

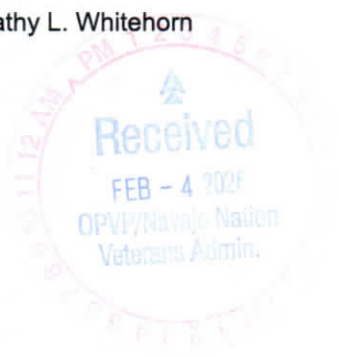


Commander John Wilson, Jr.* V-Commander Melvin Sangster * Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn

Sunday, February 1, 2026

White Cone Veterans Organization

Meeting Minutes



- I. Meeting come to order:
 - A. Roll Call: WCVO Officers are present.
 - B. Absent: None
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: All
 - D. Invocation: Veteran Ricky Dick
- II. Review & Adoption of the Agenda: Veteran Melvin Sangster
1st Motion: Ricky Dick 2nd Motion: Alberta L. Begay Vote: 17/0/01
- III. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Veteran Cathy L. Whitehorn
1st Motion: Jackson Hanley 2nd Motion: Alberta L. Begay Vote: 17/0/01
- IV. Recognition of Guest(s) Visiting Officials: Former WC Chapter President & Veterans Robert Salabye, Veteran David L. Yazzie, Marine introduced himself, first time attending the WCVO Meeting. Veteran Verna Yazzie had some information on the American Legion events. Surviving Spouse Rose Brown, from the Jeddito Veterans, and a friend to attend the meeting.
- V. Receiving Reports:
 1. Commander John Wilson Jr. reported that the Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Meeting was put on hold again and will be announced for the next Agency meeting. When the Trust Funds forms are turned into the WR VA Ofc, it has to include Resolution has to be added with the Financial Forms. VSO Officer Fallyn Begay requested the Trust Funds funds to be zeroed out as soon as possible. Any events have to be reported to the WR VA Office and documented by VSO Fallyn Begay and they are willing to support these events, Memorial Day event.
 2. Vice Commander Melvin Sangster welcomed everyone to the WCVO Veterans Meeting and thanked them. We are having this meeting in the White Cone Chapter due to the utilities being shut off and the WCVO Veterans Center would be too cold inside for everyone, and hope next month's March meeting will be in the Veterans Center. Thank you for coming and making time to attend today.
 3. Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn welcomed all that are attending, we even have a Indian Wells Veteran and a couple ladies from the Jeddito Veterans here with us and thank you for coming. As far as the T-Shirts that are soon to be ordered for the WCVO Veterans & members are patiently waiting on quotes. As soon as the quotes are emailed, we will let the WCVO

Commander Wilson Jr. review it and copies of the image prints sent from Vendor Ryan Yazzie were made for everyone to look over and everyone agreed on what they saw. Quotes will be for 50 & 60 T-Shirts which Ryan Yazzie will be emailing and printed by Commander Wilson Jr., then he will give it to the White Cone Chapter CVO, then onto the White Cone Officers. Reminder on the 81st Anniversary IWO Jima Flag Raising in Sacaton, AZ. on February 21, 2026, Saturday event. If you get a chance to see it, it will be wonderful to support all Veterans there. And thank you everyone for supporting our WCVO Veterans & members.

- B. Members: Veteran Vance Tapaha, Carmendine Yazzie, Alberta L. Begay
- C. Announcements: Veteran Tapaha announced Government Shutdown, on the verge of this and asking who to talk to about the Veteran benefits, the person to contact is Benefits Coordinator, Veteran Francis Ambrose and gave him his information. Surviving spouse Carmendine Yazzie and husband, Veteran Lewis Yazzie both had a loss of 2 members in their families and couldn't attend the Special Meeting. She added more on information the Disability Packet for Veterans is available. The White Cone Chapter needs to work with WCVO Veterans on assisting with the Veterans Center and not ignore utility issues for the building. Surviving Spouse Alberta L. Begay mentioned to always update your information at the Window Rock Veterans Office, just a reminder.

VI. Old Business - Special Meeting...

- A. Trust Funds - Energy & Veterans apply living off reservation
- B. Navajo Nation Tribal Funds - Additional funds.

VII. New Business:

- A. Discussion on Trust Funds - Financial Requests from the VA Office on the Trust Fund - Commander Wilson turn into first and if any errors they will be returned, update your files every year in person with the Window Rock VA Office. Your financial forms have to be redone and it will take time before you receive any funds, just a reminder for Veterans & members.
- B. Discuss - 2026 Memorial Day event (unfolding & refolding flags) The Memorial Day event this year is on Monday, May 25, 2026, we need to have practice on the Unfolding/Refolding Flags to prepare for this event. We also need full support from WCVO Veterans to fold flags new date for setup for a Special Meeting, Sunday, February 15th, needs preparation.
- C. Food to serve & Guest(s) - will be discussed on the new date for a Special Meeting, Sunday, February 15, 2026, and go over continental and lunch to be served. Suggestion was made to have our own WCVO Veterans to be guest speakers.
- D. Draft Rules & Regulations (Fundraising & Trust Funds) - a form was drafted and passed out to the WCVO Veterans & members to review and

will be discussed on fundraising funds rules & regulations. For the funds that will be fundraised only.

- E. Holbrook Dorm - WCVO post flags "Song & Dance" event - the Holbrook Dormitory has requested the WCVO Veterans to a "Song & Dance" event on Saturday, February 7, 2026. Letter of Request supporting with the Color Guard Posting of Flags for this event was read by Vice Commander Melvin Sangster. Commander Wilson Jr. has spoken with the VSO Fallyn Begay about this event, Color Guard forms for compensation can be filled out in participation in events. WCVO Veterans participating are as follows: Veterans are Commander John Wilson Jr., Vice Commander Melvin Sangster, Ricky Dick, Shawn Betone, Vance Tapaha.

1st Motion: Carmendine Yazzie 2nd Motion: Jackson Hanley Vote: 17/0/01

VII. 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 New Balance = \$ 1089.00

B. General Funds - White Cone Chapter

1) Budget Balance: \$ 9869.68 (11/18/25) WC Chapter Meeting

X. Benediction & Adjournment: 12:39 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, March 1, 2026

TIME: 11 AM/MST.

LOCATION: WC VETERAN CENTER

Bring Snacks & Mask Optional

