

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
May 02, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the Executive Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Chaplain Jeffery Benoit gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Immediate Past Commander Robert Monroe. Cdr. Morris stated that the Mission Statement that was posted on our Conference Room wall and our purpose for being here and declared the meeting open for business.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: Cdr. Charles Morris, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Chaplain Jeffery Benoit, Immediate Past Commander (IPC) Robert Monroe, Member-At-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin and Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith were excused. Officer of the Day Herbert Jones, Sergeant-of-Arms Thomas Coleman also attended. The 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 IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Ch. Jeffery Benoit to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for March 28, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Terrell Lasker report the beginning balance for April 2023 was \$96,782.67 and the ending balance as was \$85,634.04. The Monthly Chapter Financial Report will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting on May 6, 2023. Thrift Store Report has been completed.

**CHAPLAIN**

Chaplain Jeffery Benoit reported that Comrade Rodney Young will be an Assistant Chaplain for Chapter 34.

Adjutant Veranica Jordan stated the Chapter received communication of PDC John King's passing, a donation for Camp Corral and the VA Richmond has opened a Women's Health Clinic.

Chaplain Benoit stated he attended a ceremony for changing the name of Fort Lee to Fort Gregg-Adams.

### **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 left a message stating "We did not assist any veterans for the month of April".

Bylaws Committee: IPC Robert Monroe stated his committee consisting of himself, Comrades Jerome Payton and Robert Newsome. The committee has received six changes to the Bylaw to date. IPC Monroe stated he is still waiting on feedback.

Entertainment: No Report.

Membership Committee: Comrade Herbert Jones stated the Forum for last Saturday "went very well". This was a Great group act by SVC Larry Griffin, Chaplain Jeffery Benoit, Speakers and James City County Recreation Center. Comrade Jones also states this should take place every year around April and August

Thrift Store: Cdr. Charles Morris stated the Thrift Stores will have a meeting June 14 at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Department Convention in Roanoke, VA. Department Adjutant stated that veterans can't volunteer at DAV Thrift Stores.

CSO: Adjutant Jordan stated that 13 cases were completed for April 2023.

LVAP: Please turn in your form at GMM (General Membership Meeting) on Saturday, May 6.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by IPC Robert Monroe to reduce the number of days that the Chapter Office will be open from 5 to 4 days a week. This motion did not receive a second to carry to the body.

A motion was made by Treasurer Terrell Lasker to change the CSO schedule. This motion did not receive a second to carry to the body.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit for the DEC, ADEC, Chaplain, JVC and MAL to attend the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Department Convention, 14-19 June 2023, at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke, VA. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit that the Chapter donate \$100 to each Department VAVS: Department Service Commission, Emergency Relief Program, Women Veterans Program, Golden Age Games, Employment Committee, Winter Sports Clinic, Homeless Program, Social Media, Wheel Chair Games, and Incarcerated Veteran Committee. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body with one opposed

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit that Chapter 34 send five members to the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual DAV National Convention, 05-08 August 2023, at the Harrah's Atlantic City, NJ. They are: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, and Adjutant. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and second by Treasurer Terrell Lasker that the decision for mode of travel be tabled until the next Executive Meeting. There was a discussion and motion was approved to carry

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit for the Social Media Chairperson, Chaplain, Member-At-Large, Immediate Past Commander and a CSO, in that order of precedence to attend the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual DAV National Convention, 05-08 August 2023 as an Alternate. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and IPC Robert Monroe that Chapter 34 will donate \$2000 to Camp Corral. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by MAL Clarence Johnson that Chapter 34 purchase a 2-draw, lock and key file cabinet for CSO usage. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that a forum be held in New Kent County, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 19 August to increase knowledge and membership of the DAV. There was a discussion and this item was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit to pay registration fee NTE \$100 for each County Fairs located at Charles City, New Kent and West Point. There was a discussion and this motion was approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Chaplain Jeffrey Benoit that Chapter 34 purchase items to be given away at fairs and membership recruitment events for NTE \$2500. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Treasurer Terrell and seconded by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit that the Executive Committee Meeting be changed to 1 August 2023 and the General Membership Meeting be changed to 12 August 2023. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Treasurer Terrell Lasker that the Constitution and Bylaws first reading be conducted 3 June 2023 and the second reading be conducted on 12 August 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and seconded by IPC Robert Monroe to approve a Resolution to "Support Legislation Authorizing Disabled American Veterans to park free of charge at all airports in the State of Virginia. (see attachment) There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Treasurer Terrell Lasker that the Induction Dinner for 2023 be held at the Golden Corral in September at a date to be determined. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

IPC Robert Monroe stated CVOC (Combined Veteran Organization Committee) 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Celebration is 29 May 2023. A flyer is attached with more information on the event.

Chaplain Jeffery Benoit stated he is an Ordained Minister.

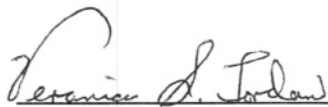
A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Jeffery Benoit and second by IPC Robert Monroe that the Executive Meeting be moved back one week to give chapter's members a chance to read the minutes before the meeting. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

MAL Clarence Johnson expanded on service render to a veteran and wife who walked into the office.

IPC Robert Monroe reminded the committee/chaplain that we need to purchase flowers for deceased PDC John King.

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Charles Morris gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Jeffery Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Charles Morris adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 6:28 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be May 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.



Veranica S Jordan  
Adjutant

Date 02 May 2023



Charles L. Morris  
Commander

Date 02 May 2023