

# LUKACHUKAI VETERANS ORGANIZATION



P.O. Box 248 Lukachukai, Arizona 86507

## Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 09, 2025  
Lukachukai Chapter House  
1:00 PM

### AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda
- V. Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - 09/15/25
- VI. Financial Report:
  - a. Chinle Veterans Office Accounts (as of 10/09/25)

Meetings	\$	N/A	Stipends for Veterans Organization Officials
Programs	\$	0	Funds for organization use on food, office supplies, etc.
Social	\$	N/A	Hardship, Energy, Medical, Education, Workshop
  - b. Lukachukai Chapter Accounts (as of 10/09/25)

Veterans Funds	\$	5,005.22	
Veterans Activity Funds	\$	<del>1,347.17</del> 1,320.47	
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Update on Multi-Purpose Building
  - b. Planning of 2025 Veterans Day Celebration
  - c. LVO Budget - \$105,935.00 Allocated (Budgets due 10/01/25)
    - i. Stipends - \$ 3,600.00
    - ii. Hardship - \$ 51,167.50
    - iii. Energy - \$ 51,167.50
  - d.
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Election of New Officers
  - b. Approve LVO Plan of Operation
- IX. Financial Assistance Requests
- X. Announcements
  - a. *CONJETE BLANK - LAM STOMM COMING THANKS - FRIDAY* B. KENNETH JR.
- XI. Next Meeting - November 13, 2025 @ 1:00 PM @ Lukachukai Chapter House
- XII. Adjournment



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## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 09, 2025  
Lukachukai Chapter House  
1:00 PM

- I. **Meeting called to Order**– Meeting called to order at 1:55 pm by Commander, Henry Nez.
- II. **Invocation**– Samuel Nelson did the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members did the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Agenda**  
Commander Nez reviewed the agenda. Secretary requested for correction to be made on Chapter Veterans Activities account from \$1,347.17 to \$1,320.47.  
  
**Motioned by:** David Bekis                      **Seconded by:** Sherri Joe  
**In Favor:** 22              **Opposed:** 0              **Abstained:** 2
- V. **Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - 09/15/25**  
Secretary, Harlan Thompson, reviewed meeting minutes from 09/15/25. A correction was made on Chapter Veterans Activities account from \$1,347.17 to \$1,317.47.  
  
**Motioned by:** David Bekis                      **Seconded by:** Vincent Vecenti  
**In Favor:** 25              **Opposed:** 0              **Abstained:** 2
- VI. **Financial Report** – Secretary Thompson, provided the financial report.
  - a. **Chinle Veterans Office Accounts** (as of 06/12/25)

Meetings	\$ 225.00	Stipends for Veterans Organization Officials
Programs	\$ 0	Funds for organization use on food, office supplies, etc.
Social	\$ 175.00	Hardship, Energy, Medical, Education, Workshop
  - b. **Lukachukai Chapter Accounts** (as of 06/12/25)

Veterans Funds	\$ 5,005.22
Veterans Activity Funds	\$ 1,347.17
**Motioned by:** Vincent Vecenti                      **Seconded by:** Anthony Gray  
**In Favor:** 21              **Opposed:** 0              **Abstained:** 2
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Update on Multi-Purpose Building**  
Secretary reported there are no current updates on the multi-purpose building project. He did a brief report on the project for all new attendees and visitors re: allocation of funds, design and location of project. He also shared responses from chapter officials during last regular chapter meeting re: status of current veterans building, funds and changing of the name of the multi-purpose building. Secretary stated the current veterans building will not be demolished and belongs to the veterans organization. He also stated the funds allocated for the multi-purpose building project is safe in its own account and will never be used for any other projects. He stated the name of the project will always be Lukachukai Veterans Multi-Purpose Complex. Secretary informed once another meeting is scheduled with LAM Corporation, he will share results with members.

**Motioned by:** Terry Baken      **Seconded by:** Anthony Gray  
**In Favor:** 20      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 4

**b. Planning of 2025 Veterans Day Celebration**

Secretary informed the committee that a meeting that a planning meeting took place on Thursday, October 01, 2025. During the meeting the members approved Mr. Anslem Thompson to be Grand Marshal of the parade. A draft agenda and menu for luncheon were created. The members requested \$2,500.00 to be withdrawn from the chapter veteran's account for purchase of food from Sam's Club in Farmington, NM. A motion was made to approve to withdraw \$2,500.00 from the chapter veterans account for food purchase at Sam's Club by Terry Baken and second by David Bekis. 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained.

**Motioned to accept report by:** Anthony Lee      **Seconded by:** David Bekis  
**In Favor:** 20      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 3

**c. LVO Budget - \$105,935.00**

Secretary informed members budget meeting of the new allocation of funds in the amount of \$105,935.00 was conducted on Wednesday, 09/24/25. The allocation of funds was based on 65 veterans registered with Lukachukai chapter. Secretary stated the members agreed to budget \$3,600.00 for Meeting Stipends, \$51,167.50 for Hardship and \$51,167.50 for Energy. Applications are now being accepted for financial assistance. Chapter President informed members there will be an additional funding from the Navajo Nation for members that are not currently registered and will be registered once honorably discharged from services.

**Motioned by:** Vincent Vecenti      **Seconded by:** Roger Notah  
**In Favor:** 19      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 2

**VIII. New Business**

**a. Election of New Officers**

All members in attendance agreed to have Mr. Henry Nez continue as Commander until his term expires in February, 2026. The members also agreed to have Vice-President, Jerome Bekis and Secretary, Harlan Thompson, continue their services until their terms end in 2029. A resolution to approve officers was motioned, seconded and voted on.

**Motioned by:** Colin Stevens      **Seconded by:** Anthony Gray  
**In Favor:** 19      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 2

**b. LVO Plan of Operation**

All members agreed to have the organization continue abiding by the current LVO Plan of Operation. A resolution to approve the plan of operation was motioned, seconded and voted on.

**Motioned by:** Vincent Vecenti      **Seconded by:** Roger Notah  
**In Favor:** 19      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 3

**IX. Financial Assistance Requests** – 11 members turned in applications for financial assistance.

**X. Announcements**

- a. Chapter Vice-President, Conette Blair, announced there is a rain storm coming Thursday and into the weekend.
- b. Kenneth Harvey, Jr. announced there will be a Veterans Information Gathering at San Juan College on Friday, 10/10/25. He said the event is open to all veterans and encouraged all LVO members to attend.

**XI. Next Meeting – November 13, 2025 @ 1:00 PM @ Lukachukai Chapter House**

**XII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

**Motioned by:** Roger Thompson      **Seconded by:** Vincent Vecenti  
**In Favor:** 21      **Opposed:** 0      **Abstained:** 2



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**RESOLUTION OF  
LUKACHUKAI VETERANS ORGANIZATION**

**APPROVING THE LUKACHUKAI VETERANS ORGANIZATION PLAN OF  
OPERATION.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization is a recognized standing Veterans Organization of the Lukachukai Chapter Government; **AND**
2. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization is hereby established as a governing body, for the Lukachukai Veterans, Surviving Spouse, and Gold Star Parents; **AND**
3. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization is hereby established for advocate on behalf of all Navajo Veterans residing within Lukachukai Community regarding issues affecting, local Veterans, Surviving Spouse and Gold Star Parents; **AND**
4. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization shall review, advise and recommend Veterans related issues to the Lukachukai Chapter and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration for further evaluations and recommendations.
- 5.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization hereby approves the Lukachukai Veterans Organization Plan of Operation.
2. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization shall advocate on behalf of the Navajo Veterans residing within the Lukachukai community on all Veterans issues, legislations, programs, benefits and other services.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Lukachukai Veterans Organization of the Lukachukai Chapter at a duly called meeting held at Lukachukai Chapter (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote 19 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Motion by: Vincent Vecenti

Second by: Anthony Gray

[Signature]  
Commander

[Signature]  
Vice-Commander

[Signature]  
Secretary



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**RESOLUTION OF  
LUKACHUKAI VETERANS ORGANIZATION**

**APPROVING THE LUKACHUKAI VETERAN ORGANIZATION OFFICERS;  
HENRY NEZ, COMMANDER, JEROME BEKIS, VICE-COMMANDER AND HARLAN  
THOMPSON, SECRETARY**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization is a certified of Lukachukai Chapter and is delegated the authority to advocate for the community veterans; **AND**
2. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization has been established to advocate for all Navajo Veterans residing within the Lukachukai community regarding issues affecting local Veterans, Surviving Spouse and Gold Star Parents; **AND**
3. The Officers shall be appointed at any scheduled periodic organization meeting, following acknowledgement of membership. Officers shall consist of:
  - a. Commander
  - b. Vice-Commander
  - c. Secretary
4. Any Officer of the Organization in addition to the duties prescribed in the Plan of Operation; can have additional duties; Voluntary duties as may be delegated by the Organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization hereby approves the newly appointed Lukachukai Veterans Organization Officers.
2. The Lukachukai Veterans Organization shall advocate on behalf of the Navajo Veterans residing within the Lukachukai community on all Veterans issues, legislations, programs, benefits and other services.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Lukachukai Veterans Organization of the Lukachukai Chapter at a duly called meeting held at Lukachukai Chapter (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote **19** in favor, **0** opposed and **2** abstained on this **9<sup>th</sup>** day of **October, 2025**.

Motion by: Colin Stevens

Second by: Anthony Gray

Henry Nez  
Commander

Jerome Bekis  
Vice-Commander

Harlan Thompson  
Secretary