

MINUTES
WIDE RUINS VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
WIDE RUINS CHAPTER
FEBRUARY 8, 2026(Sunday) @ 10:00 AM



1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 10:29 am

CDR Stephen Roanhorse Present

VICE-CDR Philbert Toddy Present

Secretary Bernice Wilson Present

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\ MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. INVOCATION

CDR ROANHORSE

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA: ALVIN SAM SECOND BY: JEFFERSON JOE

VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION

B. REVIEW OF THE DECEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

SEC B. WILSON-I request to defer the December 2025 minutes to the march meeting.
(The minutes are unavailable.)

MOTION BY: SEC. WILSON DEFER TO MAR 2026 MTG SECOND BY: VICE- CDR

PHIBERT TODDY

VOTE: 12 - 0 - 1

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Status of the 5013C (Ongoing project)

CDR Roanhorse finished the booklet.

MRS. MAGGIE ROANHORSE-Has been the Klagehoh Veterans' Nonprofit Organization Inc. secretary for several years. There are many steps to follow, you will be working with the Arizona Corporation Commission. You will give your organization a name, formulate a motto, select board members, several fees need to be paid one for \$150.00 and \$462.00 etc. Their program is on hold temporarily on hold due to legal issues. (The list will be attached). Accomplishing this project is a team effort.

CDR ROANHORSE-This will be a long process, we need every ones' help. There are guidelines to follow and illegal activities need to be avoided.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVING A NEW MEETING DATE AND TIME

SEC WILSON-We will begin following the CVO POLICY, which is to conduct our veterans' organization meeting on the first or second week of each month, the policy doesn't specify a certain day or time. I was informed by CSC Michael they are understaffed and they will not allow us to have our meetings on weekends anymore.
ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Second Friday of the month at 1:00 pm.

JEFFERSON JOE; ELSIE SHAW; RAYMOND TSOSIE; LEROY YAZZIE; JOHN SILVERSMITH;
RAY LYNCH; RICHARD LYNCH; ALVIN SAM AND RENA APACHE ARE OK FOR FRIDAY
MEETINGS AT 1:00 PM.

JERRY LEE-Doesn't agree with weekday meetings.

MAGGIE ROANHORSE-The chapter staff is supposed to support the veterans, the chapter is owned by the people.

MOTION BY: VC PHILBERT TODDY SECOND BY: ELSIE SHAW

VOTE: 11 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION

- B. SCHEDULING AN "ADOPT A HIGHWAY" CLEAN UP DAY FROM MILE POST 390 TO 392 ALONG STATE ROUTE 191

SEC. WILSON-Elouise informed us at a prior meeting to schedule a date for this "Adopt a Highway" trash pick up event. This trash pick up event has to be done 3 times a year, anyone 12 years of age and older is welcome to participate in this trash pick-up. Wear bright clothes or we may have safety vests available. (Alvin and Elouise will provide some safety vests)

ELOUISE-Let's schedule all three events now!.

April 10, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

July 10, 2026 @ 7:00 AM

October 9, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

MOTION BY: JEFFERSON JOE SECOND BY: JERRY LEE

VOTE: 13 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION

- C. APPROVING REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCES FROM THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY GENERAL FUND FOR THE WIDE RUINS VETERANS' ORGANIZATION VETERANS

SEC B. WILSON-The W.R.V.O. officers received an email on Jan 28, 2026, suggesting for veterans to request for general funds through the Fort Agency Veterans' Administration although the Permanent Trust Funds allocated for the W.R.V.O. have been depleted.

ELOUISE LEE-Request for the motioning party to add this request for financial assistance to this meeting agenda. (Alvin Sam and Jefferson Joe approve to add Item C. to this meeting agenda.

VC Toddy volunteered to return the forms to the Fort Defiance Veterans' Administration Office on Monday February 9, 2026.

MOTION BY: JEFFERSON JOE SECOND BY: JERRY LEE

VOTE: 15 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION

- D. VETERANS' ISSUES AND CONCERNS (STATUS OF HARRY JOE ASHLEY'S HOME) There is no status report on this issue.)

- E. OTHER CONCERNS:

7. REPORTS

- A. CDR ROANHORSE-Attended the Fort Agency Veterans' Meeting on January 30, 2026. A resolution was approved opposing the establishment of a liquor license for the gas station in Chambers, AZ. This liquor license is strongly opposed by the surrounding community members due to many crimes and deaths involved with liquor sales in the local community (Sanders, Houck, Wide Ruins, Klagetoh etc.)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.

9. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING DATE March 13, 2026 @ 1:00 PM (Friday)

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY: JERRY LEE SECOND BY: JEFFERSON JOE

VOTE: 15 IN FAVOR; 0-OPPOSED; 1 ABSTENTION

Submitted by;

Secretary Bernice Wilson

*B. Wilson Feb 13 2026
(Friday)*