

TSELANI/COTTONWOOD CHAPTER VETERANS ORGAIZATION

Commander Harrison B Kee Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie Secretary Shafawn Natalie Kee
Regular Meeting Agenda

December 4, 2025

1. Call meeting to order _____ by, _____
2. Roll Call: : Harrison B. kee, Commander Present ___ absent ___
: Ritchie Tsosie , Vice-Commander Present ___ absent ___
: Shafawn Natalie Kee, Secretary Present ___ absent ___
3. Invocation by; _____ Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silences
4. Reading/Approval of the Agenda
Motion by; _____ Second by; _____ Vote; ___ in favor, ___ opposed, ___ abstain.
5. Reading/Approval of last meeting minutes, November 6, 2025
Motion by; _____ Second by; _____ Vote; ___ in favor, ___ opposed, ___ abstain
6. Announcement (s) Introduction of guest (s)
 - a. Free woods for Veteran only, December 4-5, 2025, 7:30 am to 2 pm
 - b. December 9, 2025, Pinon Veteran Wellness Committee meeting at Guy Gorman Nursing Home
 - c. December 19, 2025, CNVO meeting at Chinle Catholic Hall, 10 am
 - d. December 25, 2025, Christmas Day
 - e. New Year Day January 1, 2026
7. Report (s)
 - a. Crystalyne Curley----- Council Delegate/LDA
 - b. Paula Begay-----VSO Chinle Agency
 - c. Sylvia Preston----- Chinle Agency Housing Specialist
 - d. Harrison B. Kee-----TCCVO Commander
 - e. Ritchie Tsosie----- TCCVO Vice-Commander
8. Old Business (s)
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9. New Business (s)
 - a. Chapter Veteran's fund balance \$0, Catering, \$1165.60, Gift/Awards, transfer \$1314.74 from Gift/Awards to add \$597.88 = \$1912.62 for Veterans dinner
 - b. Veteran's Dinner at Holiday Inn, December 6, 2025, 3 pm-7 pm
 - c. Approving the Veterans Trust Fund Assistances/balance
 - d. Approving \$5,000.00 Chapter Veterans Fund and Budget it.
10. Next meeting, January 8, 2026 @ 1800 hours, Cottonwood Veterans Building.
11. Adjourn, Motion by _____ second by, _____ hrs.

WELCOME HOME COMRADES, BE SAFE AND TAKE CARE

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Regular Meeting Minutes

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The regular veterans meeting was to order at 1800 hours by Commander Harrison Kee Roll call was made by the Commander with 2 officers present and secretary was absent from the meeting due to health issues.

Invocation was given by the Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie, Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence by the veterans and visitors.

Ritchie Tsosie made a motion to approve the agenda with one supporting resolution addition for Karen Smiley and second by Don Nez with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. The agenda was adopted and motion carried.

Kee Charly made a motion to defer the last meeting minutes to next meeting and second by Alfred lee with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried

There were 6 announcements

Report (s)

- a. Crystalyne Curley----- Council Delegate/LDA, no show
- b. Paula Begay----- VSO, Chinle Agency, no show
- c. Sylvia Preston-----Housing Specialist, Chinle Agency, no show
- d. Harrison B Kee-----TCCVO Commander
- e. Ritchie Tsosie----- TCCVO Vice-Commander

Commander Reports:

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization held their monthly meeting at Chinle Catholic Hall on Naovember21, 2025.

There were no Navajo Nation Council Delegate present for the meeting.

Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, Executive Director

The Veterans Administration continues to fill the remaining 2 vacant positions and is still working on updating the Veterans Administration Plan of Operation. Hopefully Veterans Administration will become a division.

The Veterans advisory Council sponsor a proposal for the Navajo Nation to become a Purple Heart Nation and on November 3, 2025, Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren signed the Purple Heart Nation Proclamation in Crownpoint, New Mexico, honoring all Navajo Veterans Purple Heart Recipient.

The Office of the President has new Chief of Staff, Mrs. Duncan Etsitty.

The Veterans Administration continues updating Veterans Loan and Veterans Housing policies.

Paula Begay, VSO, Chinle Agency

Still updating Veterans files and records to ensure all documents are current.

There still some CVO haven't completed their resolution for officers, and Plan of Operation and CVO are spending their allocation on average of 39% to 53%.

Pinon Veterans Wellness Steering Committee changed their name to Pinon Veterans Wellness Group. They develop and complete the Plan of Operation, By-Laws and Article of Incorporation. Establish themselves as Non-Profit Organization under policies and procedure 501c and work with the State of Arizona, approve standing committee.

The Navajo Nation Council Approved Legislation No. CO-53-25, Codification. The Chinle Agency veterans would like to have a work session and depend on Dr. Andy Nez schedule the sponsor of the legislation.

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization passed a resolution (no confidence) of the veteran's liaison, Demetria Simms under the President Office for her removal.

Ritchie Tsosie made a motion to adopt the Commander reports and second by Karen Smiley with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain, motion carried.

New Business:

The veterans have 0 balance on catering and have balance of \$1,165.60 for gift/awards
The veterans combining Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner at Chinle Holiday Inn on December 6, 2025, from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund Assistance balance; stipends, \$2,850.00, Hardship, \$26,000.00, Energy, \$26,000.00, Education, 0 balance, self-help 0 balance, medical appointment, \$617.00

Karen Smiley made a motion to approved one Veterans Trust Fund Assistance application for Energy at \$400.00 and second by Ritchie Tsosie with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain, motion carried.

On the Navajo Nation General Fund of \$5000.00 we haven't heard anything about it yet; the nation wants the CVO to spend their money and some chapters still a lot of money.

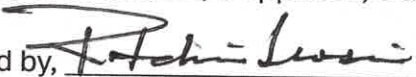
Resolution:

Supporting United State Army Veteran Karen Smiley in seeking a fair and accurate application of the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program Policy.

Ritchie Tsosie made a motion to approve the supporting resolution for Karen Smiley and second by Amos Yazzie with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, motion carried.

Next meeting, January 8, 2026 @ 1800 hours, Cottonwood Veteran's Building.

Don Nez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1939 hours and second by Kee Charley With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, and motion carried.

Submitted by,  Date, 12-08-25