

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
November 04, 2023**

OPENING CEREMONY

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the meeting at 9:02 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. Twenty-three members were present.

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBER

Officer of the Day, Comrade Herbert Jones escorted Comrade Michael Bernard 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 Michael Bernard.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith that we dispense with the reading of the October 21, 2023, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR

Cdr. Morris recognized our visitors; Department 2nd Junior Vice Commander Dwayne Ramsey and Independent Insurance Broker, Ms. Ebony Brown.

Ms. Brown gave general information on the different types of health insurance available for veterans now during the Medicare Open Enrollment 2024 season.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported that the October Monthly Chapter Finance Report covered the period October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023. The beginning balance was \$[REDACTED], income was \$300.61, disbursement was \$[REDACTED], outstanding checks were \$[REDACTED] and the ending balance was \$[REDACTED].

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

A motion was entertained and moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Comrade White that the Body approve the changes in the 2023/2024 Budget. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Benoit reported that we have one member, Walter Dandridge, in the Consulate Nursing home in room 325.

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 Report

Entertainment: No Report

Membership Committee: SVC Larry Griffin stated EBC Fall Harvest Festival was held October 28, 2023 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Charles City with a great turn out of members to assist the veterans.

Thrift Store: No Report

CSO: Comrade Ethel Smith stated that the Chapter CSOs assisted 31 veterans with their disability claim in September 2023 and 13 veterans in October 2023.

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated that every member at this meeting should be turning in a LVAP Form for October 2023.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson stated that The computers in Chapter 34's Office need to updated. MAL Johnson will have a report for body at the next Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, January 4, 2024.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith to approve purchasing at small table, NTE \$100, for veterans to use for self-help. There was a discussion and motion was approved by the body.

Constitution and Bylaws: SVC Monroe stated the chapter is still waiting on Department and National to approve The Bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

The reading of the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) minutes dated October 24, 2023 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones for the Body to accept and approve the ECM Minutes with correction. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

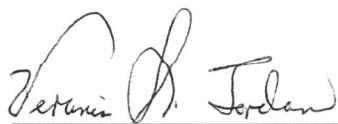
GOOD OF THE ORDER

Department 2nd Junior Vice Dwayne Ramsey discussed several topics from the Fall Conference that of great concern to the chapter.

JVC Ethel Smith reminded the members of the 5K Walk team we have. JVC Smith stated that if you want to join to see her after the meeting.

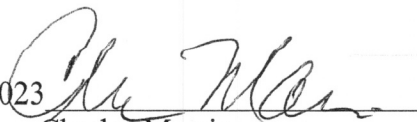
CLOSING CEREMONY

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 January 06, 2024.



Veranica Jordan
Adjutant

04 November 2023



Charles Morris
Commander

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