

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 2022**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (Cdr) Robert Monroe opened the General Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain Rodney Young gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Robert Monroe. Cdr. Monroe read the Recognition of POW/MIA's, and the Rules of the General Membership Meeting. Commander Monroe stated the purpose for us being here and read the Mission Statement and declared the meeting open for business.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: Cdr. Robert Monroe, Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris, Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin, Chaplain Rodney Young, Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Judge Advocate Ronald Christian, Officer of the Day Herbert Jones and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Imm Past Cdr. John Yakshe, MAL James Anderson, and Sgt- of- Arms Thomas Coleman were excused. The General Membership Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting and also had a quorum of the body present to conduct the meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR**

Cdr Monroe recognized our visitor Gweneda Whiting, retired Army.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A motion was entertained and moved by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin and seconded by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris to dispense with the reading of the General Membership Meeting minutes for November 13, 2021. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported beginning balance for December 2021 was \$95,774.77 and ending balance was \$108,347.05.

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

**CHAPLAIN**

Chaplain Rodney Young reported that MAL James Anderson is home from the hospital. MAL also lost his father. We will keep him and all our Comrades in our prayers.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Adjutant Jordan reported that Chapter 34 received Holiday Greeting and Thank You Cards from organizations and individuals we have helped during the year 2021.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Membership Committee: Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris stated the committee have not gotten together to discuss calling Chapter's members due to sickness with committee's members.

Building Committee: A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin and seconded by Comrade Robert Hillard that we used the funds we receive from National each year to help the manager of our office install a rear exit door. Each year Chapter 34 received approximately \$894.00 from National. There was a discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body. The Chapter will pay \$1,306.25 which is 50% of the cost to install the door.

Thrift Store Committee: Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris stated there will be a Thrift Store Meeting at the beginning of the Spring Conference in Virginia Beach.

Military Appreciation: Treasurer Lasker will check with Department Sr. Vice Cdr. Mitchell concerning funds collected during Military Appreciation Month.

LVAP: Cdr. Monroe reminded member to turn in December 2021 hours.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer Lasker discussed the 2021-2022 Budget with the body, that was approved at the November 13, 2021 General Membership Meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

The reading of the Executive Committee (EC) Minutes dated January 11, 2022 was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by Comrade Ethel Smith and seconded by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris to accept the EC Minutes as written. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body.

Cdr. Robert Monroe stated for the Chapters members to do the best you can concerning maintaining a presence at the office. It is not productive for a member to sit the office eight hours answering phone calls and waiting for someone to walk in based on the number of people we serve per month. This is not a Department's Policy, it is a National's Policy.

Adjutant Veranica Jordan read the letter from Audit Chairperson Curtis Lassiter appointing Comrades Anthony Conyers and Melvin D. Jackson as Audit Committee's Members. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris and seconded by Comrade Ethel Smith that we accept Comrade Curtis Lassiter recommendations. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body.



A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin and seconded by Treasurer Terrell Lasker that we appoint Comrade Ethel Smith as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body. Comrade Ethel Smith will appoint her committee members.

Cdr. Robert Monroe conducted the installation of Sr. Vice Cr. Charles Morris and Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin as members of The Constitution and By Laws Committee, Chairperson Curtis Lassiter, Anthony Conyers, and Melvin D. Jackson of the Audit Committee, and Chairperson Ethel Smith of the Nominating Committee.

A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Jr. Vice Cdr Larry Griffin and seconded by Adjutant Veranica Jordan that the following members from the body attend the 2022 Spring Conference at Virginia Beach, March 10-13, 2022: Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Comrades Ethel Smith, Jerome Payton, and Marcia Payton. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body.

A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Comrade Ethel Smith and seconded by Jr. Vice Larry Griffin that Treasurer Terrell Lasker be paid mileage to travel to and from the Spring Conference each day. There was discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin stated he is proud of the Chapter and to be a member. We do good working together.

Comrade Ethel Smith stated we need to reach out to members that use to be active members of this organization. This starts at the top with the Commander. Comrade Herbert Jones stated he would help draft the letter and make phone calls to Chapter members.

A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin to transfer funds, \$17,000, from The Money Market Account to The CD Account to obtain a higher interest rate. There was discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the body.


**CLOSING CEREMONY**

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Robert Monroe gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Rodney Young closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Robert Monroe adjourned the General Membership Meeting at 1030 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be February 5, 2022 at 0900 hours.



Veranica Jordan  
Adjutant

Date 15 January 2022



Robert Monroe  
Commander

Date 15 January 2022