

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
September 03, 2024**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (CDR) Larry Griffin opened the Executive Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Terrell Lasker 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 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, SVC Ethel Smith, JVC Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Charles Morris, Judge Advocate Robert Monroe and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Comrade Ruston White was also at the Executive Committee meeting. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffery Benoit was absent. 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 IPC Charles Morris to approve the Executive Meeting minutes for July 30, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by SVC Ethel Smith and seconded by IPC Charles Morris to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for July 30, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Herbert Jones will report the Monthly Chapter Finance for August 2024 at the General Membership Meeting Saturday, September 7, 2024.

CHAPLAIN: No Report

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: MAL Clarence Johnson reported we did not assist a veteran in August 2024.

Bylaws Committee: JA Robert Monroe stated the committee is still working on the Bylaws. The committee will have a closed Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Entertainment: Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout is September 21, 2024. Please RVSP by September 13, 2024 to the Adjutant. Flyers are available for Chapter members to distribute.

Membership Committee: IPC Charles Morris stated that Chapter 34's goal was not met for recruitment membership year. Chapter 34's goal was 555, we did 552.

Thrift Store: Treasurer Herbert Jones stated Chapter 34 received it's \$20,000 from the Thrift Store.

CSO: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the CSO's has processed 25 cases for August 2024. This includes completing DIC and insurance cards.

LVAP: A report will be given at the General Membership Meeting, Saturday, September 7, 2024.

Building Committee: No Report

Grievance: No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated that Chapter 34 was doubled billed for the hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Each delegate should make their own reservation for future hotels.

We have the final invoice from Colonial Heritage Club for the Induction dinner in February 2024. MAL Clarence Johnson will deliver the final payment to Colonial Heritage Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Charles City Fair is September 14, 2024, at the Charles City Public School Grounds, 10039 Courthouse Road from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. We are required to bring tent, table and chairs. Cdr. Larry Griffin and IPC Charles Morris will make sure equipment is picked up from the office the day before the event.

The 42nd Annual Crab Carnival will be October 5, 2024, Downtown West Point. Vehicle should be off Main Street by 8:30 a.m. Vendors leaving before 6 p.m. will not be allowed back. IPC Charles Morris will pick up the day before event, map, parking passes, and other pertinent information. Cdr. Larry Griffin and IPC Charles Morris will pick up from the office the equipment needed for the event.

SVC Ethel Smith made a recommendation, seconded by IPC Charles Morris to change the General Membership Meeting from October 5, 2024 to October 12, 2024. This will allow the Chapter to participate at the Crab Carnival. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body for approval.

JVC Terrell Lasker made a recommendation, seconded by IPC Charles Morris that the Delegates make their own reservations for their hotel stay for Conferences and Conventions until the new Constitution and Bylaws for Chapter 34 are approved. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body.

The Following are delegates for the 2024 Department Fall Conference, October 16 – 20, 2024 in Richmond, Virginia: Cdr. Larry Griffin, SVC Ethel Smith, JVC Terrell Lasker, Treasurer Herbert Jones, IPC Charles Morris, JA Robert Monroe, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated he is working on a google group: davchapter34davmembers. This will allow the Adjutant to send one e-mail to all the members.

JVC Terrell Lasker stated he and Adjutant Veranica Jordan will be meeting with the General Manager of the Golden Corral tomorrow, August 4, 2024, 4 p.m. to discuss Military Appreciation.

IPC Charles Morris stated we will be participating in a Membership Drive at Elam Baptist Church in Charles City. Date and Time will be announced at the next meeting.

The James County Parks & Recreation's Live Well Expo!, 5301 Longhill Road, is November 7, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Booth area will be ready for set-up at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2024 and we need to have our table set-up by 8:30 a.m.

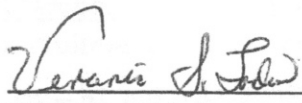
GOOD OF THE ORDER

Treasurer Herbert Jones stated that buyavetameal.org was launched July 1, 2024.

Cdr. Larry Griffin thanked SVC Smith and JVC Lasker for their work together on the Veteran's Meet and Greet Cookout on September 21, 2024.

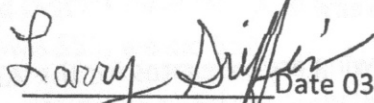
CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Larry Griffin gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. JVC Terrell Lasker closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Larry Griffin adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 5:15 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be September 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.



Veranica S Jordan
Adjutant

Date 03 September 2024



Larry Griffin
Commander

Date 03 September 2024