

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
September 07, 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 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, Ch. Jeffrey Benoit, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Officer-of-the-Day Rushton White and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman. Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson was excused. Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. The general body had twenty-one members present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Comrade Shirley Pinckney, retired US Army.
Comrade Jennifer Robinson-Curry, retired US Army.

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBERS

JA Robert Monroe conducted the Obligation of New Members to Comrade Shirley Pinckney and Comrade Jennifer Robinson-Curry. Officer of the day, Comrade Rushton White, stood with the inductee for the oath.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade Jerry Parker to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes, with corrections, for August 10, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Charles Morris and seconded by Comrade Jerry Parker that we dispense with the reading of August 10, 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 August 2024. The beginning balanced for August 2024 was \$106,759.10, income was \$21,819.22, disbursement was \$15,882.18, and the ending balance for August 2024 was \$112,696.14.

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's widow from Chapter 2 with late mortgage payments (\$418.05). Other Chapters also supported this effort.

Entertainment: No Addendum

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: No Addendum

CSO: No Addendum

LVAP: No Report.

Building Committee: No Addendum

Social Media: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Reading of the Executive Committee meeting minutes for September 3, 2024 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Jerry Parker and seconded by JA Robert Monroe to approve the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes, with necessary corrections. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

Officer of the Day Rushton White addressed the DAV 5K and informed Membership that he is the Captain of the Chapter Team. He asked that all members ensure they sign up under the chapter vice the Department.

IPC Charles Morris addressed 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.

JVC T.C. Lasker made a motion that was seconded by Rushton White that the chapter participates in the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser on 23 September 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 109 Cybernetics Way, Yorktown, VA 23693. There as a discussion on the event and the motion was approved by the body.

JVC T.C. Lasker made a motion that was seconded by Jerry Parker that the chapter participates in the Golden Corral fundraiser starting on September 12, 2024 through 11 November 2024. The agreement is to man a table Thursday – Sunday and any additional time the chapter can support. There as a discussion on the event and the motion was approved by the body.

Treasurer Herbert Jones explained his non-profit organization “By a Vet a Meal”, which he started to address feeding Veteran’s during chapter meetings. For more information goto: www.byavetameal.org.

SVC Ethel Smith made a motion that was seconded by JA Robert Monroe that the four vacant Delegate positions for the DAV Virginia Fall Conference be filled by Jerome Payton, Rushton White, Rodney Young and Robert Newsome. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by the body.


GOOD OF THE ORDER

Robert Hillard suggested that the chapter have someone contact local radio stations to provide a Public Service Announcement (PSA).

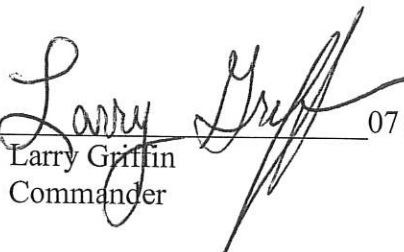
JA Robert Monroe address our mission as DAV members and the need to have speakers attend our monthly meetings and provide meaningful education.

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 10:25 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on October 12, 2024.


Veranica Jordan
Adjutant

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Larry Griffin
Commander

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