

**DISABLED AMERICANS VETERANS  
PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
September 09, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (Cdr.) Charles Morris opened the meeting at 9:10 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, Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Ethel Smith, 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 and Treasurer Terrell Lasker were excused. General Membership Committee (GMC) had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting. Sixteen members were present.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Jerry Parker and seconded by IPC Robert Monroe that we dispense with the reading of the August 12, 2023, General Membership Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved by the body.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

IPC Robert Monroe, standing in for Treasurer Terrell Lasker reported that the Monthly Chapter Finance Report covered the period August 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023. The beginning balance was \$88,853.72, income was \$20,225.47, disbursement was \$10,269.10,, and the ending balance was \$98,810.09.

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

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:**

Chaplain Benoit stated to keep Treasurer Terrell Lasker in your prayers. Comrade Lasker has had several deaths in his family in the last three months and past year. Today he is dealing with the death of his brother. When a chapter member is aware of another chapter member being sick, please inform the chaplain and the chapter so that we can assist them and keep them lifted up in prayer.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No Report

## **OBLIGATION OF NEW MEMBER**

Officer of the Day, Comrade Herbert Jones escorted Comrade Mark Edwards to the rostrum to receive the DAV, New Chapter Member Obligation. On behalf of the Chapter Commander, Robert Monroe, Immediate Past Commander, administered the Obligation to Comrade Mark Edwards.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Welfare and Relief Committee:** Comrade Young stated he received an e-mail from National requesting assistance for the fire that was in Hawaii. The Committee sent \$1000 to National Headquarters for this disaster.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** IPC Robert Monroe stated the C&B has been finalized and sent to the Department for approval.

**Membership Committee:** Cdr. Morris stated that Chapter 34 is at Charles City Fair today.

**Entertainment Committee:** Adjutant Veranica Jordan reported the Induction Dinner Committee will be meeting after the GMM to discuss further details for the Induction Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on September 23, 2023. We will need volunteers to help on that day.

**CSO:** JVC Ethel Smith stated that the Chapter CSOs completed 24 cases during the month of August 2023.

**LVAP:** No Report

**Thrift Store:** Cdr. Charles Morris stated that a Thrift Store meeting will be held at the upcoming DAV Department of Virginia Fall Conference, October 12-15, 2023 in Richmond, Virginia.

**Building Committee:** No Addendum

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The reading of the Chapter Executive Committee Meeting minutes dated August 22, 2023, was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by JVC Ethel Smith and seconded by Comrade Rushton White for the Body to accept and approve the CEC Minutes with corrections. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

The reading of the Chapter Call Committee Meeting (CCCM) minutes dated September 05, 2023, was read by Adjutant Veranica Jordan. A motion was made and moved by Officer of the Day Herbert Jones and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith for the Body to accept and approve the CCCM Minutes with corrections. There was no discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

A motion was entertained and moved by Comrade Rushton White and seconded by JVC Ethel Smith That the following members be delegates at the Department Fall Conference, 12 to 15 October 2023: Comrades Rushton White, Rodney Young, and Jerry Parker. There is a total of ten delegates going to the Conference. There was a discussion and this motion was approved by the body.

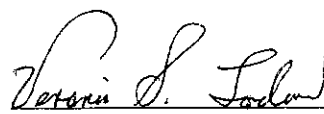
### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

JVC Ethel Smith stated there will be a Women Veterans Wellness Expo September 16, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Virginia Peninsula Community College, Hampton, VA. JVC Smith presented a flyer with more information.

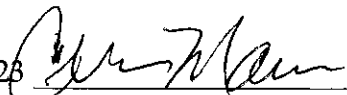
JVC Ethel Smith stated she would like to have a Chapter 34 to have a DAV 5K virtual team. If you are interested, please see JVC Smith after the GGMM today.

### **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 9:35 a.m. The next General Membership meeting will be conducted on October 14, 2023.

  
Veranica Jordan  
Adjutant

9 September 2023

  
Charles Morris  
Commander

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