



CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION



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REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2025
1:00pm

AGENDA



- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:.....**
- A. Invocation
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance Vice Commander
 - C. Recognition of Guest(s)
 - D. Announcement(s)
- II. PROPOSE AND APPROVE AGENDA**
- Motion; _____ 2nd ; _____ Vote;
- III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.....Secretary**
- Motion; _____ 2nd ; _____ Vote;
- IV. REPORTS:**
- A. CCVO Commander..... Pete Tsinnijinnie
 - B. CCVO Vice-Commander..... Deion Goonzalez
 - C. Secretary/ Treasurer..... Santana Yazzen
 - D. Planning Committee(s) Deion Gonzalez
 - E. VSO Paula Begay
- V. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Holiday Hams
 - B. Christmas Events
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Propose and approve Resolution re; Honor/ Color Guard Stipends
 - B. Propose alteration of 2nd Filing of VIF

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 11, 2025

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie at 1:09 p.m.
- A. **Invocation:** Prayer provided by Jerry Davis
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Commander Deion Gonzalez; followed by a moment of silence
 - C. **Introduction of Guest(s):** none
 - D. **Overview of Agenda:** Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie
 - E. **Announcements:**
 - 1) Christmas parade 12-20-25 at 1800, line up starts at Silvercoin Laundry going towards airport road
 - 2) Firewood for veterans at Leupp, AZ
- II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: Eugene Tso; Second by: Victor Martinez
VOTE: Yeas: 47 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- III. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Motion to defer to hard copy
Motion to accept minutes: Jayne Mitchell; Second by: Victor Martinez
VOTE: Yeas: 47 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- IV. **REPORTS:**
- A. Commander Report – 119 turkeys distributed, any remaining turkey left to use for the CNVO meeting; Honor Guard has been busy assisting with funerals of veterans lost; Thank Jewel Roanhorse for donating 12 turkeys for the surviving spouses; Reminder to be courteous to those that help; Point of Order; Recognized by commander. Sarah Dailey announced woods for life donations of firewood for veterans needing assistance, she has 5 loads in Rough Rock, fill out application and can deliver or can pick up. Contact info: 410-847-5333. Holiday Ham \$2,533 used to purchase turkeys; FUND 16 states \$2500 for use of food items & \$2500 to be used for gifts and 3 quotes are needed to submit with requisition request
 - B. Vice-Commander Report –Next meeting for Arizona Veterans of Chinle on Dec 16, 2025 at 1000 at the Catholic hall; discuss parade also at that time, bring any donations for the parade; Pete picked up toy donations from Showlow to give to children at ADABI during the hosting of Santa Claus on December 18, 2025; Have Honor Guard help donate toys to children at that time
 - C. Secretary Report – nothing to report
- V. **RESOLUTION 12-01-2025:** read by Commander for Honor/Color Guard Stipend increase
Motion to approve made by Curt Mitchell; Second by: Wesley Yazzie
VOTE: Yeas: 58 Nays: 0 Abstain: 2
- VI. Motion to prioritize distribution of ham to those that attend the meeting made by Daniel Jones;
Second by: Eugene Tso
VOTE: Yeas: 58 Nays: 0 Abstain 1
- VII. **OTHER:** Proposed alteration of second filing of Veterans Trust Fund (VTF)
Motion to discuss until January made by Tom Mike; Second by Daniel Jones
Substitute Motion to discuss today made by Donovan Bizadi; Second by: Ricky Yazzie
VOTE: Yeas: 50 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1



Current Balance left: \$161,110

Education: \$1,000

Discussion on how much to distribute to 150 members; If there is a balance left after second distribution, may be able to do a 3rd distribution if possible.

Motion to issue \$800 per individual on next distribution made by Curt Mitchell; Second by: Eugene Tso

VOTE: Yeas: 56 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

VIII. NEXT MEETING January 8 2026.

Motion to keep meeting as scheduled for January 8, 2025 made by Virginia Halwood; second by: Phillip Jake

VOTE: Yeas: 56 Nays: 1 Abstain: 1

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Donovan Bizardi; Second by Daniel Jones

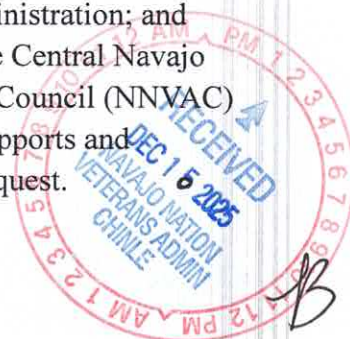
VOTE: Yeas: 56 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CHINLE CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
CCVO-12-01-25**

TITLE: An action relating to the Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) seeking acknowledgement and support of the request of CCVO on the recommendation to increase the stipend amount for the Honor/Color Guard detail members.

WHEREAS:

1. The Chinle Veterans Organization was established in the year 1971 in accordance with The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71 and which also established the Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs under The Executive Office of The Chairman and Vice-Chairman; and
2. The Chinle Veterans Organization was recognized in September of 2007 as The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization representing over 300 veterans in the Chinle community; and
3. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Title II Section I, The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization is duly recognized by The Navajo Nation; and
4. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) is duly recognized by the Chinle Community Chapter with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and to advocate for the Veterans, Surviving Spouse(s) and Gold Star Mother; and
5. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization leadership recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive towards providing a positive livelihood of its members by advocating for improvement(s); and
6. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) has formally recognized and supports The Honor/Color Guard Detail established within its domain; and
7. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) has realized and is aware that the Honor/Color Guard stipend(s) is insufficient considering the increase of the Cost of Living; and
8. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) is also aware that the Honor/Color Guard Detail Members use their own finances to purchase fuel and other expenses associated when using their own Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) to travel to their assignment; and
9. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) is aware and acknowledges that the Honor/Color Guard Members travel throughout The Central Navajo Agency's sixteen (16) Chapters as well as to the neighboring Chapters of the five (5) agencies of the Navajo Nation; and
10. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) is aware and acknowledges that the Honor/Color Guard Members are in good standing and their exemplary conduct and service reflects positively on the Organization and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; and
11. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) hereby requests that The Central Navajo Veterans Organization Commanders, The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) and The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration leadership acknowledge, supports and recommends an increase of 100% or an appropriate amount to satisfy this request.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chinle Chapter Veterans Organization (CCVO) hereby recommends an increase of 100% or an appropriate amount to satisfy the shortcomings cited to the Honor/Color Guard stipend(s) and hereby seeks support from the Central Navajo Veterans Organization Commanders, The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration leadership.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly democratically considered by the Chinle Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting in Chinle, Navajo Nation (Arizona), in which a quorum was present and that same was voted of 58 in Favor, 00 Opposed and 02 Abstention on this 11th day of December 2025.

Motion by: Curt Mitchell

Second by: Wesley Yazzie

Pete Tsinnijinnie, COMMANDER

Deion Gonzalez, VICE-COMMANDER



Santana Yazzen, SECRETARY