

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Ethel Smith opened the Executive Meeting at 3:00 p.m. with an opening Prayer by Comrade Rodney Young, Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Rushton White lead, the Pledge of Allegiance, Cdr. Smith stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement as posted on our Conference's Room wall. Cdr. Smith declared the meeting open for business.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present: Cdr. Ethel Smith, (SVC) Rushton White, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Larry Griffin, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, ER/Homeless Rodney Young, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Curtis Lassiter and Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffery Benoit were excused. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting.

A motion was entertained and moved by JA Robert Monroe and seconded by IPC Larry Griffin that we dispense with the reading of the September 23, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT: No Report

CHAPLAIN

Comrade Rodney Young reported that JVC Curtis Lassiter is in Riverside Hospital.

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: Comrade Rodney Young reported Welfare and Relief helped two veterans October 2025 and spent \$1,091.09. Also stated that if a veteran comes in or phone for assistance we have to do the intake then if needed pass it on to state.to finish the request.

Internal Audit Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Entertainment: No Report

Membership Committee: SVC Rushton White stated Chapter 34 recruited two new members in October 2025. We need to recruit 22 members to reach our goal.

Thrift Store: Treasurer Herbert Jones received the Thrift Store money, \$25,000 in October 2025.

CSO: SVC Rushton White reported as of October 21, the CSO's made 24 interactions with veterans and spouses.

CDCE: SVC Rushton White reported there will be a Homeless Stand Down Day at Y. H. Tomas Community Center on November 8th. The Hampton VAMC's Christmas Party will be December 14 in the spinal Cord Unit, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the SVC White if you would like to volunteer for either event.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the Building Committee met, Thursday, October 2 at 3:30 p.m. with Ms. Beth Hinson, Realtor Representative. MAL Johnson passed handouts of proposed renovations. This will be passed out to the body at the General Membership Meeting. The Building Committee has a tentative meeting schedule for 3 p.m. on October 27th. MAL Johnson purchased eight new office chairs and one desk for Chapter 34 that arrived October 14. MAL Johnson and Comrade Rodney Young assembled the items.

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe read the recommended changes to the Bylaws at the Executive Meeting. JA Monroe will read these changes at the General Membership Meeting Saturday, November 1st. During the 1st Reading all the changes will be read, no interruptions, no comment, at the end of the reading JA Monroe will ask for a recommendation to approve the Bylaws as written. 2nd Reading the body can comment on what is written before approving.

Budget: Treasurer Herbert Jones presented a Budget Amendment to carry to the body for new chairs and upgrading the computers.

A recommendation was made by JA Robert Monroe and seconded by IPC Larry Griffin that the Budget Amendment, October 2025 be carried to the body for approval. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body.

IT: MAL Clarence Johnson stated he had a discussion with Computer Concept

A recommendation was made by SVC Rushton White and seconded by IPC Larry Griffin that Chapter 34 spend NTE \$10,000 for the purchase of IT Equipment. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body.

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WEB Master: No Report.

LVAP: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SVC Rushton White made a recommendation, seconded by JA Robert Monroe that Chapter 34 send five members to the DAV National Mid-Winter Conference, February 22-25, 2026, in Arlington, Virginia. The five members are: Cdr. Ethel Smith, SVC Rushton White, Treasurer Herbert Jones, JA Robert Monroe, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

SVC Rushton White made a recommendation, seconded by IPC Larry Griffin that Chapter 34 elects members to the Department Spring Conference, March 19-22, 2026, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Executive Committee recommends: Cdr. Ethel Smith, SVC Rushton White, JVC Curtis Lassiter, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Treasurer Herbert Jones, JA Robert Monroe, Ch. Jeffery Benoit, MAL Clarence Johnson, CSO Robert Newsome, and Social Media Jerome Payton. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Thanksgiving meals will be given out November 21. Chapter members can suggest veterans for the meal to Comrade Charles Morris or Adjutant Veranica Jordan starting today.

Treasurer Herbert Jones explained how to fill out checks for Home for the Holiday. (See Upcoming Events List attached)

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated we need to start nominating members from this chapter awards at the department and chapter level.

SVC Rushton White attached a list of upcoming events for the coming months.

IPC Larry Griffin stated he is very satisfied how we are handling the CEC meetings. These CEC meetings are getting better and better

SVC Rushton White updated the Committee on the Charter members attending and not attending the General Membership Meeting on November 1.

Treasurer Herbert stated Chapter 34 has a speaker for the November 1st meeting, Ms. Adrienne Baxter.

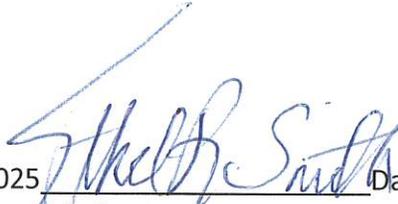
CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Ethel Smith gave a tribute to the fallen veterans and closed the meeting with a prayer. Cdr. Smith adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 4:51 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be November 25, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.



Veronica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 21 October 2025



Ethel R. Smith
Commander

Date 21 October 2025

DAV Chapter 34 upcoming events Nov 2025 – Mar 2026

Ongoing and Upcoming events

- Nov 1, 2025, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Nov 4, 2025, is Chapter 45 anniversary, Celebrating on Nov 1 at the General Membership meeting.
- Nov 8, 2025, Homeless Stand Down Day at Y H Thomas (Community Center in Hampton, located at 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA) **Looking for volunteers.** contact the senior vice commander to volunteer
- • Nov 6, 2025, Veterans Day program 11:00 AM on the Historical Lawn at the Hampton VAMC
- Nov 8 -11, 2025, DAV 5K – Virtual. contact the senior vice commander to join
- Nov 10, 2025, US Marine CORPs birthday
- Nov 11, 2025, 1100 hours, Veteran’s Day Ceremony by the Combined Veteran’s Organization Committee, Location Veterans Tribute Tower (Bell Tower), New Town's Sullivan Square, Discovery Park Blvd, Williamsburg, VA
- Nov 11, 2025, Military Appreciation at Golden Coral, 1600 – until closing, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Nov 15, 2025, DAV Hunt, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140
- Nov 20, 2025, Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution, performed by the Adjutant
- Nov 25, 2025, CEC meeting, 1500 hours. At the Chapter’s meeting room
- Dec 6, 2025, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Dec 7, 2025, West Point Christmas Parade, 1200-1630, parade starts at 1300 hours. In West Point, VA, Main St
- Dec 14, 2025, there will be the Christmas Party at the Hampton VAMC, reporting at 1100 hours **Looking for volunteers working in the Spinal Cord Unit,** contact the senior vice commander to volunteer
- Dec 18 & 19, 2025, Christmas Dinner Distribution, performed by the Adjutant
- Dec 20, 2025, US Space Force birthday
- January 2026 **No General Membership** meeting.

DAV Chapter 34 upcoming events Nov 2025 – Mar 2026

- Jan 27, 2026, CEC meeting, 1500 hours. At the Chapter's meeting room
- Feb 7, 2026, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Feb 22 – 25, 2026, DAV National Mid-Winter Conference, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA
- Feb 24, 2026, CEC meeting, 1500 hours. At the Chapter's meeting room
- Mar 7, 2025, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Mar 19 – 22, 2026, Department Spring Conference, Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, VA
- Mar 24, 2026, CEC meeting, 1500 hours. At the Chapter's meeting room

Membership, we have two new members so far for the month of Oct 2025 as of Oct 30, 2025. Current number of members is 574. 8 new members have been recruited so far this year. Need to recruit 21 additional people.

From the Treasurer

For general donations, write a check to DAV Patrick Henry 34; nothing needs to go into the memo field.

Home for the Holidays, write a check to DAV Patrick Henry 34; "Home for the Holidays" in the memo field.