

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONY

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

A motion was entertained and moved by Treasurer Herbert Jones and seconded by Ch. Jeffery Benoit that we dispense with the reading of the September 06, 2025, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT: No Report

CHAPLAIN

Adjutant Veranica Jordan reported that Comrade Steve Campbell is sick at home.

COMMUNICATION:

Adjutant Veranica Jordan reported Chapter 34 received an email for Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail.

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: No Report

Internal Audit Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Entertainment: The Veteran's Outreach Cookout was a success. Treasurer Herbert Jones stated we should do an After Action Report for the cookout. Chapter 34 is participating in two fairs in October: West Point Crab Carnival, 4 October and New Kent Fall Festival, 11 October.

Membership Committee: SVC Rushton White stated Chapter 34 have 571 members with two new members in September 2025. The Department will have a monthly a zoom meeting October 2, 2025. Chapter 34's Membership Committee will be meeting in the conference room at 3 p.m. tomorrow, 24 September.

Thrift Store: Treasurer Herbert Jones received the Thrift Store money. Money will be received every quarter.

CSO: SVC Rushton White reported as of September 23 the CSO's made 29 interactions with veterans and spouses.

CDCE (VAVS): Next quarterly meeting will be October 11, 2025. SVC White stated the DAV Olympics will be October 1, 2025, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the Historic Lawn at the Hampton VA.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the Building Committee will meet, next Thursday, October, 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Bylaws Committee: Treasurer Herbert Jones submitted a job description for the Assistant Treasurer to the Bylaws Committee.

Budget: Treasurer Herbert Jones stated AFR was submitted and accepted.

IT: MAL Clarence Johnson stated we have modified our contract and do not have a final on it yet.

WEB Master: No Report.

LVAP: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer Herbert Jones made a recommendation, seconded by MAL Clarence Johnson that Chapter 34 has a special ceremony to recognized the four surviving Charter Members of Chapter 34 DAV for the 45th anniversary on November1 at the General Membership Meeting. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

MAL Clarence Johnson made a recommendation, seconded by Treasurer Herbert Jones to present Chapter 34's flag at the Veteran's Day Ceremony, November 11, 2025, 11 a.m., at the Bell Tower. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Herbert Jones made a recommendation, seconded by MAL Clarence Johnson that Chapter 34 donate \$500 to the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail to supply Veteran gift packs for the inmates in their custody. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated we need to nominate this chapter for Department Awards. Treasurer Jones stated he will follow up.

Treasurer Herbert Jones made a recommendation, seconded by Ch. Jeffery Benoit that if Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce has not approved our submission to the Christmas Parade by October 4, General Membership Meeting, that we cancel our support for the parade. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated someone will donate a TV and Air Fryer for raffle at the Golden Corral for Military Appreciation.

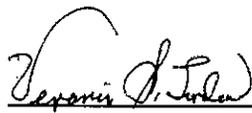
Treasurer Herbert Jones reminded people to register for the Fall Conference if you are planning on attending.

SVC Rushton White explained how to fill out checks for Home for the Holiday

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

CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. SVC Rushton White gave a tribute to the fallen veterans and closed the meeting with a prayer. SVC White adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 3:50 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be October 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.


Date 23 September 2025
Veranica S Jordan
Adjutant


Date 23 September 2025
Rushton White
Senior Vice Commander

DAV Chapter 34 upcoming events Oct – Dec 2025

Ongoing and Upcoming events

- Now until Nov 11, 2025, Golden Coral Still need additional people to volunteer, see the Adjutant about singing up for a spot or call 757-564-3916, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Sep 25, 2025, DAV Birthday, nothing scheduled
- Oct 1, 2025, 1100 to 1300 hours, DAV Olympics at the Hampton VAMC, at the Historical lawn
- Oct 4, 2025, monthly General Membership meeting 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Oct 4, 2024, 43rd Annual West Point Crab Carnival, 10 AM to 6 PM. Parade starts at 1 PM. (in the beautiful downtown waterfront district of West Point).
- Oct 11, 2025, Charles City Fall Festival 10 AM to 5 PM. 8320 Ruthville Rd., Charles City County
- Oct 16 – 19, 2025 - Chesapeake, VA The following members approved for the Conference Commander Ethel Smith, SVC Rushton White, JR Vic CDR Curtis Lassiter, Treasurer Herb Jones, IPC Larry Griffin, Comrade Jerome Payton, Chaplain Jeffery Benit, Comrade Rodney Young, and JA Robert Monroe, Location Delta Hotel by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr.; Chesapeake, VA
- Nov 1, 2025, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Nov 4, 2025, is the Chapter's 45 anniversary, Celebrating on Nov 1 at the General Membership meeting.
- Nov 8 -11, 2025, DAV 5K – Virtual.
- 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 – 2100 hours, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg
- Nov 15, 2025, DAV Hunt, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140
- Nov 20 & 21, 2025, Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution

DAV Chapter 34 upcoming events Oct – Dec 2025

- Dec 7, 2025, Rockin Retro Christmas Parade at 1700 hours. On the wait list to join the parade
- Dec 14, 2025, there will be the Christmas Party at the Hampton VAMC, starting about noon
- Dec 18 & 19, 2025, Christmas Dinner Distribution