



CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION



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REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2025

1:00pm

AGENDA



I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER.....

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of AllegianceDeion Gonzalez, Vice-Commander
- C. Recognition of Guest(s)
- D. Announcement(s)
 - 1. Update Personal information
 - 2. CNVO Mtg – Nov. 21, 2025

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion _____ 2nd _____ Vote

III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Secretary

M Motion _____ 2nd _____ Vote

IV. REPORTS:

- A. CCVO Commander..... Pete Tsinnijinnie
- B. CCVO Vice-Commander..... Deion Gonzalez
- C. Secretary/ Treasurer..... Deion Gonzalez
- D. Planning Committee(s)Deion Gonzalez
- E. VSOSylvia Preston
- F. Dine Veterans of ChinleDeion Gonzales

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Amended Resolution re; Honor/ Color Guards
- B.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Accept and Approve VTF Applications,
- B. Approve Fund Allocation for Turkey/Ham
- C. Other(s)

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting December 11, 2025 @ 1 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2025

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie at 1:05 p.m.
Vice-Commander Deion Gonzalez is not present, and Wesley Yazzie will stand in as Vice-Commander for the meeting; Motion made by: Victor Martinez; Seconded by: Jewel Roanhorse
VOTE: Yeas: 27 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- A. **Invocation:** Prayer provided by Alfred Attson
B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Commander Wesley Yazzie; followed by a moment of silence
C. **Introduction of Guest(s):** none
D. **Overview of Agenda:** Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie
E. **Announcements:**
1) Update personal information
2) CNVO meeting on November 21, 2025, at Whippoorwill Chapter House
- II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: Dorothy Smith; Second by: Victor Martinez
VOTE: Yeas: 41 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- III. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Read by Secretary
Motion to accept minutes: Larry Brown; Second by: Victor Martinez
VOTE: Yeas: 42 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- IV. **REPORTS:**
- A. Commander Report – Fund 16 is specifically for veterans, will be an issue since surviving spouses are not included; funds available \$7,050 for turkey and ham purchase; meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025 was due to a conflict of scheduling of the catholic hall, commander tried to reach out to as many members on change, suggest getting on social media for information that is posted; check on one another, if help is needed contact the commander by phone or come to his place of residence.
- B. Vice-Commander Report – nothing to report, communicated with Deion Gonzalez and will work on scheduling next meeting for Arizona Veterans of Chinle
- C. Secretary Report – contact information to forward any information that may be of interest to members
Motion to accept reports: Leland Leonard; Second by: Donovan Bizardi
VOTE: Yeas: 49 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- V. **RESOLUTION 02-2025:** read by Vice-Commander
Motion to approve made by Victor Martinez; Second by: Nora Eskeets
VOTE: Yeas: 47 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
Question on available funds after first hardship distribution; Commander states about 38% expended and second distribution in January 2026
- VI. Motion to discuss purchase of turkey and ham made by Victor Martinez; Second by: Donovan Bizardi
VOTE: Yeas: 55 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
Motion to include surviving spouses made by Leland Leonard; Second by: Nora Eskeets
VOTE: Yeas: 55 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1



Motion to purchase both turkey and ham made by Victor Martinez; Second by: Deanne Tah

VOTE: Yeas: 47 Nays: 2 Abstain: 1

Motion to distribute both turkey and ham made by Victor Martinez; Second by: Nora Eskeets

VOTE: Yeas: 55 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion to spend \$5,000 on purchase of both by Freddie Etsitty; Second by: Donovan Bizardi

VOTE: Yeas: 47 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

VII. OTHER: Christmas light parade and tree lighting

Motion to discuss made by Victor Martinez; Second by Dorothy Smith

Parade scheduled for December 20, 2025, at 1800; Commander to get Christmas tree and ask the Executive Director to purchase coffee and hot chocolate for the event; Motion to donate for the parade; Motion to participate in the parade made by Leland Leonard; Second by Victor Martinez

VOTE: Yeas: 26 Nays: 0 Abstain: 15

VIII. NEXT MEETING December 11, 2025.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Donovan Bizardi; Second by Dorothy Smith

VOTE: Yeas: 34 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1



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CCVO-010-25

RESOLUTION OF THE CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Chinle, Arizona

1. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) was established in the year 1998 to promote and advocate on behalf of all U.S. Armed Force Navajo Veterans, Surviving Spouses, Dependents, Gold Star Mothers and,
2. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization was reorganized in September of 2007 representing over 300 U.S. Armed Forces Veterans from Chinle community and,
3. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization acknowledges these individuals to serve as CCVO Officers and elected them as;
 - CCVO COMMANDER PETERSON TSINNIJINNIE
 - CCVO VICE-COMMANDER DEION GONZALEZ
 - SECRETARY SANTANA YAZZEN

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT HENCEFORTH;

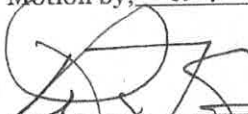
1. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) acknowledges and supports these officers pursuant to CCVO Plan of Operations, Terms, Duties and responsibilities.

CERTIFICATION

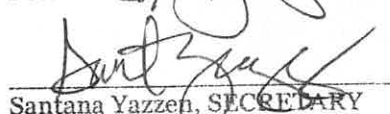
We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly democratically considered by the Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting at Chinle Catholic Hall, Chinle, Arizona., in which a quorum was present and that same was:
vote of 33 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstained on this 13 August 2025.

Motion by: JAYNE MITCHELL

Second by: NORA ESKHETS


Pete Tsinnijinnie, COMMANDER


Deion Gonzalez, VICE-COMMANDER


Santana Yazzen, SECRETARY



2. Votes

- a. Each nominee will be asked to leave the room while votes are determined and tallied,
- b. the selection of an officer will be determined by majority votes of members present.

F. REMOVAL;

The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) may remove an officer due to;

- 1. Absence from three (3) consecutive duly called meetings of the CCVO,
- 2. Violation(s) or gross breach of prescribed duties and responsibilities,
- 3. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) officer may resign due to personal and/or health reasons.

PART VMEETINGS/QUORUM:

A. Quorum will consist of 15 Veterans of the Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization members Present and at least two (2) elected officers

- 1. If no Quorum is determined;
 - a. The Commander shall reschedule the meeting or
 - b. Proceed with majority vote of members present (Dependents shall have voting privilege(s),

B. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) shall initiate and conduct one (1) meeting per month.

C. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) Meeting shall be held strictly by the approved meeting agenda.

D. Special Meeting(s) will occur if one (1) proposal warrants such an event.

PART VI.....AMMENDMENTS:


The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO)'s Plan of Operation may be amended by the CCVO officers with the APPROVAL by membership at large. The plan of Operation shall remain in effect as a legal document of The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization and may be amended as necessary. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization agrees to abide by all criminal, civil, and regulatory ordinances of The Navajo Nation, State (s), County(ies), and The United States of America (USA).

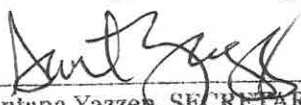
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Considered and acted upon in a Democratic Procedure at a Duly Called Meeting of The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization on this the 11 Day of September 2025.

MOTION BY Nora Eskeet, SECOND BY Larry Brown, VOTE 41 Yeas, 00 Nays and 01 Abstention.


Peterson Tsunpjinie, COMMANDER


Deion Gonzalez, VICE-COMMANDER


Santana Yazzer, SECRETARY



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION CCVO-02-2025**

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

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.

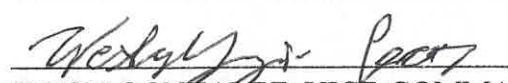
CERTIFICATION

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 47 in Favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained this 14 day of November 2025.

Motion: Victor Martinez

Second: Nora Eskets


PETERSON TSINNIJINNIE, COMMANDER


DEION GONZALEZ, VICE-COMMANDER


SANTANA YAZZIE, SECRETARY