

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 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 read the Mission Statement posted on the wall. Judge Advocate Robert Monroe read the Rules of the Meeting. 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 and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman. Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. The general body had eighteen members present.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR

Comrade Rushton White introduced Mr. Vincent Poto. Mr. Poto expanded on his military career and was given an application to join Chapter 34.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Charles Morris and seconded by Comrade Rushton White to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes for June 01, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by SVC Ethel Smith and seconded by JA Robert Monroe that we dispense with the reading of the June 01, 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 July 2024. The beginning balanced for July 2024 was \$110,908.89 and the ending balance for July 2024 was \$106,759.10.

The Executive Board reviewed and approved the budget for the 2024-2025.

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: No Addendum

Internal Audit Committee Comrade Mary Benoit gave the results of the Internal Audit held July 2024. Treasurer Herbert Jones and JA Robert Monroe stated that Comrade Benoit was very detailed and in depth. I concur.

Entertainment: Veteran's Meet and Greet will be September 21, 2024 at Upper County Park from 12-4 p.m. JVC Terrell Lasker stated we will be inviting the Department, all veterans, and DAV Chapters.

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the CSO's has processed 39 cases for July 2024. This included completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated that at the National Convention held in Phoenix Arizona, Virginia won the LVAP award.

Building Committee: IPC Charles Morris stated that Brooks Real Estate placed a requested non-skid ramp at our back door.

C&B Committee: The committee is in the process of updating the bylaws. Please read your C&B and submit any changes you have.

Budget Committee: A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade Robert Newsome for Chapter 34 to review and approve their 2024-2025 Budget. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

CDCE (Center for Development and Civic Engagement): No Report

Social Media: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was entertained and moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by Comrade Robert Newsome to approve the Executive Meeting minutes, with corrections for July 30, 2024 that was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained by Treasurer Herbert Jones and seconded by Comrade Rushton White to not make a decision about Golden Corral Military Appreciation until after JVC Terrell Lasker meet with Department SVC Dwayne Ramey on Tuesday August 13, 2024. There was discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SVC Ethel Smith stated that there will be a Women's Retreat. Date, Time, and place TBA.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated he is the chairperson of the C&B Committee for the Department.

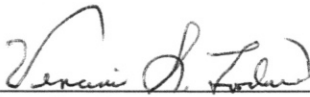
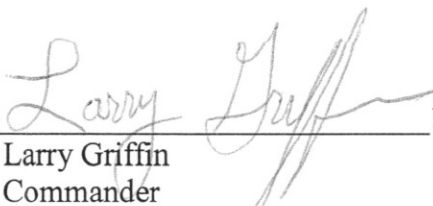
JVC Terrell Lasker stated his Resolution for hypertension was accepted to go to Congress.

Comrade Rushton White stated he is looking for volunteers for the Grievance Committee.

IPC Charles Morris stated we do not have an Awards Committee, but you still can submit nominations on the WEB site. Guidelines for submitting nominees are posted. Cutoff this year is September 26, 2024.

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 September 07, 2024.

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Veranica Jordan		Larry Griffin	
Adjutant		Commander	