

Naschitti Community Governance Veterans Organization

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NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION MEETING

Naschitti Community Governance Center * Naschitti, New Mexico

Friday, September 5, 2025 * 10:00 AM * FY 2025

MEETING MINUTES



I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Meeting Called to Order at 0911

B. Roll Call:

- Commander Richard Notah
- Vice-Commander Joel C. Herbert
- Secretary: Vacant

C. Invocation respectfully done by Commander Richard Notah

D. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence led by Commander Richard Notah

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. September 1, 2025: Labor Day

B. District 14 Grazing Permittee Meeting: September 3, 2025, 9 am at Twin Lakes Chapter

C. NCG Grazing Permittee Meeting: September 8, 2025 at 9 am

D. Naschitti Community Governance Planning Meeting: September 17, 2025, at 0900

E. Veterans Talking Circle: September 18, 2025, Window Rock, AZ

F. Naschitti Community Governance Regular Meeting: September 28, 2025, at 0900

G. Happy Birthday to Veterans and Surviving Spouses with Birthdays in September.

III. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

1st Motion: Maxine Gee

2nd Motion: Mike Becenti

Votes: 11 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

- Commander Richard Notah made a request to the attendees and to the motioning parties to act on the Election of new Officers for NCGCVO.
- Motioning parties accepted.

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Election of New Officers

Nominations:

➤ COMMANDER:

- ❖ Richard Notah nominated Joel Herbert for Commander
Joel Herbert declined nomination.
- ❖ Sarah Yazzie nominated Richard Notah for Commander
Richard Notah accepted the nomination
- ❖ With no other nominations Joel Herbert closed nominations

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- ❖ 1st Motion: Sarah Yazzie to approve Richard Notah for Commander.
- ❖ 2nd Motion: Ruby Johnson
- ❖ Votes: 14 in favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained
- ❖ Richard Notah is now the Commander for NCGCVO

➤ VICE COMMANDER:

- ❖ Ruby Johnson nominated Joel Herbert for Vice Commander.
- ❖ Joel Herbert accepts the nomination.
- ❖ With no other nominations, Richard Notah closed the nominations
- ❖ 1st Motion: Ruby Johnson
- ❖ 2nd Motion: Mike Becenti
- ❖ Votes: 12 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained
- ❖ Joel Herbert is now the Vice Commander for NCGCVO

➤ SECRETARY:

- ❖ Richard Notah nominated Rhonda Herbert for Secretary.
- ❖ Rhonda Herbert accepted the nomination.
- ❖ With no other nominations, Richard Notah closed the nominations
- ❖ 1st Motion: Richard Notah
- ❖ 2nd Motion: Kenneth Bryant
- ❖ Votes: 13 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained
- ❖ Rhonda Herbert is now the Secretary for NCGCVO

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Read to the public and for the record by Rhonda Herbert.

Some minor grammatical errors need correction.

1st Motion: Kenneth Bryant

2nd Motion: Mike Becenti

Votes: 12 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

V. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS:

A. Rhonda Herbert, Commission Vice President gave a verbal report to the attendees regarding on-going projects, upcoming events and meeting dates.

VI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

A. NN VA-FDA - None

B. NN Council Delegate – None

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: All Veterans

- A. Daniel Notah asked why veterans are required to turn in documents that the Veteran's Administration. Commander Richard Notah said that he is requesting these documents because it is in the policy that they are required and if there are any missing documents then requests for assistance may be denied.
- B. Kenneth Bryant commented that the Veterans Registration Form has a Fiscal Year for every year. If changes happen then your registration form will show that; "like your Driver's license or address change. So, it's to update them. Every year, I go over to the Veteran's Administration and update my driver's license. I asked them about financial assistance and they told me that there is no money in the Veteran's Trust Fund. They also told me that they will begin accepting financial requests on October 1st."
- C. Sarah Yazzie said that it is important that we renew our documents and to turn our paperwork. She also requested that we should understand that veterans are given money to go to their appointments and to requesting more money should not be allowed. Joel Herbert said that getting your coordinates will help you get the funding for appointments.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Election for New Officers: done under III. A.

B. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. NCGCVO-007-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE NASCHITTI GOVERNANCE CENTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING AN ACTION TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS' ORGANIZATION, AND THE NAVAJO NATION VETERAN ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION TRUST FUND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSE AND GOLD STAR PARENTS. THAT INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BE PRESENT OR BE REPRESENTED AT A DULY CALLED MEETING

1st Motion: Kenneth Bryant

2nd Motion: Joel Herbert

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VII. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Commander Richard Notah read his report to the attendees. His report is attached.

1. Questions and/or Comments;

a. A question was asked about the time the Stand Down will begin.

1st Motion: Kenneth Bryant

2nd Motion: Sarah Yazzie

Votes: 12 in favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

B. Vice-Commander Joel Herbert: announced the Marine Corps Ball that will be held in Albuquerque on November 8th, 2025. Richard announced that there is an event in Albuquerque as well. The event includes a rodeo, presenters, and booths.

1st Motion: Kenneth Bryant

2nd Motion: Daniel Notah

Votes: 12 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

C. Secretary: Rhonda Herbert announced that with the funding in Fund 16 at the chapter, we could have a dinner for Thanksgiving and for Veteran's Day. She then reiterated her verbal report to the attendees regarding on-going projects, upcoming events and meeting dates.

1. Richard asked about adding line items to the Fund 16 that is under the chapter. He then said that the Council Delegate's LDA told him that a letter from the Veteran's Organization would be a starting point in trying to get line items added to that funding account. Rhonda Herbert said that "it would have to go through the proper procedures but the letter would be a starting point." "IF approved, you can add line items for funds for appointments, for scholarships, for travel, per diem, financial assistance and other things. This would have to be a collaborative effort with everyone's involvement. Along with this letter, policies would have to be written and voted on."

a. Danny Nez asked if funding can be used to purchase flags, posts and stands. Rhonda Herbert that she will have to ask to see if it is allowable.

b. Barbara Plummer asked if funding can be used for surviving spouses and not just the veterans – for doctor appointments and scholarship. Rhonda Herbert said that a policy for financial assistance would have to be put into place and placing a cap on it. This is only possible if the line items are approved by Navajo Nation. Richard Notah said that "once we write the letter to the Council Delegate which would be to amend the current policy for allowable items under Fund 16 at the chapter. This is not a guarantee." "the funding for appointment is already allowed under the Navajo Nation funding."

c. Other questions asked were regarding who can get assistance, how much, what is allowed and more.

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2. NCGCVO-008-2025: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE CENTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (NCGVO) REQUESTS THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (NNDVA) TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROVE THE (NCGVO) RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE NCGVO AS A SUB-ORGANIZATION OF THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE CENTER AND TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE NAVAJO NATION RISK MANAGEMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

1st Motion: Daniel Notah

2nd Motion: Barbara Plummer

Votes: 12 in favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained **APPROVED**

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Naschitti Community Governance – Fund 16

FUND 16	BALANCE 7/25	ENDING FY25 BALANCE
	\$4,433.21	\$9,433.21

** A request was made to have a resolution to have a resolution to use Fund 16 to purchase flags, poles and the base. Another item of discussion was for the Thanksgiving Dinner/Veterans Day Dinner. We will need to plan this out during the next meeting. This will include meal ideas and dates that we can have our dinner. One suggestion was to have the dinner during the meeting November meeting.

2. NNVA Trust Fund

NNVA TF	BALANCE:	ENDING FY25 BALANCE
	\$0.00	\$0.00

D. FY 2025 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST:

1. No financial requests were taken at this time. Requests will be done during the next meeting.

XI. Benediction was respectfully done by Daniel Notah

XII. NEXT MEETING:

A. Next Regular Meeting: October 10, 2025 at 10:00am

XIII. ADJOURNMENT at 1139 am

1st Motion: Ruby Johnson

2nd Motion: Maxine Gee

Votes: 12 In favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained