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HARDROCK CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

Agenda

December 7, 2025 @ 1300 Hrs.

Hardrock, AZ

1. Roll Call:
 Commander: Tim Johnson
 Vice-Commander: Sera Holder
 Secretary: Jay Begay Jr.
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence
5. Review and Adopt Agenda:
 Motion: 2nd: Vote F: O: A:
6. Read previous minutes and accept: Nov.02.2025
 Motion: 2nd: Vote F: O: A:
7. Announcement
8. Call to the Public
9. Old Business
 - a. Request purchase for Jackets, T-shirts
 - b. Housing Update
10. New Business:
 - a. Resolutions
11. Reports
 1. Council Delegate Germaine Simonson/ LDA
 2. Navajo County Supervisor - Fern Benally
 3. VSO – Paula Begay
 4. Housing specialist - Sylvia Preston
 5. Tim Johnson - Commander:
 6. Sera Holder - Vice Commander:
 7. Jay Begay Jr. - Secretary:
 Accept Reports, 1st Motion 2nd F: O: A:
12. Next Meeting January 04, 2026 @ 1 p.m.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1st Motion 2nd Vote F: O: A:





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MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2025 @ 1300 Hrs.

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- I. Roll Call: Commander: **Tim Johnson present** Vice-Commander: **Sera Holder present** Secretary: **Jay Begay Jr. present**
- II. Call Mtg to Order: at **1:47pm by Timothy Johnson**
- III. Invocation **Tom Burbank**
- IV. Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence (*in remembrance of Lowell Chase and Pearl Harbor Day*) **Ernest Smith**
- V. Review and Adopt Agenda: **Tim Johnson**
Motion: Varian Altsisi 2nd: Tom Burbank Vote F:13 O:0 A:3
- VI. Read previous minutes and accept: **Nov.02.2025 Jay Begay Jr read previous meeting minutes**
Motion: Donald Howard Sr 2nd: Leonard Howard Vote F: 11 O:0 A:3
- VII. Announcement:
 - a. Dec 11, 2025- Christmas Bazaar
 - b. Dec 17, 2025 – Senior Center Christmas Dinner
 - c. Dec 19, 2025 – Hardrock CLUP-C Public Forum 1pm
 - d. Dec 19, 2025 – CNVO Veterans Meeting Chinle AZ possibly rescheduled to the 18th.
 - e. Dec 22, 2025 NNVA Staff Christmas (office may be closed) will be in Fort Defiance, AZ.
 - f. Dec 22, 2025 – St Mary’s Food Bank
 - g. Dec 23, 2025 – 11AM-1PM Community Luncheon, 5pm – HRC Meeting
- VIII. Call to the Public:
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Request purchase for Jackets, T-shirts - **Jay will update quote Hardrock Chapter veterans organizations sweaters.**
 - b. Housing Update – **Sylvia Preston still accepting Application for new construction, 52 currently on the list. Also accepting housing renovations. 32 on the list. 12 for surviving spouses. However she says there is no contractors. Tim encouraged Veterans to apply. 2 veterans says they got houses but they don’t have the keys. Tim says none of the Veterans have their keys. Tim says there is no communication. Contractors came to their houses but no keys. Veterans office and NTUA are not communicating. Sylvia says electricity and water needs to be hooked up before people can move it. Sylvia went to NTUA and they responded that the issue lies between NNVA and BITCO. BITCO is saying part of their contract did not include infrastructure. NNVA is refusing to give them more funds. Donald Howard Sr reported that it will be a year next month since he got his house but hasn’t moved in. Larry Shepherd stated that the same thing is going on with the Tribal government and has a ripple effect. Larry continued said that there needs someone to take the lead. Tim says all the programs need to go into one room and make everything clear but its not happening. No communication. Discussion on Demetri Simms. Veterans Advisory Council. Tim says Elvira needs to come out but Sylvia says she’s not allowed to. First Tuesday in January 2026. Larry says the advisory as a group needs to come together and confront.**





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X. New Business:

- a. Resolutions – **Approving assistant for Tommy Chase and Joshua Nez. Motion by: Donald Howard Sr. Second: Varian Altsisi 17 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained**

XI. Reports

- a) Council Delegate Germaine Simonson/ LDA – **ABSENT**
- b) Navajo County Supervisor - *Fern Benally Navajo County Supervisor District I. Attended the planning meeting last month. Nicole Ruskin Tribal liaison is working on the graveling project. Hopes to get the two areas in Dzil Yijiin region. Would like another resolution for feasibility study and possibly get it paved. Fern also updated Deer Pasture Lane. Mr. Lorenzo Dugi said there needs to be studies for that wash out. Fern is also working on Broken Dam Rd. the culvert. Mr. Peshlakai would like to meet with NDOT and HDOT. Larry says N8027 from Dinnebito Jctn is becoming more narrow. Fern is requesting GPS. Fern says they are meeting with Peabody and she may request a bigger culvert. Norton Emerson keeps getting sent to Eastern and he is more knowledgeable of our region. Tim says different offices in the region needs to work together.*
- c) CLUP-C – *Josh Nez noted they are having a public hearing next week December 19, 2025 in regards to the CLUP-C Manual. Josh says the main issues are roads, the other issue is a store. RBDO requires plans, etc. for a store within the community. Josh also spoke of N8031 and the sites. Tim reminded Josh that housing is also a community issue.*
- d) VSO – Paula Begay – **ABSENT**
- e) Housing specialist - *Sylvia Preston county veterans service officer accredited with veterans service officer. Helps with disability, burial assistance, education assistance, ChampVA. She works on VA Benefits on Wednesday. She is doing housing assessments. They have monthly rating meetings. Whoever is going to see Sylvia, she encourages Veterans to call ahead of times. She would like veterans to be 100% disability so they can get more fundings. She is training Malcolm in Tuba City. There are a total of 5 VSO and only 1 does disability claims. Asked Tim since he's on the Veterans Advisory he could advocate for more individuals to help claims. 28 homes have them delivered but none are hooked up with infrastructure. Isnt sure what the hold up is. Accepting housing applications the way they are (renovations). Sylvia says they have to be living in the house. Larry asked if the age of the house is taking into account. Minor renovations is all that they accept. Larry suggested putting into categories like plumbing, drywall, etc. Sylvia says it was done in that way with previous administration. There is currently no contractor to start these renovations. Also stated that some veterans were not accounted. Veterans Trust and General Account. Over \$500,000 balance. Suggested to Tim to make some amendments to apply in the General Funds if they didn't get any from Veterans Trust Funds. Some get Hardship, energy and self help. Sylvia helped veterans obtain more benefits. Need to get word out to newly discharged veterans. Mrs Dee says its a complex process of going to appointments. Sylvia says its very important that her office attend these meetings to educate the veterans. If you hear Buu doing a report on VA those are Sylvia's work. Jay Sr asked for mileage for his appointment \$150 for appointment.*
- f) Tim Johnson - Commander: *says the process of getting a check from the chapter is a lengthy process. Tim will get the check and take Pinon Bashas and will call veterans. Hardrock VO needs Approved Officers, Plan of Operation. Tim asked Veterans to go and update their files at Chinle Veterans Office. Tim went over fund balance and number of veterans, etc. Some policies they want to put in place and updated.*
- g) Sera Holder - Vice Commander: **NO REPORT**
- h) Jay Begay Jr. - Secretary: **NO REPORT**



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- XII.** Accept Reports, Motion by: Leonard Howard Second/: Jay Begay Sr. F:17 O: 0 A: 1
- XIII.** Next Meeting January 04, 2026 @ 1 p.m.
- XIV.** Meeting Adjourned 4:10pm Motion: Donald Howard Sr. Second: Larry Shepherd
Vote F: 17 O:0 A: 1