

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Ethel Smith opened the Executive Meeting at 3:00 p.m. with an opening Prayer by Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Curtis Lassiter lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Cdr. Smith stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement as posted on our Conference 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, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Curtis Lassiter, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Ch. Jeffrey Benoit, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Larry Griffin, ER/Homeless Rodney Young, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Assistant Treasurer Lora E. Skinner attended the meeting. Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe was 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 JVC Curtis Lassiter and seconded by IPC Larry Griffin that we dispense with the reading of the October 21, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for October 2025. The beginning balance for October was \$116,326.53, income was \$25,274.19, disbursements was \$15,656.52 and ending balance for October 2025 was \$125,944.20.

The Treasurer's report will be filed for internal audit.

CHAPLAIN: No Report

COMMUNICATION: Adjutant Veranica Jordan reported Chapter 34 received a thank you letter for the \$500 donation from the 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: MAL Clarence Johnson read a Summary of Veterans Day Fundraiser. This report will be given at the General membership Meeting.

Membership Committee: SVC Rushton White stated Chapter 34 has recruited 11 new members as of November 25, 2025. The recruitment goal is 29 new members. Chapter 34 needs 18 more members to meet the goal. Comrade Worley and Comrade Rogers were recognized on November 1 as Charter members. Comrade Sisk and Comrade Davis will be recognized when their schedule permits.

Awards Committee: IPC Larry Griffin stated he has an award package for each member of the committee. IPC Griffin will come into the office Monday, December 1, 2025 to contact committee members to set a meeting date.

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: SVC Rushton White reported as of November 25th, the CSO's made 16 interactions with veterans and spouses. SVC White and MAL Clarence Johnson also provided a presentation to the Alzheimer's Association Group, Southeastern Virginia Chapter at the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple.

CDCE: SVC Rushton White reported the Hampton VAMC's Christmas Party will be December 14 in the Spinal Cord Unit, arrive at 11 a.m. Contact SVC White if you would like to volunteer for the event.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson read a summarized report from the Building Committee. MAL Johnson will give this report at the General Membership Meeting, December 6, 2025.

Bylaws Committee: No Report

Budget: No Report

IT: MAL Clarence Johnson discussed the items that still needed to be purchased for Chapter 34 with remaining funds in that account. MAL Johnson also stated that an Inventory database has been started for Chapter 34.

Cdr. Smith stated she would like to have the Key Control List at the General Membership Meeting for people to sign for their keys.

WEB Master: No Report.

LVAP: Cdr. Smith asked you to submit your hours to Comrade Jerome Payton so Chapter 34 can receive credit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Cdr. Ethel Smith stated the next chapter election is April 2026 and we would like to have an induction Dinner close after the election. The Executive Committee suggested May 2026. JVC Curtis Lassiter getting a committee together and will bring ideas back to the Executive Committee Meeting.

The Executive Committee suggested September 12, 2026 for the Veteran's Outreach Cookout. The suggested amount to raise for the Veteran's Outreach Cookout is \$4,000. The thrift Store money will not be used. The money will be raised by fundraising and donations.

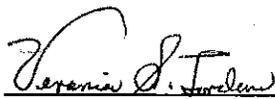
GOOD OF THE ORDER

Treasurer Herbert Jones suggested Member at Large be added to committee reports.

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

CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Ethel Smith gave a tribute to the fallen veterans and Chaplain Benoit 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 January 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.



Veranica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 25 November 2025



Ethel R. Smith
Commander

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DAV Chapter 34 upcoming events Dec 2025 – Apr 2026

Ongoing and Upcoming events

- Dec 6, 2025, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg.
 - Time to start thinking if you would like to be on the nominating committee starting on February 7, 2026
 - Are you interested in holding an elective office? Elections will be held on Apr 4, 2026.
 - Are you interested in serving on one of the committees? Appointments will be made on Apr 4, 2026, after the elections.
 - Are you interested in serving in one of the appointed positions? Appointments will be made on Apr 4, 2026, after the elections.
- Dec 14, 2025, there will be the Christmas Party at the Hampton VAMC, starting about noon **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.
- 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. Must vote on the nominating committee to assist in identifying the candidates for Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and Member- At- Large, during the Apr
- 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
- Apr 4, 2026, General Membership meeting. 0900 hours, Golden Coral, Location 218 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg.