

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 03, 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 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, Member-at-Large (MAL) Clarence Johnson, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, Officer-of-the-Day Herbert Jones and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coleman. Immediate Past Commander/Judge Advocate Robert Monroe was excused. General Membership Committee (GMC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Twenty-six members were present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by Comrade Jerry Parker to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes for January 06, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin that we dispense with the reading of the January 06, 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, Ms. Morgan Yeager, Lead Cemetery Representative for Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veteran Cemetery. Ms. Morgan talked about applying for and the different things happening at the Cemetery.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for January 2024. The beginning balanced for January 2024 was \$100,917.53 and ending balance for January 2024 \$97,249.03.

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: No Addendum

Entertainment: No Addendum

Membership Committee: SVC Larry Griffin presented a one minute platform for membership by Comrades Jerome Payton, Rushton White, and Robert Newsome.

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

CSO: JVC Ethel Smith stated during the month of January the CSO's helped 60 veterans, due to one member is allowed to work cases at home. If you have questions about your benefits, please call the office.

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

Comrade Herbert Jones spoke on project buyavetameal.org. This project should be up and running the middle of the year.

Building Committee: No Addendum

Constitution and Bylaws: No Addendum

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded Comrade Jerry Parker to approve the Executive Meeting minutes for January 29, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Jerry Parker and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for January 29, 2024. There was no discussion and this motion was approved.

Cdr. Charles Morris appointed Comrade Jasper Edmond as Head Teller.

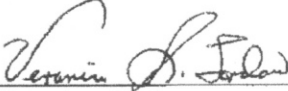
Comrade Nate Wharton stated we should be contacting our elderly members and let them know we care. Ch. Jeffrey Benoit stated to see him if you are interested in getting involved with this project.

GOOD OF THE ORDER


Treasurer Terrell Lasker talked about the benefits of signing-up for CAN: Veterans supporting veterans.

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 9:45 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on March 02, 2024.


Veronica Jordan
Adjutant

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Charles Morris
Commander

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