

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
September 24, 2024**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Ethel Smith opened the Executive Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker. SVC Ethel Smith stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement is posted on our Conference Room wall. SVC Smith declared the meeting open for business.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: Commander (Cdr.) Larry Griffin, SVC Ethel Smith, JVC Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Ch. Jeffrey Benoit, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. 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 Ch. Jeffrey Benoit and seconded by Treasurer Herbert Jones to approve the Executive Meeting minutes for September 03, 2024 as written. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Charles Morris and seconded by Ch. Jeffrey Benoit to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for September 03, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Herbert Jones will report the Monthly Chapter Finance for September 2024 at the General Membership Meeting Saturday, October 12, 2024. Treasurer Jones states the CPA has the information for the AFR, but will need to ask for an extension to complete the paperwork.

**CHAPLAIN:** No Report

**COMMUNICATION:** No Report

**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 in September 2024. One veteran we helped with the electric bill and the other veteran with being homeless for a total of \$888.67.

Bylaws Committee: Comrade Ruston White stated Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe will have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Constitution and Bylaws at the November 02, 2024 General Membership Meeting.

Entertainment: Treasurer Herbert Jones stated Chapter 34 went over the budget for the Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout September 21, 2024. The event was a success, but we need to set a cap on amount to spend on this event.

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: The Thrift Store Representative Meeting will be at the Fall Conference in Richmond, Virginia, 16 – 20 October 2024.

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the CSO's has processed 21 cases for September 2024. This includes completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: A report will be given at the General Membership Meeting, Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Building Committee: No Report

Budget: Treasurer Herbert Jones stated money will be moved around in the budget to accommodate the situations and events.

WEB Master: No Report.

IT: No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

IPC Charles Morris made a motion that was seconded by Ch. Jeffrey Benoit that \$500 be added into 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 unanimously approved to carry to the body for approval.

Ch. Jeffrey Benoit made a motion seconded by IPC Charles Morris that \$7,100 be approved for the expenditures of the Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout, September 21, 2024. There was a discussion, and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body for approval.

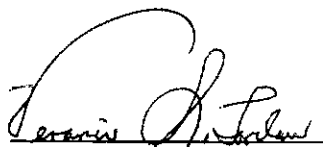
JVC Terrell Lasker stated Chapter 34 will be receiving 10% from the receipts collected at the Texas Roadhouse Steakhouse Fundraiser, Monday, September 23, 2024.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Cdr. Larry Griffin stated the Veteran's Hunt will be November 16, 2024. Participants need to be present between 5-5:30 with their orange hats. The event this year will be cater.

#### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. SVC Ethel Smith gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Jeffery Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and SVC Ethel Smith adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 4:22 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be October 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



Veranica S Jordan  
Adjutant

Date 24 September 2024



Ethel Smith  
Senior Vice Commander

Date 24 September 2024