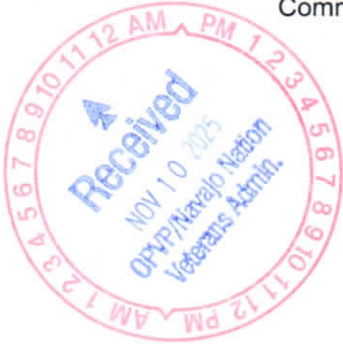




Commander John Wilson, Jr.* V-Commander Melvin Sangster * Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn
Sunday, November 2, 2025

White Cone Veterans Organization

Meeting Minutes



- I. Meeting came to order: 11:19 AM/MST.
 - A. Roll Call: All WCVO Officers attended
 - B. Absent: None
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: All
 - D. Invocation: Veteran Wallace Begay
- II. Review & Adoption of the Agenda: Veteran Melvin Sangster
 - 1st Motion: Carmendine Yazzie 2nd Motion: Elison Begay Vote: 10/0/01
- III. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Veteran Cathy L. Whitehorn
 - 1st Motion: Carmendine Yazzie 2nd Motion: Alberta L. Begay Begay Vote: 10 /0/01
- IV. Recognition of Guest(s) Visiting Officials: Veterans Elison Begay and Veteran Richard Begay welcome back and Veteran Marine Vance Tapaha, son of Mary and Benson Tapaha served during Iraqi Freedom overseas, married lives in White Cone, and now working on parents home; his work was in Texas Boiler Maker, Water Tanking, Welder. He understands more registered Veterans, higher budget funds and "Congratulation" to WCVO Veterans in becoming part of the Purple Heart Community.
- V. Receiving Reports:
 - A. Officers
 1. Commander John Wilson Jr. registered more Veterans this year has helped the budget for Fiscal Year 2026, updated \$48,483.00 was allocated and need to know how many applied, need an update for the VA Office. Hardship = 18 Energy = 18 Self Help = 22 applied. There have been some WCVO that have been called and denied, please keep your files updated...
 2. Vice Commander Melvin Sangster mentioned the Hopi/Tewa Celebration and due to rain washing out roads, was unable to make it, but Purple Heart went good, I went hunting instead and brought back memories of hunting with Cheii and uncle Elmer, we received Purple Heart items like; Glass Purple Heart Shape, Plaque, Purple Heart Wall Plaque, Purple Heart Flag, they were nice gifts. Its November now, we have Fundraising Bingo event coming up and months are going so fast. Need Veterans to attend and support, with bringing children, makes us happy. All Veterans and serve our nation, even during Fort Sumner time. Thank you.

3. Secretary Cathy L. Whitehorn introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Elison and his brother Richard Begay for returning and very good to see them. Also meeting Veteran Vance Tapaha and grateful for his support. Its feels so wonderful to be a part of the Purple Heart Community and that White Cone is honoring and remembering our Veterans that way. Thank you for everyone's support in this and that it worked out, we have more coming for our WCVO Veterans events, lets help and support our organization with the Bingo Fundraising and the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving dinner setup for this month.
- B. Members: Spouse Carmendine Yazzie was happy about the Purple Heart Celebration, the Roast Beef was the main dish, side dish for the Pot Luck was successful and agrees on the change of name on the White Cone Veterans Center or organization, to Veteran Vincent W. Begay and Purple Heart Veteran Elmer Sangster has proposed to White Cone Chapter to change the name to dedicate the organization to Veteran Vincent W. Begay. This has to be put before the White Cone Chapter meeting and discussed, approved and voted on by the the Community.
- C. Announcements:

VI. Old Business:

- A. The Hopi "Yuwehloc Pahki" event on October 11th...
- B. Grazing Meeting usage of WCVO Veterans Center.
- C. Update to reschedule Purple Heart Celebration.
- D. Discuss October Veteran Bingo Fundraising.- Rescheduled
- E. Discuss new budget and new registration 2026.

VII. New Business:

- A. Update Purple Heart Celebration - October 29, 2025.
Purple Heart Celebration was a good turn out with lots of food for everyone. White Cone Community came together and supported the WCVO Veterans and the Flagstaff Purple Heart Organization who presented the plaques and flag honorably. It was a short and simple program dedicated to a Purple Heart Veteran and change the name to Veteran Purple Heart Recipient Veteran Vincent W. Begay, which will be discussed at the WCVO Meeting.
- B. Upcoming events;
 - 1) Fundraising Veterans Bingo - Saturday, Nov 8th - prizes needed to support from all WCVO Veterans and members to donate for event which is used to help our Veterans with emergency needs; like appointment gas money, food, wood or other assistance. (Events or items needed for presentations.) All for a good cause for our WCVO Veterans & Surviving spouses. (attached Bingo info)

- 2) WCVO Veterans Day - Thursday, Nov 11th - the morning of the Veteran's Day, the flag will be put up and flown at the White Cone Veterans Center. WCVO Veterans & Surviving Spouses will take advantage of this day with free meals in nearest towns that they missed out throughout the years, it's their day!
- 3) WCVO Thanksgiving - Saturday, Nov 22nd - early Thanksgiving feast for the WCVO Veterans & Surviving Spouses and other Veterans from Jeddito, Dilcon are invited to White Cone, which will be held in the White Cone Chapter at 11 AM/MST. White Cone Chapter Officers are invited with the White Cone Community.

Hope

everyone will enjoy the Thanksgiving Feast and thankful for all the support from the community.

- C. T-Shirt (3) Sketches - VCmdr Melvin Sangster - he will be doing (3) T-Shirts black & white sketches and show the WCVO Veterans & Surviving Spouses and pick one to have it made for the WCVO organization. Hope these t-shirts will be ready for Christmas or the New Year's, very excited to get this together for all Veterans and members requested colors mentioned are Purple, Navy Blue, also shirts can be short or long sleeve but was discussed that long sleeve would be nice with the branch emblems, name of organization and flag on the right with a military picture on the back area.
- D. Discussion - WCVO Veterans/Members - for the Thanksgiving Dinner plan is to use the General Funds to purchase the 2 or 3 turkeys and maybe do another Plan B to assign foods as a potluck luncheon.
- E. Discuss General Funds from White Cone Chapter = \$6047.14. These funds will be used on awards and gifts, and need to be used on the WCVO Veterans within the year of 2026. Plans are being discussed.
- F. Purple Heart Organization - presented to WCVO Veterans/Members With Plaque, Flag, Proclamation Letter, Purple Heart Glass Heart, 2 - Purple Heart Wood Wall Decoration, very honorable and important to our WCVO. Recommendation was made to have a name change to White Cone Veteran Center, to Veteran Marine Vincent W. Begay a request by the Purple Heart Organization. This will be discussed at WCVO Veterans Meeting and brought before the White Cone Chapter Officers and community with paperwork to be approved and voted on.

VIII. Financial report:

- A. VA Trust Funds 2024-2025 - VA Ft Defiance Agency Office
 - 1) Budget Balance = \$48,893.00
Budget Balance = \$21,644.00
 - 2) Fundraising balance = \$414.73
Bingo Papers = \$75.00 (total cost \$150.00)

Cash usage for Bingo = \$126.00

B. General Funds - White Cone Chapter

1) Budget Balance = \$6047.14

X. Benediction & Adjournment: 1:13 PM/MST.

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, December 7, 2025

TIME: *11 AM/MST.*

LOCATION: *WC VETERAN CENTER*

Bring Snacks & Mask Optional

Ft Defiance Agency Meeting

2026 - New Year schedule will be emailed out!

Agency Commander Kyle Lewis