

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 02, 2024**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin. Cdr. Morris stated the purpose for us being here and stated the Mission Statement is posted on the wall. Cdr. Morris declared the meeting open for business.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present: Cdr. Charles Morris, Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Officer-of-the-Day Herbert Jones and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman. Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith, Immediate Past Commander/ Judge Advocate Robert Monroe were excused. General Membership Committee (GMC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Nineteen members were present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes for February 03, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by Ch. Jeffrey Benoit and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin that we dispense with the reading of the February 03, 2024, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR

Cdr. Morris recognized our visitor, Past Commander John Grower Yeager, Chapter 5, Gulfport, Mississippi and Ulysses Byrd, a disable veteran inviting to the meeting by Comrade Curtis Lassiter.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for February 2024. The beginning balanced for February 2024 was 97,249.03 and ending balance for February 2024 was \$114,988.49

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

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Ch. Jeffrey Benoit stated IPC Robert Monroe is no longer in the hospital, but recuperating at home.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports were given by the chairperson or the respective committee representative for the following committees:

Welfare and Relief: One veteran was helped with rent.

Entertainment: Induction dinner was enjoyed by all that attended.

Membership Committee: SVC Larry Griffin and Ch. Jeffrey Benoit stated Chapter 34 will participate at the Brookeshire Meet and Greet on March 12, 2024, 12 p.m. Colonial Down's Rosie's Casino. SVC Larry Griffin also the members on duty will be in uniform (Garrison cap, red shirt, dark blue/black pants, and black shoes).

Thrift Store: Thrift Store meeting will be held during the Spring Conference in Harrisonburg, VA., 20 March 2024.

CSO: During the month of February 2024 the CSO's helped 38 veterans.

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated that every member at this meeting should be turning in a LVAP Form for February, not March 2024.

Building Committee: No Addendum

Constitution and Bylaws: No Addendum

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was entertained and moved by Officer-of-the-Day Herbert Jones and seconded by Comrade Rushton White to approve the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for February 26, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded Ch. Jeffrey Benoit to approve the Executive Meeting minutes for February 26, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

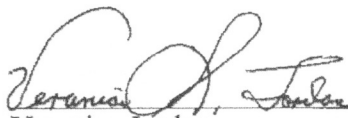
Cdr. Charles Morris stated that Treasurer Terrell Lasker will go to the Conference in Harrisonburg, VA if JVC Ethel Smith is unable to attend.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

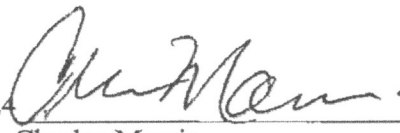
Birthdays: 09 March – Robert Hilliard
24 March – Wayne Wynne

CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Commander Charles Morris gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Jeffrey Benoit closed the meeting with a prayer and Commander Charles Morris adjourned the General Membership meeting at 9:25 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on April 06, 2024 for election of Executive Committee Members.


Veronica Jordan
Adjutant

02 March 2024


Charles Morris
Commander

02 March 2024