

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2024**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (CDR) Larry Griffin opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit 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 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, Ch. Jeffrey Benoit, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, 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 twenty-two members present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Comrade Fred Asbell, US Army.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Gary Suever – Retired Army
Cdr. Pat McNabb – DAVA State
JVC Jennifer Chester - DAVA State
Ch. Darlene Massey – DAVA State
Cdr. Sabrina Yazwinsky – DAVA, Unit 13
Comrade Vicky Thomas – DAVA Unit 34
2nd JVC Marcia Stewart – DAV State

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by JA Robert Monroe to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes for September 07, 2024 as read by Cdr. Larry Griffin. There was a discussion and this motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for September 2024. The beginning balanced for September 2024 was \$112,696.14, income was \$298.64, disbursements were \$12,116.03, and the ending balance for September 2024 was \$100,878.75.

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

AFR is ready to be signed by the Audit Committee and submit to National Headquarters.

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 Report

Entertainment: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: Comrade Jerome Payton stated all CSO's need to participate in the Chapter's events, not just the same one or two participating at all the events. We have families and other obligations also.

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated to turn in your hours for September 2024.

Building Committee: No Report

Bylaws Committee: No Addendum

Budget Committee: No Addendum

IT: No Report

Web Master: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Comrade Robert Newsome and seconded Comrade Ray Miller that the approval for 100 dinners for Thanksgiving and 100 dinners for Christmas be rescinded (July 30, 2024) and replaced with the 14 dinners for Thanksgiving and 14 dinners for Christmas based on the budget. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was made by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade Mary Benoit that Chapter 34 sponsor a membership drive at the 4th Annual Fall Harvest Festival at Elam Baptist Church on October 26, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 13060 The Glebe Lane Charles City, VA 23030. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

NEW BUSINESS

Reading of the Executive Committee meeting minutes for September 24, 2024 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Ruston White and seconded by JA Robert Monroe to approve the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes, with necessary corrections. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was made by Comrade Ruston White and seconded by Robert Hilliard to create a new line item in the budget, Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout (14S); move the remaining funds from the Induction dinner (Line Item 14N) to the new line item (14S) and find \$4,100 in the budget to move to 14S. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

Comrade Rodney Young made a motion that was seconded by Comrade Mary Benoit that the \$4,100 be taken from ER(Emergency Relief - Line Item 14B) budget fund and move to 14S (Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout). There as a discussion on the event and the motion was approved by the body.

Rushton White made a motion that was seconded by Comrade Robert Newsome that \$500 be added to the 2024/2025 Budget for the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail's incarcerated veterans care packets given out for Veteran's Day. There was a discussion, and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comrade Mary Benoit stated that we need to support the event when we vote to have it. We are not getting volunteers to participate at the Golden Corral Military Appreciation that we unanimously approved at the General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated he will check the budget and bring to the Executive Committee and General Membership Committee suggestion to transfer funds for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for our veterans in need.

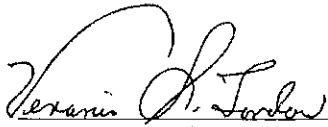
Birthdays:

Mary Benoit – October 11

Robert Monroe – October 18

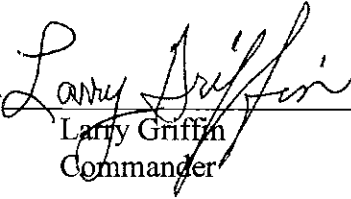
CLOSING CEREMONY

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 11:45 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on November 02, 2024.



Veronica Jordan
Adjutant

12 October 2024



Larry Griffin
Commander

12 October 2024