

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2024**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Larry Griffin opened the Executive Meeting at 3:01 p.m. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffery Benoit gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cdr. Griffin. Cdr. Griffin stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement as posted on our Conference's Room wall. Cdr. Griffin declared the meeting open for business.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present: Cdr. Larry Griffin, SVC Ethel Smith, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker, Ch. Jeffery Benoit, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Treasurer Herbert Jones was absent. Comrade Rodney Young and Comrade Loralie Ephraim-Skinner were in attendance. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by SVC Ethel Smith and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by SVC Ethel Smith and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2024 as written. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones will present the Monthly Chapter Finance Report for November 2024 at the General Membership Meeting Saturday, December 07, 2024.

CHAPLAIN: No Report

COMMUNICATION:

Chapter 34 received a check from Chapter 17 for their portion of the donation from the Texas Road House Event. James City County's Live Well Expo sent an e-mail thanking Chapter 34 for their participation and we received an e-mail with instructions for vendors for the West Point's "Christmas on the Town", December 1st from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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 a veteran with rent as of November 26, 2024 for \$600.00.

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe will have the 1st Reading of the Constitution and Bylaws at the December 07, 2024 General Membership Meeting.

Entertainment: No Report.

Membership Committee: No Report

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated as of November 26, 2024, the CSO's had processed 12 cases. This included completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: Please turn in your hours for November 2024.

Building Committee: The roof of our office building is being replaced starting Monday, November 25, 2024.

Budget: No Report

WEB Master: No Report.

IT: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the motherboard died in the Commander's Office and it was switched with the motherboard the one in the Adjutant's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Thanksgiving Dinner vouchers were given out to 36 veterans November 21 and 22, 2024.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated Chapter 34 will try to sponsor three or four soldiers for the "Home for the Holiday" fund raiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

SVC Ethel Smith made a recommendation and seconded by IPC Charles Morris that Chapter 34 support Chapter 20 with participating in the Christmas Party at the Hampton VA Medical Center's Spinal Cord Unit December 15th at 1 p.m. Chapter 34 will supply the paper goods and refreshments NTE \$150. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated Chapter 34 needs to look into a second bank account for funds other than Thrift Store funds. The Board of Directors will meet November 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. to discuss this matter further.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Correspondence is to come through the Commander or Adjutant.

Any issues concerning Chapter 34 should be brought to the Commander first. Every member has been in the military with a Chain of Command. Use it.

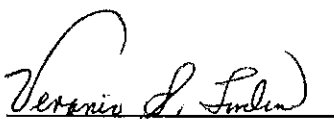
Cdr. Griffin asked JA Robert Monroe to read the six rules of a meeting from the Bylaws (Article 12 – Meetings, Section 5) we are required to follow. These rules were discussed.

Cdr. Larry Griffin passed out a picture to the Executive Committee stating this is us – dysfunctional. Because we are this way, this is how the body sees the Executive Committee. New members don't come back to the meeting. He also stated he will make a list of all the jobs in the Chapter committees, and their function for all members to see for the election in April 2025. This will include the address for the website.

Cdr. Griffin stated when traveling for the State and Chapter, only use one (State or Chapter) for mileage, per diem or meals.

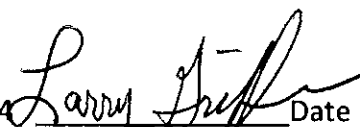
CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Larry Griffin gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Ch. Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Griffin adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 4:44 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be January 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.



Veranica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 26 November 2024



Larry Griffin
Commander

Date 26 November 2024