours.

Building Committee: No Report

Social Media: No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Jarl Christensen and seconded Comrade Rushton White to approve the Executive Meeting minutes, with amendments, for May 22, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Jarl Christensen and seconded by Comrade John Bucelato to approved the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes, with amendments, May 22, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

IPC Charles Morris stated we, Chapter 34, need to be seen volunteering in our community more.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated we will be involved in fundraisers, come out and support your chapter.


CDR Larry Griffin stated show respect to each other when speaking; only one at a time.

SVC Ethel Smith asked for volunteers for the Department Women's Committee.

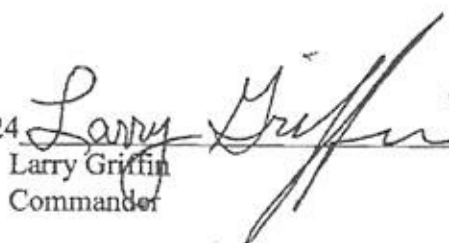
Birthdays: John Bucelato - 27 May  
Marcia Payton - 01 June  
Veranica Jordan - 05 June  
Larry Griffin - 25 June  
Robert Newsome - 26 June  
Curtis Lassiter - 27 June

### CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. CDR Larry Griffin gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Jeffrey Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and CDR Larry Griffin adjourned the General Membership meeting at 10:00 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on August 10, 2024.

  
Veranica Jordan  
Adjutant

01 June 2024

  
Larry Griffin  
Commander

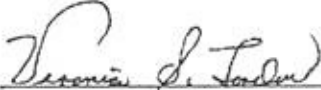
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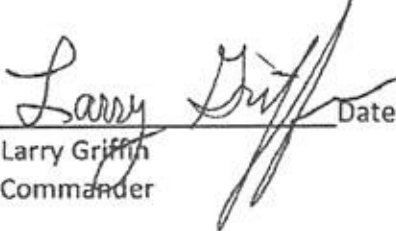
**AMENDMENT TO MAY 22, 2024 EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

Comrade Jarl Christensen made a motion, seconded by Comrade Mary Benoit that the Executive Meeting Minutes be amended to add Treasurer Herbert Jones as a delegate for the 102<sup>nd</sup> DAV National Convention, Phoenix, AZ, 2-6 August 2024. There was a discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Comrade Rodney Young made a motion, seconded by JA Robert Monroe that the Executive Meeting Minutes be amended to state that the delegates be allowed to rent one vehicle, August 1-7, 2024, while in Phoenix, AZ for the National Convention. There was a discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

  
Veranica S Jordan  
Adjutant

Date 01 June 2024

  
Larry Griffin  
Commander

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