

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 06, 2023**

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 Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Larry Griffin. 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, 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. The Executive Committee (EC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Nineteen members were present.

VISITOR

Wallace Williamson , retired Air Force was invited to join by Comrade Nathaniel Wharton.

OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBER

IPC Robert Monroe conducted the Obligation of New Member to Comrade Samuel Hardy. Officer of the day Herb Jones stood with the inductee for the oath.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by SVC Larry Griffin and seconded by Comrade Herbert Jones to dispense with the reading of the General Meeting Minutes for April 01, 2023. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Addendum

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

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Ch. Jeffrey Benoit reported that PDC John King had passed. His funeral will be May 10 in Suffolk, VA. The Chapter have sent a card and flowers to commemorate his passing and he will reach out to the widow today.

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: No Addendum

Constitution and Bylaws: No Addendum

Entertainment: No Addendum

Membership Committee: Comrade Herbert Jones stated the Information Forum for April 22 was quite a success. An Information Forum will be held in New Kent County on August 19. More information on this forum will come out at a later date.

Thrift Store: No Addendum

CSO: No Addendum

LVAP: Comrade Jerome Payton stated to make sure you get your forms in today for April 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comrade Herb Jones stated that the Audit was completed and will be sent to the Adjutant.

INSTALLATION OF CHAIRPERSON

IPC Robert Monroe conducted the installation of the newly appointed Grievance Chairperson, Comrade Rodney Young. SVC Larry Griffin stood in for Comrade Rodney Young for the installation.

NEW BUSINESS

The reading of the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) minutes dated May 2, 2023, was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by SVC Larry Griffin and seconded by Comrade Rushton White for the Body to accept and approve the ECM Minutes with corrections. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

Comrade Lora E-Skinner is offering free notarization services for veterans and dependents on June 3 after our General Membership Meeting.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by IPC Robert Monroe and seconded by Comrade Thomas Coleman to approve a Resolution to "Support Legislation Authorizing 100% Total and Permanent Disabled American Veterans from paying Highway Use Fee (HUF) in connection with vehicle registration". (see attachment) There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

Cdr. Morris asked for volunteers to place flags on Veteran's gravesite May 25 at 9 a.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery for Memorial Day.

A motion is recommended to the body that was moved by SVC Larry Griffin and seconded by MAL Clarence Johnson for IPC Robert Monroe, Comrade Herb Jones, and Comrade Rushton White, in the order of precedence to attend the 91st Annual Department convention, 14-19 June 2023 as an Alternate. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comrade Nathaniel Wharton gave the members information concerning solar panel. Comrade Terrell Lasker will assist Comrade Wharton with writing a resolution.

Ch. Benoit asked for volunteers for Chapter 34's Honor Guard.

Comrade Jerry Phillips informed the members that Comrade Roosevelt White is in Riverside Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Comrade Terrell Lasker stated to make sure the office has your right phone number and e-mail to keep you informed.

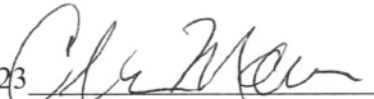
CLOSING CEREMONY

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 09:55 a.m. The next General Membership Meeting will be conducted on June 3, 2023.



Veranica Jordan
Adjutant

6 May 2023



Charles Morris
Commander

6 May 2023