

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 01, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (CDR) Larry Griffin opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Comrade Rodney Young gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker. CDR Griffin read the purpose for us being here and Mission Statement 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, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, and Officer-of-the-Day Rushton White. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman were excused. Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. The general body had Twenty-two members present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Treasurer Herbert Jones and seconded by Comrade Jerry Parker that we dispense with the reading of the February 01, 2025, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by JA Robert Monroe and seconded by Comrade Rushton White to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes, February 01, 2025, as written. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones reported the Monthly Chapter Finances for January 2025. The beginning balanced for January 2025 was \$109,182.07, income was \$951.35, disbursements were \$2,827.70, and the ending balance for January 2025 was \$107,305.72.

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

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBERS

JA Robert Monroe conducted the Obligation of New Members to Comrade Larry K. Daily. Officer of the day, Comrade Rushton White, stood with the inductee for the oath.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Welfare and Relief: No Addendum

Internal Audit: No Report

Nominating Committee: IPC Charles Morris stated the position for Senior and Junior Vice Commander is vacant. Interviews for each of the positions will be March 11, 2025 starting at 5 p.m. Treasurer Herbert Jones stated all positions has to be filled.

Entertainment: No Report

Membership Committee: SVC Ethel Smith reported we have 525 Chapter members on the roll.

Thrift Store: No Addendum

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated for February 2025, the CSO's have processed 19 cases. This included completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: No Addendum

Building Committee: IPC Charles Morris stated JVC Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Comrade Rushton White and Comrade Lora Skinner is on the Building Committee.

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe stated the 3rd reading of the Constitution and Bylaws will be today, March 01, 2025.

Budget Committee: No Report

IT: No Report

Web Master: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Reading of the Executive Committee meeting minutes for February 18, 2025 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade James Anderson and seconded by IPC Charles Morris to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes with corrections. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by IPC Charles Morris to rent a van and buy gas to carry Chapter 34's members to the 2025 Department Spring Conference, March 14-16, 2025, each day. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Lora Skinner and seconded Comrade James Anderson to approve per diem for those members going the 2025 Department Spring Conference on the van. There was a discussion and this motion was disapproved by the body.

Discussion was entertained on donations to Department CDCE. A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Charles Morris and seconded by Comrade Rushton White that Chapter 34 donates \$100 to each of the following Department CDCE: Emergency Relief Program, Women Veterans Program, Golden Age Games, Winter Sports Clinic, Homeless Program, Social Media, Wheel Chair Games, and Incarcerated Veteran Committee. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

Comrade James Anderson made a motion that was seconded by Comrade Lora Skinner to approve the 3rd Reading of Chapter 34's Constitution and Bylaws with corrections. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by JVC Terrell Lasker and seconded Comrade Lora Skinner to reimburse Treasurer Herbert Jones for hotel, travel, and per diem paid out of pocket for the DAV National Mid-Winter Conference, February 23-25, in Arlington, VA. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Cdr. Larry Griffin presented MAL Clarence Johnson with a Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done with Welfare and Relief.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

JA Robert Monroe thanked Comrade Jerome Payton, Rushton White, and Robert Newsome for their hard work on the By-Laws Committee.

JA Robert Monroe stated for the last five years we have not had a Safety Officer and that is an important part of our chapter. He stated he hope someone will step up next month with the election of new officers.

Comrade James Anderson stated he had back surgery but is able to be the Safety Officer.

Cdr. Larry Griffin stated be careful with your e-mails and text. There is a group targeting older veterans.

Cdr. Larry Griffin stated it was his honor to serve Chapter 34 for a year. Appreciate the opportunity support given him and support your new commander.

Birthday

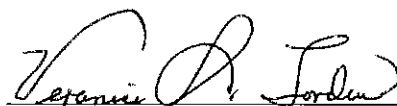
Comrade Wayne Wynne – March 24

Anniversary

Comrade James Anderson – February 17 - 54 years

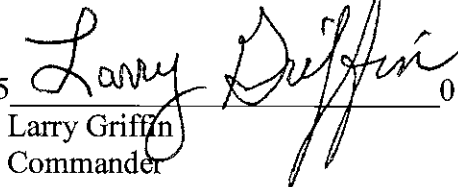
CLOSING CEREMONY

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 1041 hours. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on April 05, 2025, 4 p.m.



Veronica Jordan
Adjutant

01 March 2025



Larry Griffin
Commander

01 March 2025.