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MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026
1:00pm

AGENDA

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:.....

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance Vice Commander
- C. Recognition of Guest(s)
- D. Announcement(s)

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion; Leland Leonard^{2nd}; Alfred Atkinson Vote; 32-0-1

III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.....Secretary

Motion; Curt Mitchell ^{2nd}; Donovan Bizadi Vote; 30-0-1

IV. REPORTS:

- A. CCVO Commander..... Pete Tsinnijinnie
- B. CCVO Vice-Commander..... Deion Gonzalez
- C. Secretary/ Treasurer..... Santana Yazzen
- D. Planning Committee(s) Deion Gonzalez
- E. VSO

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ira Hayes Event – Sacaton, AZ.
- B.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution to include Christian Yazzie as a member of The Honor Guard
Detail
- B. 3rd Hardship Disbursement
- C.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting March 12, 2026 @ 1 P.M.



CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 12 2026

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie at 1:10 p.m. Elect a stand in for Vice Commander for today's meeting.
Motion to nominate stand in made by Phillip Jake; Second by: Tom Mike
VOTE: Yeas: 36 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
Motion to nominate Phillip Jake and Nora Eskeets; Vote for Nora Eskeets
VOTE: Yeas: 39 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- A. **Invocation:** Prayer provided by Tom Mike
B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Commander Nora Eskeets; followed by a moment of silence
C. **Introduction of Guest(s):** none
D. **Announcements:**
- 1) Ira Hayes annual parade and festivities on February 21, 2026; 14 individuals that signed up, give name and address to Commander and fill out General Claim Form; Chapter funding travel
 - 2) NNVA Housing drive happening in local areas; encourage to sign up for housing; if signed up and waiting on electricity hook up, go to NTUA; If unable to obtain survey or environmental documents for a homesite lease, go to the chapter and ask for assistance; Applications for renovations taken, however, if living in mobile home, renovations may not be approved.
 - 3) February 27, 2026, CNVO meeting at Low Mountain Chapter
 - 4) Discuss remaining balance of \$60k, may be able to apply for a third round of hardship if approved by the executive director. Question by Larry Brown on the wait time for renovations due to contractors, can local licensed certified personnel do the renovation
- II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: Leland Leonard; Second by: Alfred Attson
VOTE: Yeas: 32 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- III. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Motion to defer to hard copy
Motion to accept minutes: Curt Mitchell; Second by: Donovan Bizadi
VOTE: Yeas: 30 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- IV. **REPORTS:**
- A. Commander Report – Honor guard has been busy, have a full detail to do honor guard duties; obtained FEMA trailer for homeless veteran; asking to meet with the Navajo Nation President on the Warrior home project; Tim Johnson is new veterans' liaison; If anyone would like to meet with liaison or other officials, please let commander know
- B. Vice-Commander Report – nothing to report
- C. Secretary Report – Survey forms to fill out and turn in to the VSO; Meeting on March 16, 2026 at 1000 for Women veterans and surviving spouses with guest speakers and potluck luncheon.
- Question on third disbursement, must be present and will be a first come first serve
Motion to Amend the Agenda to add item of third disbursement
Motion made by Larry Brown; Second by: Donovan Bizadi
Point of Order made by Tom Mike, recognized by Commander; Agenda can be amended even if it has been approved.



VOTE: Yeas: 21 Nays: 3 Abstain: 1

Motion to accept reports made by Jayne Mitchell; Second by: Alfred Attson

VOTE: Yeas: 29 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Opinion by Leland Leonard on no communication from grass roots on up to NNVA; should have representatives from VSO and NNVA at Chapter Veterans Meeting

V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Ira Hayes annual event to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, banquet held on Friday, February 20, 2026; parade begins at 0700; food/hotel/gas paid for those attending

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution CCVO-03-2026-to include Christian Yazzie as a member of the honor guard detail.

Motion to approve made by; Dorothy Smith; Second by: Alfred Attson

VOTE: Yeas: 38 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion to discuss third disbursement made by Donovan Blzadi; Second by: Leland Leonard

VOTE: Yeas: 38 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion to have a third disbursement made by Leland Leonard; Second by: Donovan Blzadi

VOTE: Yeas: 38 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion to disburse \$800 made by Deann Tah; Second by: Leland Leonard

VOTE: Yeas: 21 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Substitute Motion to disburse \$400 made by Alfred Attson; Second by: Dorothy Smith

VOTE: Yeas: 14 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion to approve \$800 disbursement made by Deann Tah; Second by: Leland Leonard

VOTE: Yeas: 34 Nays: 4 Abstain: 1

VII. Motion to Adjourn; NEXT MEETING March 12, 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION CCVO-03-2026**

Recognizing Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization as part of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, Office of the President and Vice-President Honor Guard and Color Guard.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 2023 (B-5,9,10). The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization is established and which also established the Department of Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs Department under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government; and
3. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Chinle Community Chapter with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for the Chinle Veterans; and
4. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the Veterans; and
5. In 1952, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajos to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and express patriotism; and
6. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization understands, acknowledges, and recognizes the following resolution and/or document, as it will become official through the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation; and
7. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization will Participate in Honor Guard Duties at Funeral Services for a Deceased Veteran as requested by the family of the Deceased Veteran, the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration or other Official Government Entity.
8. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization will represent themselves in a professional manner at all times while in the performance of services and shall not bring discredit upon himself, the Detail or the "Color".
9. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization will participate in Color Guard Details as requested by the Navajo Nation Veterans Organization or other Official Government Entities at patriotic events or activities.



10. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization identifies and acknowledges the following Veterans as members of the Honor Guard/Color Guard Detail;

1. Peterson Tsinnijinnie
2. Curt Mitchell
3. Michael Kee Toadlena
4. Billy Guy
5. Stanley Yazzie
6. Isiaih Honyumptewa
7. Deion Gonzalez
8. Wesley Yazzie
9. Christian Yazzie

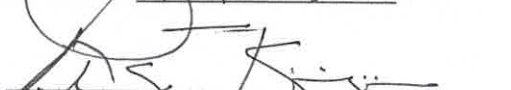
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges the aforementioned individuals as official members of the Honor Guards and Color Guards Detail.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Chinle Chapter Veterans Organizations at a duly called regular meeting in Chinle, Navajo Nation, (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 38 in Favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained this 12 day of February 2026.

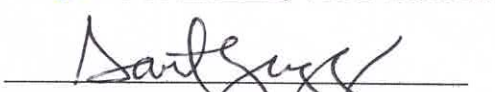
Motion: DOROTHY SMITH
Second: ALFRED STTSON



PETERSON TSINNIIJINIE, COMMANDER



DEION GONZALEZ, VICE-COMMANDER



SANTANA YAZZEN, SECRETARY