



Hooshdoodii To' Veterans Organization

(Whippoorwill Chapter)

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

February 1, 2026

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

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

4. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda:

- a. Any add on to agenda
- b. Motion by:
- c. Second by:
- d. Votes: In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstained ____

5. Introduction of Invited Guests:

Crystalyne Curley, Speaker, Navajo Nation Council
Robert Ben, Community Member
Barton Hosteen, Commander, Pinon Veterans

Invited Guests will make their presentations before reports. Questions from Veterans
and attending audience members to follow.

6. Reports:

1. Commander

- a. Whippoorwill Chapter Veterans Fund #16 (\$17,553.61)
- b. Our Whippoorwill Chapter Veterans Fund #16 Budget was approved by the
community.
- c. Request for Office Supplies approved for \$425.25 ... Check submitted,
office supplies obtained.
- d. Request for 20 Food Box Giveaway submitted, 3 quotes obtained ...
waiting for Chapter approval.
- e. Topics at CNVO mtgs. January 14 & 30, 2026.
 - a. Codification: Process of arranging rules into a systematic formal code
for clarity. Work session scheduled for February 7 @ Ft. Defiance



Agency Office, 10 am

- f. Resolution submitted for Stipend Increase: Color Guard, Color Guard.
- g. Harrison Kee voted in as new Commander for CNVO, Chinle Agency.
- h. CNVO Plan of Operation discussion ongoing. Workshop scheduled for Feb. 16, 2026 @ Chinle Veterans Office.
- i. Update Status of Pinon Wellness Center & Veterans Home

- 3. Vice-Commander Lillie Buckhorse
- 4. Secretary Shandiin Bahe
- 5. Representative Raymond Joe
- 6. HTVO members (Whippoorwill Chapter).

6. Old Business:

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

Remaining Balances:

a. Hardship (food) \$400	\$ 0
b. Energy (firewood) \$400	0
c. Self-Help (bldg materials) \$212	2,803
d. Stipends	2,400

2. Whippoorwill Chapter Veterans Fund (Total Allocation \$17,752.02)

Remaining Balances:

a. Operating Supplies	\$ 4,574.75
b. Food Purchases, Catering	10,753.61
c. Gifts & Awards	2,000.00

Note: Operating 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, No Laptop, printer, scanner or chainsaw. AND NO Gift Cards. Chapter veterans fund comes from Navajo Nation General Fund.

Budget Transfer:

From 16-6620 (Gifts & Awards) to 16-6352 (Food Purchases) \$10,500
From 16-6620 (Gifts & Awards) to 16-6303 (Operating Supplies \$5,000

7. New Business:

8. Announcements: The Wall Visitation – April 4-12, 2026. Who wants to go.

9. Next Meeting:

10. Adjournment At:

Motion By:

Second By:

Votes: In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstained ____



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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 01, 2026 | **Time:** 11:00 AM

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

Purpose: Discussion of veterans' chapter operations, funding issues, equipment needs, and organizational policies.

1. Call to Order

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by **Allen Barlow**.
- ❖ **Raymond Joe** delivered the invocation.

2. Roll Call:

- ❖ Allen Barlow, Commander – Present
- ❖ Lillie Buckhorse, Vice-Commander – Absent
- ❖ Shandiin Bahe, Secretary/Treasurer – Present
- ❖ Raymond Joe, Representative – Present
- ❖ Crystalyne Curley, Guest Speaker – Present
- ❖ Robert Ben, Guest – Absent
- ❖ Barton Hosteen, Guest – Absent
- ❖ Other Attendees: 11 community members present

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

- ❖ **Motion** by Tibb Armboy
- ❖ **Second** by Lucy Bahe
- ❖ **Votes:** 8 in favor | 0 opposed | 1 abstained

4. Reports and Announcements

- ❖ **Veterans Funding and Restrictions**
 - Concerns raised that restrictive policies prevent veterans from including family members in Veterans Day and Thanksgiving dinners.
 - Some chapters suggested returning fund management to the Veterans Agency Office or using waivers to allow more flexible use of funds.





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- The Council is working on a Procurement Act waiver under Title XII. An update is expected at the February Council session.

❖ **Organizational Structure and Authority**

- All chapter veterans organizations are now officially recognized under Title II (effective August/October).
- Each organization must develop a Plan of Operation and Budget outlining priorities and intended use of funds.
- Council will review these plans and allocate funding beginning next budget cycle.
- Technical assistance is available for drafting plans of operation; the deadline is targeted before July.

❖ **Financial Operations & Procurement Issues**

- Funding limitations impacting the ability to acquire necessary office equipment (laptop, printer, scanner) to properly administer veteran affairs and maintain digital records.

❖ **Record Keeping and Technology Needs**

- Ongoing challenges: all records are handwritten; lack of electronic filing impedes updates and accurate veteran tracking.
- A plan to ensure proper recordkeeping and recovery after disasters (e.g., a chapter house fire that destroyed all documents) was discussed.

❖ **Lost and Unaccounted Funds**

- \$37,000 previously allocated to the chapter was lost after a fire; efforts are ongoing to trace the transfer of funds through old accounting records and administrations.
- Coordination with past and current staff and accounting firms to locate or verify missing funds.

❖ **Political Updates and Campaigns: Loretta Denny "Purple Wave" Presentation**

- Discussion of upcoming leadership elections; Justin Jones announced intention to run for Navajo Nation president with support for veterans.



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5. Announcements

- ❖ Draft and distribute a **model Plan of Operation** for veteran organizations.
- ❖ Council to continue advancing the **Procurement Act waiver** for flexible veteran spending.
- ❖ Ongoing investigation into **lost chapter funds**.
- ❖ Leadership to explore options for providing **recycled laptops and printers**.
- ❖ Continue audit follow-up and review possible **election code amendments**.
- ❖ Distribute information on the **community home renovation program**.

6. Next Meeting

- ❖ March 1st, 2026 at 11:00 AM

7. Adjournment

- ❖ February 1st, 2026 at 2:46 PM
- ❖ Motion by Tibb Armboy
- ❖ Second by Herbert Maize
- ❖ Votes: In Favor 6 | Opposed 0 | Abstained 1

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New Requests: Home improvement

1. Herbert Maize	\$256.40
2. David Belinte	\$289.83
3. Dan Bahe	\$272.37

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Request for Food Boxes in Process.

Recorded by: Shandiin Bahe, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by: Lucas Borden (Commander)

Date Approved: 2-5-26