DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES May 30, 2023

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the Executive Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Assistant Chaplain Rodney Young gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Vice Commander Larry Grifffin. Cdr. Morris stated that the Mission Statement was posted on our Conference Room wall and stated the purpose for being here and declared the meeting open for business.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present: Cdr. Charles Morris, Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Chaplain Jeffrey Beniot, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Robert Monroe, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith was excused. Assistant Chaplain Rodney Young, Officer of the Day Herbert Jones, and Sergeant-of-Arms Thomas Coleman also attended. The Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting.

Cdr. Morris introduced Ms. Becky Wildenberger from the House of Mercy. Ms. Wildenberger expanded on the programs offered to veterans.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for May 02, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Terrell Lasker report the Monthly Chapter Financial Report will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting on June 3, 2023.

CHAPLAIN

Asst. Ch. Rodney Young reported that a homegoing service was held for Comrade Roosevelt for Comrade Roosevelt White last Friday, May 26, 2023. Comrade Terrell Lasker's father passed and Comrade Veranica Jordan's mother also passed. Chaplain Benoit stated one veteran needed information on HOSPICE.

COMMUNICATION

Adjutant Veranica Jordan stated the Chapter received correspondence from Department Chaplain Coker-Bell thanking us for our help in the past and future and Mrs. Linda King thanked the Chapter for providing an arrangement for her husband, PDC John King, homegoing service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports were given by the chairperson or the respective committee representative for the following committees and these reports will also be given at the General Membership Meeting.

Welfare and Relief: Comrade Rodney Young stated we assisted one veteran with their electric bill of \$349.31.

<u>Bylaws Committee</u>: A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin that the 1st Reading of Chapter 34's Constitution and Bylaws be read on June 3, 2023. Only the changes written in RED will be read at the meeting.

Entertainment: A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by IPC Robert Monroe that the Induction Dinner will be held on September 23, 2023, 6-8 p.m. at the Golden Corral on Bypass Road. The speaker for the evening is General Michael Harrison and the attire is appropriate dress with service cap. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

SVC Larry Griffin stated the Chapter has reserved a booth for the New Kent County Fair, Saturday, August 12, 2023. The booth must be manned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Membership Committee: Comrade Herbert Jones stated the Recruitment Drive will be held in New Kent on August 19, 2023. Announcement of event will be on the local radio station, local newspaper and television.

<u>Thrift Store</u>: Cdr. Charles Morris stated the Department will conduct a Thrift Store meeting on June 14 at the 91st Annual Department Convention in Roanoke, VA.

<u>CSO:</u> Adjutant Jordan stated that 16 cases were completed during May 2023.

LVAP: Please turn in your LVAP forms at the General Membership Meeting) on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

<u>Building Committee</u>: Comrade Clarence Johnson stated the areas in the Chapter office that required attention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin to review the 2023/2024 Chapter Budget at the June 3rd General Membership Meeting. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body.

A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by SVC Larry Griffin and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit that Chapter 34 allocate for refreshments and advertisement for the Recruitment Drive on August 19, 2023. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and second by SVC Larry Griffin that a Homeless/ER Committee Member be reimbursed for using their personal debit card for Homeless/ER expenditures until the Constitution and Bylaws are approved. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Charles Morris gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Jeffery Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Charles Morris adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 5:55 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be August 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Veranica S Jordan

Adjutant

Date 30 May 2023

Charles L. Morris

Commander