



Commander John Wilson, Jr.* V-Commander Melvin Sangster * Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn

Sunday, December 7, 2025

White Cone Veterans Organization

Meeting Minutes



- I. Meeting came to order: 10:21 AM.
 - A. Roll Call: All Present
 - B. Absent: None
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: All
 - D. Invocation: Veteran Jackson Hanley
- II. Review & Adoption of the Agenda: V-Commander Melvin Sangster
 - 1st Motion: Geneva Chatter 2nd Motion: Shawn Betone Vote: 21/0/01
- III. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn
 - 1st Motion: Carmendine Yazzie 2nd Motion: Jackson Hanley Vote: 22 /0/01
- IV. Recognition of Guest(s) Visiting Officials:
 1. Veteran Brent B. Whitehorn from White Cone and just came home from deployment and taking leave to spend with his mother and family. He will be staying for a couple weeks and back to base in Utah. He is happy to be home and see family and relatives, in time to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner with WCVO and mother, Cathy L. Whitehorn. Thank you for inviting me and good to see everyone.
 2. Anderson Dickson, nephew to Veteran Shawn Betone was invited by him and related to Veteran Wilbert Clah, he is from Naahtii area and happy to be among the WCVO Organization to enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner with everyone.
- V. Receiving Reports:
 - A. Officers
 1. Commander John Wilson Jr. was relieved to know the Trust Fund has been brought to a lower balance December 1st, the VA Office from Window Rock has agreed it's going in the right direction. The Trust Fund will be discussed further and updated.
 2. Vice Commander Melvin Sangster has had many Turkey Dinners it seems and hope everyone has had a good Thanksgiving with your family too. Thank you for everyone's participation and sign in at meetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year coming fast and has done 1 sketch for the T-Shirt to show everyone.
 3. Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn thanked everyone that is here today to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner. My son has returned from his deployment and happy to be home to see family and

relatives. Also like to add the Christmas boxes that Cmdr Wilson had given me to sign and found out it was just boxes. More real cards were bought for our Veterans and Surviving Spouses, very happy that we are here and gathered for this dinner to share. Hope that all are doing well and remember each others during this season and holidays. Thank you again for being here to share company with one another.

- B. Members: Darrel Bedoni has expressed that his mother, Lena Bedoni, who is a surviving spouse of Sidney Bedoni, who was a CodeTalker Veteran wanted to attend and enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. Thank you for this wonderful holiday event. Veteran Spouse Carmendine Yazzie thanked everyone in being here and thanked Veteran Brent B. Whitehorn for his service and joining us at this time. She remembers the Whitehorn boys for their friendship to her daughter, Crystal, thank you for that. Thank you to our Veterans and members, wishing everyone a Happy New Year!
- C. Announcements: Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner for WCVO Veteran & members with the White Elephant Game, all enjoyed the event!

VI. Old Business:

- A. Update Purple Heart Celebration - October 29, 2025.
- B. Upcoming events;
 - 1) Fundraising Veterans Bingo - Saturday, Nov 8th
 - 2) WCVO Veterans Day - Thursday, Nov 11th
 - 3) WCVO Thanksgiving - Saturday, Nov 22nd
- C. T-Shirt (3) Sketches - VCmdr Melvin Sangster
- D. Discussion - WCVO Veterans/Members

VII. New Business:

- A. Discuss 2026 Trust Fund Budget - change to CAP funds. The 2nd Quarter will change with the Trust Fund balance in the New Year in month of January 2026. Next month's meeting we will have more discussion in the coming New Year on this budget for WCVO.
- B. Discuss WCVO Self Home -Trust Funds Veterans. This will change the number on the Self Home budget which may be moved to other areas; Hardship and Energy, more discussion will be done WCVO meeting in the New Year coming, updates will be given.
- C. T-Shirt Sketches(3) VCmdr Melvin Sangster. Veteran Melvin Sangster brought 1 Sketch of the T-Shirt due to being busy with personal duties. The (1) Sketch was shown to everyone and liked what was drawn on the sketch and decided on a long sleeve type shirt, color: Gray and Black letters. The sizes chosen are XXL= 10, XL= 15, Large = 10 A couple of suggestions were made; (1) make extra T-Shirts and sell

some to others to raise funds; XXL = 15, XL = 20, Large = 15 Total = 50 T-Shirts (2) Veteran Randy Dick suggested a person Ryan Yazzie to make the T-Shirts, he lives out of state in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was suggested to have him bring samples of the T-Shirts and pick from them.

- D. General Funds update WC Chapter Meeting...The General Funds had a new balance and hope they will be used only for WCVO Veterans for Awards, Plaques, T-Shirts and events coming in the New Year 2026. The WCVO Commander Wilson Jr. mentioned that there is a possibility the Fort Defiance Veterans Agency will move the Trust Funds to the chapters with the General Funds, which is already sent to chapters In the New Year, we will find out and see what happens with the Trust Funds, attend the Fort Defiance Veterans Agency Meetings is good to learn about Veteran information, in the New Year schedule will be sent out to everyone.

Comment: Veteran Spouse Carmendine Yazzie is totally against the the Trust Funds to be sent to the White Cone Chapter and is grateful the Fort Defiance Veteran Agency is still considering to have Veteran Surviving Spouses on the list to receive funds. She does not want this to happen due to chapters mishandling funds and not helping our Veterans.

Comment: Another spouse that attended the WCVO meeting truly is not in favor of funds sent to chapters and rather be kept where it's at right now. We need to voice our concerns, attend meetings and show that we care about our Veterans and Surviving Spouses.

VIII. Financial Report:

A. VA. Trust Funds: 2024 - 2025 VA Ft. Defiance Agency

- 1) Budget Balance = \$48,893.00
New Balance = \$ 13,904.00
- 2) Fundraising Balance = \$414.73
New Balance = \$ 2089.00

B. General Funds - White Cone Chapter

- 1) Budget Balance: \$10,547.14 (11/18/25) WC Chapter Meeting

X. Benediction & Adjournment: 11:52 AM.



NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, January 4, 2026

WC Veterans Center at 11 AM/MST.

Happy New Year!

Bring snacks to share & stay warm! MASK OPTIONAL...

