

Crystal Chapter Veteran Organization
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Veteran Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025



- I. **Vice Commander called meeting to order; 1823**
- II. **Roll call** – Vice Commander present, Commander on the way, Secretary present.
- III. **Opening Prayer** said by Julia Mose
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said by all in attendance
- V. **Agenda adopted:** Vice Commander went over the agenda, Motion to accept made by Randall Kelly, Seconded by Miranda Smith
Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained
- VI. *Commander arrived 1830*
Last meeting minutes: Secretary read Sept 2025 meeting minutes; correction to name for Miranda Smith (Laughing)
Motion to accept made by Ernest Mallahan, Seconded by Miranda Smith
Vote: 10 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained
- VII. **Commander/Vice Commander Report**
Commander, apologized for being late
Discussed budget balance, Housing money from trust fund to build homes not sure of the amount of homes; William Tsosie, Manager of the housing program, very helpful.

101 form; no need for the CVO Commander, other CVO's adjust the amount, Crystal goes by the policy, budget.
Met with Bobbie Baldwin/Olin Kieyoomia, discussed about 5 Years ago; assistance use to be done at Veterans Meeting, felt it was degrading, now policy changed, Veterans no longer needs to attend meeting to request for assistance; go directly to Vet Office to complete assistance. As Commander, no authority to say Yes or No for assistance.
Purpose question on the 105 Assistance form should be deleted, repetitive.
Other CVO's set limits to assistance. Will continue to state that the assistance is between Veterans and Navajo Nation.
Build a program that helps Veterans, make Veterans to be independent not dependent.
Show resources to assist, help how to complete required forms for education, housing, create a business, etc

New Veteran; HS to Military-room and board, HS-College education/job, from military no place to live, no transportation, no education, Program is needed to help veteran to provide for themselves, thrive on their own.

There is no data on how many Veterans actually on Navajo Nation; don't know what the biggest need is. Putting \$, resources where it may not be needed; what if it isn't housing. Need a survey to provide information on actual needs and that's how you will fund the needs.

Don't have the funds personally to get the survey off the ground.

Touched on Chapter Allocation; \$8000 at Chapter; may use for Veterans Day/Thanksgiving activities

Building for CVO specifically; there no need; who will pay for the maintenance, electric, upkeep. We have the Chapter for this purpose. No money to operate the building.

Vice Commander report; completed form with FD Agency; they completed the fund portion and changed the assistance amount, differs from voted CVO budget for Crystal.

Still trying to get a hold of VA in Abq; but they help in filing claims, VFW/American Legion assists in filing claims when VA ignores- new ruling on PACT Act; register for it. Maybe next meeting can bring EBenefits, it provides info on what eligible for. Briefly explained having to be enrolled in DEERs to get into EBenefits. Benefits are time sensitive.

Motion to accept reports, Leonard Mose motioned, Stephen Mose seconded

Question from Stephen Mose; when is the last day to apply for assistance? Commander, open year round, but after January 1st Energy/Hardship; only when fiscal year is nearing will there be a deadline set, due to getting the remaining funds allocated and spend.

Enerst Mallahan/Miranda Smith; amounts were adjusted Commander will contact Agency office.

Vote 12 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained

VIII. Old Business

Discussed in Commander Report

IX. New Business –

Veterans Day; in the past, always potluck, walk to Chapter – can use for thanksgiving as well. Will be provided a list/contact info.

Jackets possibly given

Gift card to local eatery, \$100 – 40 cards (Cracker Barrel, Golden Corral, Sizzlers) \$4000.00

Tshirts?

Combine Thanksgiving/Christmas

Veterans Day – Potluck/Walk 0900; 1200 at Chapter; VCommander will raise Flag at Chapter. (Re-fold flags) KB create Flyer – Luncheon noon, Guest Speaker?,

Menu

Mutton Stew, Water- Commander
Burgers, chips, buns – VCommander
Fannie Thompson - Bread
Moses, Laughing – Turkey
Leonard Mose – Potato Salad
Randall Kelly – hot dogs
Dessert - Cake/Pie – Kris
Miranda Smith – paperware

Motion to close new business Ernest Mallahan, Stephen Mose second
Vote 11 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained

X. **Announcements**

Chapter meeting Oct 21, 2025 1800
Next Veterans meeting Nov 6, 2025 1800
Planning Meeting Nov 2, 2025
Jonah Laughing express appreciation to Officers

XI. **Closing Prayer** Mrs. Laughing

XII. **Adjourned 1948**