

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
July 30, 2024**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (CDR) Larry Griffin opened the Executive Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Chaplain (Chap) Jeffery Benoit gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Ethel Smith. CDR Larry Griffin stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement as posted on our Conference Room 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, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Chap Jeffery Benoit, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker and Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris were absent. Comrades Rushton White, Henry Hobdy, and Rodney Young were also present for the meeting. 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 the Executive Meeting minutes for May 21, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones will report the Monthly Chapter Finance for July 2024 at the General Membership Meeting Saturday, August 10, 2024. Treasurer Jones stated the AFR will be submitted this Thursday, August 1, 2024 to National Headquarters.

CHAPLAIN

Comrade Rodney Young stated that Comrade James Anderson had an operation last week and now is at home.

COMMUNICATION:

Adjutant Veranica Jordan stated that Chapter 34 received an invitation to participate in Live Well Expo 2024, November 7, 2024, a letter from Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. for a donation, and a thank you letter from National for our contribution of \$2000 to DAV's Just Be Kids Scholarship.

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: ER Representative Rodney Young stated we assisted Chapter 6 with helping one veteran with rent. (\$486.81)

Internal Audit: Treasurer Herbert Jones received the Internal Audit and will review the report. Comrade Rushton White stated they will be making changes/corrections to the Internal Audit Report.

Bylaws Committee: No Report

Entertainment: The Veterans cook out will be September 21, 2024 at the Upper County Park from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. SVC Ethel Smith stated she is working on finding a food vendor. Treasurer Herbert Jones stated he attended the Chapter 6 cookout and invited the chapter to Chapter 34's Veteran Cookout.

Membership Committee: No report

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the CSO's has processed 32 cases as July 30, 2024. This includes completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: No Report

Building Committee: No Report

Safety: No Report

VAVS: No Report

Budget Committee: Treasure Herbert Jones stated he will e-mail the 24/25 Budget to the Executive Committee this week.

Web Master: No report

IT: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the proposal is under development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SVC Ethel Smith made a motion, seconded by Chap Jeffery Benoit that the Military Appreciation at the Golden Corral beginning August 29, 2024 to November 11, 2024 be taken to the body for consideration. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

SVC Ethel Smith made a recommendation, seconded by Treasurer Herbert Jones that Chapter 34 consider participating in the Live Well Expo at the Recreation Center on November 7, 2024. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

Chap Jeffery Benoit made a recommendation, seconded by SVC Ethel Smith to purchase 100 dinners Thanksgiving and 100 dinners Christmas for veterans in need and cost NTE \$6000 per event. There was a discussion and motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

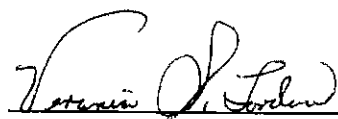
Chap Jeffery Benoit made a recommendation, seconded by SVC Ethel Smith to table the request for a credit card until CDR Larry Griffin and Treasurer Herbert Jones check into this matter with State and Langley Credit Union. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chapter 34's office will be closed August 1, 2024 to August 12, 2024.

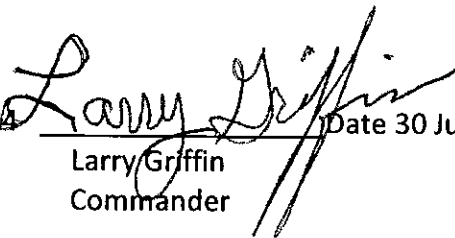
CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. CDR Larry Griffin gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chap Jeffery Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and CDR Larry Griffin adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 5:36 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be August 27, 2024 at 1600 hours.



Veranica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 30 July 2024



Larry Griffin
Commander

Date 30 July 2024