



Hooshdoodii To' Veterans Organization

(Whippoorwill Chapter)

Commander: Allen Barlow
Vice- Commander: Lillie Buckhorse
Secretary/Treasurer: Shandiin Bahe
Representative: Raymond Joe

December 7, 2025

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order:

2. Invocation By:

3. Roll Call:

Allen Barlow, Commander
Lillie Buckhorse, Vice-Commander
Shandiin Bahe, Secretary
Raymond Joe, Representative

Other attending members and guests attending meeting will be considered present by sign-in sheet.

4. Introduction of Guests: Brenda S. Begay, Chinle Agency VSO

5. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda:

- Any add on to agenda
- Motion by:
- Second by:
- Votes: In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstained ____

5. Reports:

- VSO Chinle Agency, Brenda S. Begay
- Commander Allen Barlow
 - Update HTVO Building Fund \$38,000
 - Registration with Chinle Veterans Office – updating files
Status HTVO Veterans: 31 Veterans
 - 17 veterans updated, 7 not updated, 3 not funded, 2 lack of info.
 - Requests made: 22 Social. 1 self-Help
 - Veteran Profile with HTVO – Military Branch served, phone #s, email, etc.
 - Updated Veteran Trust Fund Policy – Any changes?
 - Privacy Issue with veterans requesting assistance w/o attending mtgs.
 - Whippoorwill Chapter Budget Justification ... #16, #6600, #6817
 - Need to make a budget for Whippoorwill Chapter Veterans Fund.
- Vice-Commander Lillie Buckhorse
- Secretary Shandiin Bahe
- Representative Raymond Joe



6. Old Business:

1. Veteran Trust Fund (Total Allocation \$48,893)

Remaining Balances:

a. Hardship (food)	\$9,600
b. Energy (firewood)	9,600
c. Self-Help (bldg materials)	4,869
d. Stipends	2,100

2. Whippoorwill Chapter Veterans Fund (\$17,710.98)

a. Food Purchases	\$ 43.00
b. Food, catering, gifts/awards, supplies	17,710.98

Note: Supplies can be used for paper plates, plastic silverware, paper bowls, etc. Can also be used for office supplies like printing paper, ink, highlighter, pens, etc, Laptop? NO Gift Cards. Chapter veterans fund comes from Navajo Nation General Fund. Can purchase turkeys for Christmas.

7. New Business:

8. Announcements:

9. Next Meeting:

10. Adjournment At:

Motion By:

Second By:

Votes: In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstained ____



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Meeting Minutes

Date: December 07, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: To'bahoolin Mee' Meat Hall (Loretta Denny Residences)

1. Call to Order

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Allen Barlow.
- ❖ Loretta Mae Denny delivered the invocation.

2. Roll Call (Present at meeting):

- ❖ Allen Barlow, Commander
- ❖ Lillie Buckhorse, Vice-Commander
- ❖ Shandiin Bahe, Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Raymond Joe, Representative
- ❖ There were 8 Veterans in attendance.
- ❖ Brenda S. Begay was not present at the meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

- ❖ Motion by Lillie Buckhorse
- ❖ Second by Shandiin Bahe
- ❖ Votes: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

4. Reports and Announcements

- ❖ Commander – Allen Barlow
 - Discussion on HTVO Building Fund: Current status of missing \$38,000 Veteran Building fund is lost due to no account being located by Whippoorwill Chapter. But this issue is still being looked into. Other accounts related to Veteran is #6600 Consultant Expense and #6817 Community Project.
 - Veterans record updates: A total of 31 records have been reviewed 17 have been updated, 7 remain unupdated, and 3 are not funded. Efforts are underway to update profiles with relevant details such as branch of service and contact information. Privacy issues by Agency Office prevents local chapter veteran organizations from obtaining veteran names that do not apply for financial assistance inside regular monthly meetings which causes a discrepancy of the true total of local veteran membership. HTVO just want names that apply through the internet to properly update their membership. Personal information like SSN, etc. is not needed.





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- Policy Review on Resolution #CO-53-25: A discussion was held regarding proposed changes to the Veterans Act, signed into law 11/07/2025. This amendment enhances the voice, representation, priorities and needs of all NN Veterans, surviving spouses, and gold Star families. alongside privacy considerations concerning assistance programs. Another outreach initiative is planned to ascertain the total number of Veterans residing in Whippoorwill.
- Whippoorwill Chapter Budget justification accounts:
 - Community Projects (6600): \$8,041.06
 - Community Projects (6817): \$23,629.75
 - Account #16: \$17,710.98Attached is a copy of our approved HTVO Budget for FY 2026.
- ❖ Vice-Commander – Lillie Buckhorse
 - Participated in budget and resolution discussions.
- ❖ Secretary – Shandiin Bahe
 - Updating information with Chinle and Whippoorwill.
 - Will reach out to Veterans for DD214 and update profiles.
 - Creating flyers and announcements for upcoming events, including the Christmas Potluck dinner. Flyers will be sent via email and text message.
 - 15 Veterans have submitted their hardship applications, but it's unclear who received funding due to privacy and confidentiality concerns at the Chinle Agency Office. Verification of funding recipients is not possible.
 - Will get quotes for an office laptop (Dell) and other office supplies.
- ❖ Representative – Raymond Joe
 - Concerns about utility costs for the new building.
 - Issues with funding resolutions.
 - Need for land withdrawal, survey, and archaeology.
 - Chapter President Aaron Yazzie isn't signing off on anything regarding veterans.
 - Resolution language needs updating to ensure we can access funding.
 - Blueprint creation is estimated to cost \$10,000.
 - Ideas for the building include a cafeteria, meeting room, computer room, Hogan, and recreation space.



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- A new outline budget checklist is being drafted and will be shared with us.
- To access funds from the Veterans account at the Chapter House, we will need to coordinate with the speaker.
- It is recommended to write a resolution letter, and it has been suggested that Raymond Joe attend meetings.
- A memorandum will be drafted to request land withdrawal.

5. Old Business

❖ Budget:

- Office Supplies (Laptop, Printer/Scanner, Flash drives, Paper): \$5000
- Food (3 separate voucher funds: \$200 per Veteran): \$8,000
 - This may require a commander and chapter official at the grocery store to monitor the \$200 spending; anything over that amount will need to be paid out of the Veteran's own pockets.
- Gifts/Awards: \$2,000
- Catering/Food for Meetings: \$2710.98
- Votes: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained
- Financial Assistance Requests Submitted:

1. Allen Barlow	Home Improvement	\$298.40
2. Ellouise James	Hardship (Food)	400.00
	Energy (Firewood)	400.00
3. Harry John	Home Improvement	212.00
	(will submit quote)	

6. New Business

- ❖ Christmas Dinner Planning: Using Veteran funding, 4 briskets, 1 backbone mutton and 2 hams to be purchased.
- ❖ Bulk food Purchase for 18 Veterans: Turkey
- ❖ Chapter Fund 16 Request Form will be submitted for both.

7. Announcements

- ❖ Christmas dinner announced for December 21, 2025, at 1:00 pm. All family members are invited.

8. Next Meeting

- ❖ January 4th, 2026, at 1:00 PM.



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9. Adjournment

❖ December 7, 2025, at 3:34 PM

Recorded by: Shandiin Bahe, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by: ABN (Commander)

Date Approved: 12/7/2025