

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
October 22, 2024**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Ethel Smith opened the Executive Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris. SVC Ethel Smith stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement as posted on our Conference's Room wall. SVC Smith declared the meeting open for business.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: SVC Ethel Smith, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, IPC Charles Morris, JA Robert Monroe, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Commander (Cdr.) Larry Griffin and Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffery Benoit were excused. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Comrade Rushton White was also at the Executive Committee Meeting.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING**

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Charles Morris and seconded by JVC Terrell Lasker to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for September 24, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Herbert Jones discussed the 2024/2025 Budget and amendments to presented to the General Membership body for approval. The AFR has been submitted and approved by Headquarters.

**CHAPLAIN:** No Report

**COMMUNICATION:**

An e-mail was received from the West Point Chamber of Commerce to thank Chapter 34 for participating at the Crab Carnival and invited us to participate in "Christmas on the Town", December 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. vendor space is \$75.

JVC Terrell Lasker made a recommendation that was seconded by Treasurer Herb Jones that Chapter 34 attend the West Point's Christmas on the Town, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. for vendor space of \$75. There was no discussion, and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body for approval.

## **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: MAL Clarence Johnson reported we assisted two veterans with four incident as of October 22, 2024 for a total of \$950.33.

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Constitution and Bylaws to the Executive Committee and will have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Constitution and Bylaws at the November 02, 2024 General Membership Meeting.

Entertainment: No Report.

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: The Thrift Store Representative Meeting was held at the Fall Conference in Richmond, Virginia, 16 – 20 October 2024. Treasurer Herbert Jones stated “they are doing well”.

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated as of October 22, 2024, the CSO’s had processed 13 cases. This included completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: Please turn in your hours for October 2024.

Building Committee: No Report

Budget: Treasurer Herbert Jones will submit an amendment to the body at the General Membership Meeting, October 22, 2024.

WEB Master: No Report.

IT: No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

IPC Charles Morris stated that Comrade Keith Davis, HVAC Transportation, would like to speak at our General Membership Meeting to let the members know the qualifications of being a driver. We do not have a driver in this area. Comrade Davis will be contacted to talk at the meeting in November. Until a driver is qualified, Peninsula On Aging will provide rides to appointments. SVC Ethel Smith has a handout with all the information.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Birthday: IPC Charles Morris – October 26

MAL Clarence Johnson asked the question "Are we bound by filing standard per diem instead of actual expenditures"? Why? JA Robert Monroe stated he will research this matter.

MAL Clarence Johnson stated that Chapter 34 was recognized for fifth place for LVAP's hours in the State.

SVC Ethel Smith stated the Chapter's 44th Anniversary is November 4. She discussed ideas for recognizing this anniversary and will discuss in further at the General Membership Meeting November 2, 2024.

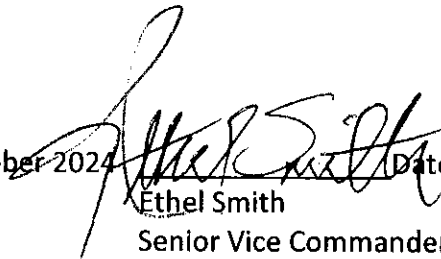
**CLOSING CEREMONY**

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. SVC Ethel Smith gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. JA Robert Monroe closed the meeting with a prayer and SVC Ethel Smith adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be November 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



Veronica S Jordan  
Adjutant

Date 22 October 2024



Ethel Smith  
Senior Vice Commander

Date 22 October 2024