

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONY

Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Rushton White opened the Executive Meeting at 3:00 p.m. with an opening Prayer, 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, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Curtis Lassiter, Treasurer Herbert Jones, , Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, Emergency Relief Chairperson Rodney Young, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Cdr. Ethel Smith and Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Larry Griffin were excused. Chaplain Jeffrey Benoit was absent. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones presented the Monthly Chapter Finance Reports for July 2025. The beginning balance for July was \$116,225.11, income was \$1,837.89, disbursements were \$4,894.07 and the ending balance for July 2025 was \$113,168.93. The AFR is in the process of being done.

CHAPLAIN

Adjutant Veranica Jordan reported IPC Larry Griffin had surgery and now his home recuperating.

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 we assisted one Homeless veteran in August 2025.

Internal Audit Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Entertainment: JVC Curtis Lassiter gave an update on the Veteran's Outreach for 20 September 2025. The Chapter will not be using Chapter or Thrift Store funds. JVC Lassiter stated we need ideas on Christmas Parade. The MOU for Military Appreciation will be sent to the state and we will begin at the Golden Corral on August 29, 2025.

Membership Committee: SVC Rushton White stated we 569 members with one new member and one transferred in member this month. Chapter 34's quota for this year is 29 new members.

Thrift Store: Treasurer Herbert Jones received the Thrift Store money for May and June 2025. Money will be received every quarter.

CSO: SVC Rushton White reported as of August 26, 2025 the CSO's made 18 interactions with veterans and spouses.

CDCE (VAVS): Next quarterly meeting will be October 11, 2025. SVC White stated he has not received any update on events being held at Hampton VA. He will follow up with them. SVC White will send the Adjutant a list of phone numbers of people who are interested in being drivers so they can contact the people at the Hampton VA, CDCE - 757-722-9961 ext. 3124 or Atalaya Horton-Keys at 757-728-3148 Members with diabetes can be drivers as long as it is controlled.

Building Committee: No Report

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe stated the committee is planning on having a first reading of the Bylaws at the in November 2025 General Membership Meeting. Three recommendations for changes have been submitted to date. If any member has a recommendation for a change, please see a member of the Bylaws Committee.

Budget: Treasurer Herbert Jones stated we will be making changes on the categories. on Chapter 34's AFR.

IT: No Report

WEB Master: No Report.

LVAP: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

JVC Curtis Lassiter made a recommendation, seconded by Treasurer Herbert Jones that the June 14, 2025 General Membership Minutes for the 43rd Annual West Point Crab Carnival 2025 be changed from disapproval to approval. There was not 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 to make changes in the category lines on the budget to correspond with the lines on the National AFR. There was no discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SVC Rushton White stated for general knowledge the chapter anniversary is November 4, 2025. The remaining four charter members are willing to participate in an event. This will be discussed in more detailed at the next meeting. We will have a General Membership Meeting November 1, 2025.

SVC White stated the Veterans' Day Ceremony will be at the Bell Tower on November 11, 2025 at 11 a.m. Do we want to carry our flag to the ceremony?

SVC White stated the graves will be marked at Memorial Park on November 6, 2025 for Veterans' Day.

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 4:00 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be September 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.



Veronica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 26 August 202



Rushton White
Senior Vice Commander

Date 26 August 2025