

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
January 06, 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 members were present.

**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 November 04, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander Rich Lehmann, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Commander Dwayne Ramsey and Retired Army Colin Cummings.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported the Monthly Chapter Finance for November and December 2023. The beginning balanced for November 2023 was \$88,211.13 and ending balance for November was \$103,274.40. The beginning balance for December 2023 was \$103,274.40 and the ending balance for December 2023 was \$100,919.73.

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

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Herbert Jones and seconded by SVC Larry Griffith 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:** No Addendum

**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: 2nd Junior Vice Dwayne Ramsey will speak on this subject in the Good of the Order.

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

CSO: No Addendum.

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

Building Committee: No Addendum

Constitution and Bylaws: No Addendum

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was entertained and moved by Chaplain Jeffrey Benoit and seconded by SVC Larry Griffin that we dispense with the reading of the January 04, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and move by SVC Larry Griffin and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones that MAL Clarence Johnson be appointed chairperson of the Nominating Committee. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

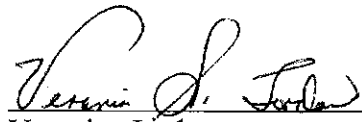
**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Department 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Rich Lehmann discussed legislation and DAV CAN.

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Dwayne Ramsey discussed several way of increasing membership.

**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 10:10 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on February 03, 2024.



Veronica Jordan  
Adjutant

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Charles Morris  
Commander

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