

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Assistant Chaplain (Asst. Ch.) Rodney Young 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, 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. Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin was excused. The Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Sixteen members were present.

**VISITOR**

Comrade Keith Mann, retired Marine with 20 years of service.  
Comrade Mark Edwards, retired Marine with 28 years of service moved from Stafford, VA.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

A motion was entertained and moved by JVC Ethel Smith and seconded by IPC Robert Monroe to dispense with the reading of the General Meeting Minutes for May 06, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported the beginning balance for May 2023 was [REDACTED] the ending balance was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in outstanding checks.

Treasurer Lasker provided a draft copy of the 2023/2024 Budget that we will be voting on at the August 12, 2023 meeting.

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

## **CHAPLAIN REPORT**

Ch. Jeffrey Benoit reported that the Treasurer and Adjutant lost a family member. Chaplain Benoit stated one veteran was in the hospital that needed HOSPICE care. He will be getting more information on HOSPICE care from the surrounding areas and VA.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No addendum

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Reports were given by the chairperson or the respective committee representative for the following committees and these reports will also be given at the General Membership Meeting.

Welfare and Relief: Comrade Rodney Young stated we assisted one veteran with their electric bill of \$349.31.

Constitution and Bylaws: Judge Advocate Robert Monroe introduced the Committee to the body: Himself, Comrade Jerome Payton and Comrade Robert Newsome. JA Monroe expanded of information about the Constitution and Bylaws before going over the changes in red.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by JVC Ethel Smith and seconded by Ch. Jeffrey Benoit to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Patrick Henry Chapter 34's Constitution and Bylaws. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

Entertainment: No Addendum

Membership Committee: Comrade Herbert Jones stated the Recruitment Drive for New Kent County will be held on August 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local radio station and newspaper will be involved. More information will be given out at a later date.

Thrift Store: Cdr. Charles Morris stated the Department will conduct a Thrift Store meeting on June 14 at the Department in Roanoke, VA.

CSO: JVC Ethel Smith reported that 16 cases were completed for the month of May 2023.

LVAP: No Report.

Building Committee: MAL Clarence Johnson stated the bathroom is not up to code, the front door is need major work and the phone system seems to be okay for now.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The reading of the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) minutes dated May 30, 2023, was read by Assistant Adjutant Clarence Johnson. A motion was made and moved by Treasurer Terrell Lasker and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones for the Body to accept and approve the ECM Minutes with corrections. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

JVC Ethel Smith would like for the office to check into getting the program/software for veteran to sign electronically when unable to come into the office. MAL Johnson will check on this matter.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Cdr. Morris stated the Chapter will start the 50/50 drawing beginning at the August 12's General Membership Meeting.

IPC Monroe stated that in Robert's Rules of Order the proper way to make a motion is "I move that..." it is not "I make a motion ...".

**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 10:53 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on August 12, 2023.

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Veranica Jordan  
Adjutant

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Charles Morris  
Commander