



Crownpoint Chapter Veterans Organization
P.O. Box 336 ~ Crownpoint, New Mexico 87313

Lou Antone, Sr.
Commander

Willetto Freeland
Vice Commander
A-G-E-N-D-A

Frances Morris
Secretary

REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2025

- I. **Meeting to Order:** Commander Lou Antone, Sr.
- II. **Honor the U.S. Flag:** Membership
- III. **Invocation:** Volunteer
- IV. **Review & Approval of the Agenda:** Commander Lou Antone, Sr.
- V. **Review & Approval of July 10, 2025 and September 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**
Membership
- VI. **Reports:**
 1. Officer(s)
 2. Agency Veterans Administration
 3. Other(s)
- VII. **Financial Report:** Vice-Commander Willetto Freeland
 1. Fiscal Year 2026 Navajo Veterans Trust Funds:
 2. Fund Raising Account
 3. Crownpoint Chapter Veterans General Funds Account
 4. Stipend Approval for Commander, Vice-Commander, Secretary and Agency Meeting Veterans Representative.
 5. Veterans Financial Assistance Requests.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 1. Veterans Park & Cemetery
 2. Veterans Memorial Day Festivities – November 11, 2025
- IX. **New Business:**
 1. None
- X. **Announcements:**
 1. October 21, 2025 – Crownpoint Chapter Regular Meeting @ 12:00 Noon.
 2. October 24, 2025 – CLUPC Meeting at 10:00 A.M.
 3. November 5, 2025 – Crownpoint Chapter Planning Meeting @ 10:00 Noon.
 4. November 11, 2025 – Crownpoint CVO Memorial Luncheon @ 10:00 A.M.
- XI. **Adjournment:**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN ON OCTOBER 31st. HAVE FUN SERVING THE TRICK OR TREATERS.



MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2025

- I. Meeting called to order by Commander Lou Antone, Sr. at 10:10 A.M.
- II. "Pledge of Allegiance:" The Veterans membership honored the U.S. flag.
- III. Vice-Commander Willetto Freeland provided the invocation.
- IV. **Agenda:** Commander Antone reviewed the proposed agenda with the Veterans membership. **Action:** Mrs. Pauline Freeland made the motion to approve the agenda with correcting spelling and/or number errors. Mrs. Marie Antonio seconded the motion. **A vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained.**
- V. **Minutes:** Vice-Commander Freeland read the July 10, 2025 and September 24, 2025 meeting minutes to the Veterans membership. **Action:** Mr. Frederick Antonio made the motion to approve July 10th and September 24th meeting minutes with no correction noted. Mr. Isaac S, Toledo seconded the motion. **A vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained.**
- VI. **Reports:**
 1. Officer(s): Commander Antone reported the following per Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans meeting held at Casamero Lake Chapter. a} No attendance from the Navajo Nation President's office. b} Veterans Financial Assistance Policy is being reviewed by the Veterans Task Force and needs input from the Chapter Veteran's Organization. c} The Veterans Act policy is also being reviewed. This policy needs to be reviewed and updated. The Veterans need to familiarize themselves with the contents of the Veterans Financial Assistance Policy and the Veterans Act. d} A work session on the trust fund policy is schedule for November 6th. Mr. Johnnie Martin commented that most of the veterans are only familiar with the type of assistance but don't know the content of Trust Fund Policy. More information will be shared by the Agency Veteran's Administration. e} Housing: We understand 10 homes are being built for veterans within Eastern Navajo Agency. But for whom or where the homes are being built is not known.
 2. Agency Veterans Administration: Ms. Lori John provided the following information: a) Received directive from Veterans' administration to attend all CVO meetings within our Agency. Thus far visited 28 of 31 CVO meetings.

b) Veteran's count. Per audit conducted 214 veterans are placed inactive due to documents are incomplete. c) Veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star Mothers need to contact the Agency Veterans office at the beginning of each fiscal year to find out if any document needs to be update. Important documents are DD-214' Social Security Number, Driver License, Certificate of Indian, Address and Phone Number. d) Account Maintenance Specialist is still vacant. e). Ms. John was informed about two concerns raised with the agency office. one is staff not talking Navajo and two not explaining things clear. Ms. John response is to contact her of any incident. Currently she has six months program employee(s) that help her operate the Agency office. Crownpoint CVO is having a Special Veterans Memorial Day luncheon on Tuesday November 11, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at Crownpoint Chapter. The membership informed her they would like her to be the quest speaker. Also, her staff are invited to the luncheon. Ms. John agreed and only needs a letter for documentation.

3. Other(s): Mr. Hoskie Kee shared the following information with the membership: a) New Officers have nominated for Eastern Agency Veteran Orientation. b) Veterans Financial Assistance policy is currently being reviewed for update. Example: Instead of the three type of assistance category, it might be just one as "Hardship." c) Mr. Kee reiterated the importance of making sure your veterans documents are up to date annually. **Action:** Mrs. Pauline made the motion to accept the reports provided by the Officers, Agency Veterans Service Officer and Mr. Hoskie Kee. Mr. Robert Arviso, Sr. seconded the motion. **A vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained.**

VII. Financial Report – Vice=Commander Willetto Freeland:

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Navajo Veterans Trust Fund: Received \$45,634 for Crownpoint CVO. Budgeted at the September 24, 2025 Veterans meeting as follows: Hardship-\$16,000.00 {\$400 X 20 Veterans X 2}; Energy-\$16,000.00 {\$400 X 20 Veterans X 2}; Self Help-\$10,259.00 {\$1,000.00 x 10 Veterans} and Meeting Stipend-3,375.00.
2. Fund Raising Account; Cash on hand-\$866.57. Funds at Crownpoint Chapter-\$310.66. Total-\$1,177.23.
3. Crownpoint Chapter Veterans General Funds: \$9,546.23.
4. Stipend Approval: Commander Lou Antone, Sr.-\$75.00; Vice Commander Willetto Freeland-\$75.00; Secretary Frances Morris-\$75.00 and Commander Lou Antone, Sr.-\$150.00 for attendance to Eastern Agency Veterans Council meeting. **Action:** Mrs. Pauline Freeland made the motion to accept the financial Report and approve the stipend for the officers. Mrs. Marie Antonio seconded the motion. **A vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained.**



5. Veterans Financial Assistance Requests:

NAME	HARDSHIP	ENERGY	SELF HELP	REQUEST BY
Colby K. Abeita	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Lou Antone, Sr.	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Fredrick Antonio	\$400.00	None	\$1,000.00	In Person
Robert Arviso, Sr.	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1000.00	In Person
Deborah Burke	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Arthur T. Davis	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Abel Freeland	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Willetto Freeland	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Raymond Gruber	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Johnnie Martin	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Emma A. Martinez	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Annie Muskett	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Ernest Neswood, Sr.	\$400.00	None	None	In Person
Janice Perry	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Shawndell Shorty	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	Statement
Jonah Silver	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Kevin Todacheenie	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	Statement
Isacc Toledo	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	In Person
Heston Yazzie	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	Statement
Total	\$7,600.00	\$6,800.00	\$18,000.00	

Action: Mrs. Pauline Freeland made the motion to approve the above financial Assistancerequests. Mr. Johnnie Martin seconded. **A vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstained.**

VIII. Unfinished Business:

1. Veterans Park and Cemetery: We had a very good turnout of members for today's meeting. Several new members join, so Vice-Commander Freeland provided an update on the Veterans Park and Cemetery. Due to commitment by some of the membership, this item was table. **Action:** Mrs. Pauline Freeland made the motion to table the Veterans Park and Cemetery. Mrs. Marie Antonio seconded the motion. **A vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstained.**
2. Veterans Memorial Day Festivities – Tuesday November 11, 2025:
Vice-Commander Freeland informed the membership, a Thanksgiving Luncheon has been planned for Veterans Memorial Day Tuesday November 11, 2025 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The Luncheon will be held at Crownpoint Chapter. Secretary Morris informed the membership that Felicia Singer, AMS with Crownpoint Chapter assisted the Veterans obtaining 3 quotes. The quote included the Thanksgiving menu, Veterans cake, eating utensils for 125 people. Quotes were request from Earls Restaurant, Sizzlers Steak House and Sweet



Revenge. In a previous veterans meeting Sweet Revenge was a preference. Secretary Morris informed the membership that Sweet Revenge owner Eric reeland respond with a quote of \$3,000.00 with \$900.00 veteran discount, total cost to \$2,100.00 to serve 125 people. Vice-Commander informed the membership the Chapter sent a check to Sweet Revenge paying 50% of the cost. It was asked what is on the agenda. It was recommended to invite Ms. Lori John, Agency Veterans Service Officer as the special guest speaker including her staff. To invite the Chapter Officers and the Administration staff. An invitation needs to be sent to Ms. John as soon as possible.

IX. New Business:

1. None

X. Announcements:

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XI. Adjournment:

Mrs. Pauline Freeland made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Jonah Silver seconded the motion. A vote of 20 in favor, 0opposed and 1 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted:



Frances Morris, Secretary



attach to
Kevin Todacheenie

October 9, 2025

Test Message sent to Commander Lou Antone, Sr. from Kevin and Leora Todacheenie:

Good Morning Lou:

Kevin Todacheenie is a registered voter of Crownpoint Chapter and a member of Crownpoint Veterans Organization. Kevin is unable to make the meeting today due to Government shutdown. His employer is short staff. We live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. May we still get approve to be on the Agenda for Financial Assistance. We will make arrangement to get the paper work to Crownpoint Veteran's Office. Let me know the outcome. Thank You.

