

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2023**

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 Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith. 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, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Chaplain (Ch.) Jeffrey Benoit, Immediate Past Commander (IPC)/Judge Advocate (JA) Robert Monroe, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Officer-of-the-Day Herbert Jones and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman. 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 IPC Robert Monroe that we dispense with the reading of the September 09, 2023, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported that the September Monthly Chapter Finance Report covered the period September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023. The beginning balance was \$98,810.09, income was \$199.41, disbursement was \$3,104.65, and the ending balance was \$95,904.85.

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

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: No Addendum

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBER

Officer of the Day, Comrade Herbert Jones escorted Comrade Henry Hobdy to the rostrum to receive the DAV, New Chapter Member Obligation. On behalf of the Chapter Commander, Comrade Robert Monroe, Immediate Past Commander, administered the Obligation to Comrade Henry Hobdy.

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

Welfare and Relief: Comrade Rodney Young stated the Chapter helped one veteran with \$300 for rent through the Department.

Entertainment: No Report

Membership Committee: SVC Larry Griffin stated EBC Fall Harvest Festival will be held October 28, 2023 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Charles City. SVC also stated the Hunt will be November 18, 2023 at New Kent Forestry. Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m., the hunt will begin at 8 a.m. and lunch will also be served.

Thrift Store: Cdr. Charles Morris stated a Thrift Store Meeting was held at the Fall Conference in Richmond, Virginia. The Thrift Store is making more money, but the employees' salaries were increased, also. They are planning to increase ER and Welfare and relief to \$1000 each.

CSO: Comrade Ethel Smith stated she will get the number of cases and report at the next meeting.

LVAP: Turn in your hours for September 2023.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson stated that he need to identify the five chairs that need to be replaced. Please mark them.

A motion was entertained and moved by Officer-of-the Day Herbert Jones and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith to approve purchasing and installing a surveillance camera at the front door at Chapter 34 and change the lock. There was discussion and motion was approved by the body.

Constitution and Bylaws: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

The reading of the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) minutes dated September 26, 2023 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by Chaplain Jeffrey Beniot and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith for the Body to accept and approve the ECM Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin that JVC Ethel Smith be approved as a Delegate at the Department Fall Conference, held 12 to 15 October 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Community Of Faith will start housing the homeless starting next month and continue until May 2024.

IPC Robert Monroe highlighted several topics from the Fall Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

JVC Ethel Smith reminded the members of the 5K Walk team we have. MAL Clarence Johnson has the link.

Treasurer Terrell Lasker highlighted topics of the Fall Conference in Richmond. Also reminded members to participate in the ongoing Corral Military Appreciation event.

Birthdays - October 18 – IPC Robert Monroe
October 26 – Charles Morris

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 10:00 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on November 04, 2023.

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| Veranica Jordan | | Charles Morris | |
| Adjutant | | Commander | |