

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr) Charles Morris opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain Rodney Young gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Vice Commander Ethel Smith. Commander Charles Morris read the DAV Mission Statement, stated the purpose of the meeting, and declared that the meeting was open for business.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The following officers were present: Commander Charles Morris, Senior Vice Commander Larry Griffin, Junior Vice Commander Ethel Smith, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Chaplain Rodney Young, IPC Robert Monroe. Member-At-Large Curtis Lassiter, Judge Advocate Ronald Christian, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan were excused. The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Thirteen Chapter members and four visitors were present in the Body.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Officer of the Day, Comrade Herbert Jones introduced two first-time visitors: Comrade Russell White and Comrade Grover Logan.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Junior Vice Commander Ethel Smith and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones that we dispense with the reading of the January 7, 2023, General Membership Meeting minutes. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported that the Chapter Monthly Financial Report covered the period January 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023. The beginning balance for January 1, 2023, was [REDACTED] and the ending balance for January 31, 2023, was \$ [REDACTED].

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

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Chaplain Young stated that Adjutant Veranica Jordan had an operation this past Thursday, February 2, 2023, but may be coming home today, February 4, 2023. Chaplain Young also stated that he attempted to get in touch with Comrade James Anderson but was not able to do so. He also recommended that if any chapter member is aware of another chapter member being sick, please inform him and the chapter so that we can assist them and keep them lifted up in prayer.

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBER

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

Johnson. Commander Charles Morris provided a few remarks and requested that the new member live up to his obligation and take part in Chapter Activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welfare and Relief Committee: No report. Chaplain Young stated that the Chapter did not receive any requests from needy veterans for assistance.

ByLaws Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: Senior Vice Commander Larry Griffin, Membership Chair, stated that the Chapter is making slow progress in membership. He also stated that the James City County Recreation Center Program Coordinator, Ms. Amy Fidor has agreed to allow the Chapter to have an event (Chapter Membership Drive) in one of their rooms on 15 April 2023 from 1100-1300 to recruit and serve veterans.

Entertainment Committee: No Report

CSO: Junior Vice Commander Ethel Smith stated that the Chapter CSOs completed 10 cases during the month of January 2023.

LVAP: LVAP hours should be turned in to cover January 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023. Comrade Jerome Payton, stated that most chapter members at the meeting today were also present at the January 7, 2023, General Membership Meeting. Therefore, they should at least turn in an LVAP form for those hours spent at the January 7, 2023, General Membership Meeting.

Thrift Store: No report. Commander Charles Morris stated that a Thrift Store meeting will be held at the upcoming DAV Department of Virginia Spring Conference and he will provide a Thrift Store Report at the first Chapter General Membership Meeting following the Spring Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was entertained and moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Senior Vice Commander Larry Griffin for the Chapter to hold a Membership Drive at the James City County Recreation Center on April 15, 2023, 1100-1300. There was a discussion and the motion was approved by the Body.

The reading of the Chapter Executive Committee Meeting minutes dated January 31, 2023, was read by Acting Adjutant Robert E Monroe. A motion was made and moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Senior Vice Commander Larry Griffin for the Body to accept and approve the CEC Minutes with corrections. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - None

CLOSING CEREMONY

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Commander Charles Morris gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Rodney Young closed the meeting with a prayer and Commander Charles Morris adjourned the General Membership meeting at 10:55 a.m. The next General Membership meeting will be conducted on March 4, 2023.

Robert E. Monroe
Acting Adjutant

4 February 2023

Charles Morris
Commander

4 February 2023