

# TSELANI/COTTONWOOD CHAPTER VETERANS ORGAIZATION

Commander Harrison B Kee Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie Secretary Vacant

## Regular Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2025

1. Call meeting to order \_\_\_\_\_ by, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Election of the new Secretary
3. Roll Call:  
: Harrison B. kee, Commander Present \_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_  
: Ritchie Tsosie , Vice-Commander Present \_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_  
: Vacant , Secretary Present \_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_
4. Invocation by; \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silences
5. Reading/Approval of the Agenda  
Motion by; \_\_\_\_\_ Second by; \_\_\_\_\_ Vote; \_\_ in favor, \_\_ opposed, \_\_ abstain.
6. Reading/Approval of last meeting minutes, September 4, 2025, and September 19, 2025, Spec. mtg  
Motion by; \_\_\_\_\_ Second by; \_\_\_\_\_ Vote; \_\_ in favor, \_\_ opposed, \_\_ abstain
7. Announcement (s) Introduction of guest (s)
  - a.
8. 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
9. Old Business (s)
  - a.
10. New Business (s)
  - a. Chapter Veteran's fund balance \$697.88, Catering, \$2,480.34 Gift/Awards
  - b. Set a date to clean around the Veteran's Build
  - c. Approving the Veterans Trust Fund Assistances
  - d.
11. Next meeting, November 6, 2025 @ 1800 hours, Cottonwood Veterans Building.
12. Adjourn, Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.

**WELCOME HOME COMRADES, BE SAFE AND TAKE CARE**



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Commander Harrison B Kee – Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie – Secretary Shafawn Natalie Kee

## Minutes, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

The regular monthly veteran's meeting was to call ordered at 1800 hours by the commander Harrison b Kee

The first order of business was to elect a new secretary for the veteran's organization; Ritchie Tsosie made a motion to elect Shafawn Natalie Kee and seconded by Kee Chee, no other candidates,

Lee Chee made a motion to cease the nomination and was seconded by Kee J John with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. Motion carried.

Back to the main motion 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. Shafawn Natalie Kee has been selected as the new secretary for the veteran's organization.

All three officers are present

The invocation was provided by Martika Charley a women veteran, pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silences by the veterans and guests.

Vivian Benally made a motion to accept the agenda and Kee Chee with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. An agenda adopted.

The last meeting minutes, September 4, 2025, was defer to the next meeting.

The minutes of the special meeting September 19, 2025, were read by Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie.

Vivian Benally made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes and seconded by Ritchie Tsosie with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained.

### Announcement (s)

1. Veterans stand down at Twin Arrows Casino October 3, 2025
2. Farmington veterans stand down at San Juan College, October 10, 2025
3. Veteran free firewood distribution October 11, 2025, Henry/Eleanor Monroe's residence milepost 7 on Navajo Route west of Leupp, 1 mile south.
4. Marine Corps Birthday Ball, November 8, 2025, at Route 66 Casino Hotel Albuquerque, NM.
5. CNVO meeting, October 31, 2025, at Chinle Chapter.

### Report (s)

1. Crystalyne Curley ----- Council Delegate/LDA, no show
2. Paula Begay ----- VSO, Chinle Agency, no show
3. Sylvia Preston ----- Housing Specialist, no show
4. Harison B Kee ----- TCCVO Commander, present
5. Ritchie Tsosie ----- TCCVO Vice- Commander, present



Commander's report.

The CNVO monthly meeting was held at Chinle Agency Veterans Office Conference Room on September 30, 2025. There were no council delegate presentations.

Arthur Hardy, Office of the Speaker. LSA.

Mr. Hardy gave the report on FY26 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget, the council approved certain budget, and some were veto by the Navajo Nation President, Buu Nygren. The Navajo Nation Council urging the Navajo Nation President to fulfill his responsibilities and respond to concerns over inaction, legal noncompliance and delayed infrastructure progress under his administration. The Council did some amendment to the FY26 budget and NN President still Deman more money for his administration. Every year he asks for more money and adds additional staff. The FY26 comprehensive budget stands still. The Council might call for a Special Council Session.

Veteran Trust Funds allocation is good, no problem.

The Navajo Nation Council approved \$3 million, \$600,000.00 will go the agency, for Honor Guard, Burial Assistance and for late filing veterans.

Wayne Claw, NNHI-CEO, Mr. Claw received information from Washington DC, VA Office, that there is money available for Navajo Nation Warrior Home project and the committee can reapply for the funds. It might be on FY26. There are 8 veterans at home care in Chinle and more will be coming in.

The Codification Legislation is going to be on the Navajo Nation Council fall session agenda.

Paula Begay, VSO Chinle Agency, Miss. Begay gave an update on the CVO, which CVO haven't updated their Plan of Operation, current Officers and the veteran must update their file with the agency office. The veterans must have respect for agency staff. She is currently attending as many CVO meetings as possible.

Vice-Commander, Ritchie Tsosie no report.

Vivian Benlly made a motion to accept the Commander's report and seconded by Harold James with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained.

New Business:

The Chapter's Veterans Fund, the veterans decided to use some of the catering fund when they clean around the veteran's building and ask the chapter to purchase one mutton leg from Bashas food store to make mutton stew. Drink will be provided by veterans, soda/water and frybread. The commander will make a memo to request the chapter to purchase mutton leg.

The clean-up date is set for October 18, 2025, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Ritchie Tsosie made a motion to utilize chapter veteran fund to purchase mutton leg and seconded by Martika Charley with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. Motion carried.



Approving the Veteran's Trust Fund Assistances:

21 applications for Hardship/Energy \$800.00 each

3 applications for Home Improvement \$3,000.00/ \$1000.00 each

Vivian Benally made to approve the Veterans Trust Fund Assistance and Kee Chee seconded the motion with a of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. motion carried.

Next meeting, November 6, 2025 @ 1800 hours, Cottonwood Veteran's Building.

Harold James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1927 hours and seconded by James Ben with a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. motion carried.

Submitted by Shefu N. Kee Date, 10/06/25



# TSELANI/COTTONWOOD CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander Harrison B Kee - Vice-Commander Ritchie Tsosie - Secretary Shafawn Natalie Kee

## Resolution Of the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization 10-25-1

Approving and accepting to elect the new Secretary for the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization

### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization's Plan of Operation Section (7) and Section (9), the veterans have the right to elect their officers for the organization to conduct official business on their behalf, and
2. The veteran's organization is really in need of secretary for this new FY26, and the new secretary will serve for a term of (2) years, commencing from October 2025 to September 2027, and
3. The veterans will exercise their authority to select a new secretary for the veteran's organization.
4. The newly elected veteran's organization secretary, Shafawn Natalie Kee

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Approving and accepting to elect the new Secretary for the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization.

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered and approved by the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting at Cottonwood Veteran's Building, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2025.

Motion by, Ritchie Tsosie second by, Kee chee

Harrison B Kee, Commander

Ritchie Tsosie Vice-Commander

Ritchie Tsosie



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Commander, Harrison B. Kee Vice-Commander, Ritchie Tsosie Secretary Vacant

## RESOLUTION OF THE TSELANI/COTTONWOOD CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION-09-4-25

Approving and accepting the confirmation of Harrison B Kee elected as the new Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization Commander for a term of 2 years from October 2025 to September 2027.

### Whereas:

1. In 1991, The Tselni/Cottonwood Chapter established the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization (TCCVO) as a unit of the Navajo Government with delegated authority to make decisions over veterans matters that are consistent with Navajo Law and Tradition; to advocate on behalf of all eligible Navajo Veterans; to address their needs/concerns and to minimize hardship for the Navajo Veterans and their families, and
2. The Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization to abide by its Plan of Operation to elect two (2) new officers every two (2) years and one officer as staggered term, Commander and Secretary are up for election, and
3. The Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans Organization elected Harrison B. Kee as the new commander of the veteran's organization and no one was elected for the secretary position, and
4. Commander Harrison B Kee will serve two (2) years from the date he was elected 2025 to 2027.

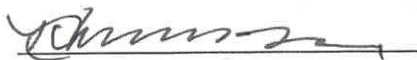
### Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

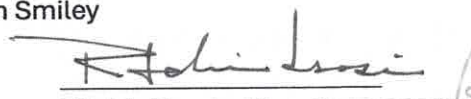
Approving and accepting the confirmation of Harrison B Kee being elected as the new Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans' Organization Commander for the term of 2 years from October 2025 to 2027.

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was considered and approved by the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter Veterans' Organization at a duly called meeting at Tselani/Cottonwood Veterans Building, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained on this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2025.

Motion by; Kee Charley Second by; Karen Smiley

  
Harrison B kee, Commander

  
Ritchie Tsosie, Vice-Commander

