



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

Sunday, January 4, 2026

White Cone Veterans Organization

Meeting Agenda



- I. Meeting come to order:
 - A. Roll Call:
 - B. Absent:
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: All
 - D. Invocation
- II. Review & Adoption of the Agenda:
 - 1st Motion: 2nd Motion: Vote: / /
- III. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes:
 - 1st Motion: 2nd Motion: Vote: / /
- IV. Recognition of Guest(s) Visiting Officials:
- V. Receiving Reports:
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 - 2. Vice Commander -
 - 3. Secretary -
 - B. Members:
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VIII. Financial Report:

- A. VA. Trust Funds: 2024 - 2025 VA Ft. Defiance Agency
 - 1) Budget Balance = \$ 48,893.00
New Balance = \$ 11,143.00
 - 2) Fundraising Balance = \$ 414.73
New Balance = \$ 2089.00 (will be monitored)
- B. General Funds - White Cone Chapter
 - 1) Budget Balance = \$ 9869.68 01/04/26) WC Chapter Meeting

X. Benediction & Adjournment: 2:00 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, February 1, 2026

TIME: 11 AM/MST.

LOCATION: WC VETERAN CENTER

Bring Snacks & Mask Optional



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Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting come to order: 11:51 AM
- A. Roll Call: All WCVO attendance
 - B. Absent: None
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: All
 - D. Invocation: Veteran Shawn Betone
- II. Review & Adoption of the Agenda: Veteran Melvin Sangster
- 1st Motion: Peggy Begay 2nd Motion: Alberta L. Begay Vote: 13 /0 /01
- III. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Veteran Cathy L. Whitehorn
- 1st Motion: Alberta L. Begay 2nd Motion: Darrel Bedoni Vote: 14/0 /01
- IV. Recognition of Guest(s) Visiting Officials:
- V. Receiving Reports:
- A. Officers
 - 1. Commander John Wilson Jr. - visited the Window Rock Veterans Agency Office and discussed final Trust Fund Budget with VSO, Fallyn Begay, who advised WCVO Commander John Wilson Jr. be used as soon as possible and by spending funds bringing the the balance to zero. Was discussed moving funds in the month of December 2025, the two areas Energy and Hardship were on a suggestion list for the Financial Report...
 - 2. Vice Commander Melvin Sangster - thanked those that have attended the WCVO meeting today and hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's dinner and celebration with family and relatives. Thank you for your participation and don't forget to sign in at meetings, and support in voicing your concerns during meetings for our Veterans, that is great. Need more support from our WCVO Veterans especially when attendance is very important. Thank you to Veteran Spouse Carmendine Yazzie, has a strong voice and will stand up for our Veterans, thank you to all that support WCVO is appreciated. We don't know what is going on in Window Rock among our leaders, the leadership isn't there anymore, except among our WCVO Organization. I drew one sketch, instead of 3 sketches, I sent it to the WCVO Secretary. Been busy with family and expecting grandkids soon, I have two daughters, so happy for them. Thank you for coming....



3. Secretary/Veteran Cathy L. Whitehorn - thanked everyone for coming and hope everyone had wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas dinners and Happy New Year to everyone. Just a reminder on phone numbers, if changed let me know, so you can receive messages on Veteran events or WCVO Meetings. A couple of announcements; the Ira Hayes, Flag Raising in Sacaton on February 21st, Saturday, if you can make it, go over and enjoy the parade and events for the day. Need to provide your own gas, food and hotel, so start planning ahead of time. Also the Navajo Times announced the Dine' Veterans called a meeting on "Housing Delays and Broken Promises" for Veteran homes, in Sanostee, New Mexico on January 11th, Sunday, in the Memorial Building, time was not announced. If you can make this meeting, you can get a lot of information on Veteran Housing. A lot of Veteran housing through NHA had issues and hope things will work out for all our Dine' Veterans. Thank you for your attendance today.
- B. Members: Veteran Spouse Carmendine Yazzie asked about the MPR- Multi-Purpose Building, if we are going use it this year and give us waiver to have our Memorial Day event. I hope all had a wonderful holidays and dinners with family, relatives, our was wonderful and spent with her mother and enjoyed the time there. Remember to update files or change in address or phone numbers with Fort Defiance Veterans Office, keep yourself updated on your files with Veterans Office. We have been trying to have our bathroom redone and no help from any office, tried one but it was a home loan, we just need a bathroom renovation and no help yet. Thankful for the fundraising funds to help our Veterans for wood/coal, incase there are any emergencies, hope everyone is using their funds wisely, the Hopi/Tewa Village have wood for sale = \$140 per load, which is a good deal and better price, thank you for being here.
- C. Announcements: One other announcement by Commander John Wilson Jr. is for fiscal year in October 2026, there will be no more Self-Help and will be taken out of assistance. The only thing available will be Hardship and Energy assistance but the General Funds still will be available through the chapters. We need to let the White Cone Chapter know to work with WC Veterans and keep an eye on our General Funds. We hardly ever see our Council Delegate at the Chapter meeting, once or twice, but was at the Christmas dinner and people were asking; "Where have you been?" or "Who are you?" and it doesn't reflect well on her, Council Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie. The White Cone Chapter should be able to assist White Cone Veterans when they ask for assistance on propane, wood, and funds so make time, please attend Planning Meetings, Regular Chapter Meetings.

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