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MEETING
JANUARY 08, 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; Victor Martinez 2nd; Freddie Etsitty Vote; 75-0-1
- III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.....Secretary**
 Motion; 2nd; Vote; 75-0-1
- 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. FY2026 VTF FORMS
 - B. Accept Financial Assistance Apps
 - C.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting February 12, 2026 @ 1 P.M.

CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2026

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie at 1:07 p.m.
- A. **Invocation:** Prayer provided by Chester Bahe
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Commander Deion Gonzalez; followed by a moment of silence
- C. **Introduction of Guest(s):** none
- D. **Overview of Agenda:** Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie
- E. **Announcements:**
- 1) Special meeting on January 14, 2026 to elect a new Commander for CNVO, previous commander is now the Veterans Liaison
 - 2) January 13, 2026, the State of the Nations address by Navajo Nation President
 - 3) January 11, 2026, Multi Agency meeting at Sanostee Chapter
 - 4) January 30, 2026, CNVO meeting at Many Farms Chapter
 - 5) Ham & Turkey distribution – be present to pick up when time is designated
 - 6) Arizona Veterans of Chinle meeting scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 1000
 - 7) General Funds – recommend doing home improvement (veterans only); question on help with labor, ask the chapter for labor assistance for home improvement requests
- II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: Victor Martinez; Second by: Nora Eskeets
VOTE: Yeas: 75 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- III. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Motion to defer to hard copy
Motion to accept minutes: Nora Eskeets; Second by: Victor Martinez
VOTE: Yeas: 75 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- IV. **REPORTS:**
- A. Commander Report – Navajo Nation Speaker Curley attended the CNVO meeting on December 19, 2025; CNVO passed a resolution to increase stipend for honor/color guard & Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) passed resolution to increase stipend to \$25 for all agencies; Adrian Tsose is in the hospital, request prayers; Funeral for Stanson Yellowman; Surviving spouses recognized and stated they are part of our organization and are allowed to participate and attend meetings, recommend starting an Auxiliary for surviving spouses; other chapters disagree in including the surviving spouse in hardship distribution
- B. Vice-Commander Report –Next meeting for Arizona Veterans of Chinle on January 14, 2026 at 1000 at the Catholic hall, recommend all to come and give any input or ideas; anyone wanting to join Honor/Color Guard contact Vice-Commander; Assessment form for AZ Veterans of Chinle to be filled out so determination on how to respond to the needs of the veteran can be made; funds start at \$5k for first distribution and recommendation to use these funds for firewood
- C. Secretary Report – nothing to report
Motion to accept reports made by Nora Eskeets; Second by: Donovan Bizadi
VOTE: Yeas: 78 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1



- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Received a letter inviting CCNO to participate in festivities for the Ira Hayes Anniversary in Sacaton, Arizona on February 21, 2026; those wishing to participate, funds can be provided by the chapter for room, fuel and food to attend for one night
Motion to discuss made by: Alfred Attson; Second by: Herbert Greyhair
10 volunteers willing to attend
- VI. **OTHER:** Second filing of Veterans Trust Fund (VTF)
Motion to approve VTF forms made by; Alfred Attson; Second by: Donovan Bizadi
VOTE: Yeas: 72 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- VII. **NEXT MEETING** February 12, 2026.



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	Name		Name
1.	Commander – Pete Tsinnijinnie		
2.	Vice-Commander – Curt Mitchell Deion Gonzalez		
3.	Secretary – Santana Yazzen		
4.			
5.		25.	Victor Martinez
6.		26.	Helen Begay
7.		27.	Kathleen Etsitty
8.		28.	Penah M Deschodny
9.		29.	SANTANA YAZZEN
10.		30.	Andy Zozie
11.		31.	Andy Zozie for Mary Yottie
12.	Dorothy L Smith	32.	Raymond Hoskie
13.	Dan Yazzen	33.	Elmer Leonard
14.	Nora Eskreets	34.	George Quackerbush ^{Rep for planning}
15.	Terry Davis	35.	Emanuel D. Woody
16.	Terry Davis	36.	Daniel Jones
17.	Jay Mitchell	37.	David Bia
18.	Jay Mitchell for Reginald Tso	38.	Ernest Jones
19.	Virginia G Bizedi	39.	Calvin McKerny
20.	Raymond Price Repx Ceceola Price	40.	Larry Brown
21.	Elizabeth Tsoie Repx Ceceola Price	41.	Jerome Jones
22.	Antonio Begay repx Ceceola Price	42.	Paula Jones
23.	Ceceola Price	43.	Justin Charley
24.	Leonard Shultz	44.	Michael K. Truller





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Name		Name	
45.	Rosemary G 330	69.	Thomas Cowley
46.	Theresa B. Tso	70.	Joseph J. Thomas
47.	Earl McClunee	71.	Robert A. Gorman Jr. / Joseph J. Thomas
48.	John Tso - w	72.	Virginia Howard for Joseph B. Begay
49.	Derald Gizzie	73.	Douglas Zine
50.	Monnett Amato	74.	Freddie E. Hilly
51.	Paula He Scott / Shirley Teller	75.	Crystal S. Hilly ²⁰⁷ John Hilly
52.	Marion Ann " "	76.	Tom Mike
53.	Billy King	77.	Veruel Ayze
54.	Joan Lopez	78.	Sylvia Davis
55.	Dadeen Hudd / Kaye Houtain	79.	Sath Davis Rep Sylvia Davis
56.	Kenneth Jim	80.	Kenneth Davis Rep Sylvia Davis
57.	Elizabeth Woody	81.	Brian Rounhorse Rep General Rounhorse
58.	Miles Yuzie	82.	Dorcas Begay
59.	Nathaniel Skenadore	83.	BEN NESWOOD
60.	Draper Guy	84.	Deion Gonzalez
61.	Emma Elliott	85.	Philip Jakes
62.	Jackson S. Begay	86.	Alfred & Atson
63.	Maureen (Wife)	87.	Keland Woody
64.	Eugene K Bee	88.	Danny Tsoie
65.	Augusta	89.	Harry Clark
66.	Chester Bahe	90.	Amth Singer
67.	Isabel Honyump	91.	Linda Dyce
68.	Glen PAUIS Brown	92.	Deanne Tah

Deion Gonzalez