

Coppermine Veterans Organization Meeting Agenda

Commander: Alfred Long POC: _____
Vice Commander: Peter Tsinajinnie
Secretary/Treasurer: Fern Bigman-Green

Date: 18 April 2024

Notice is given to Coppermine Veterans Organization and the public that the Coppermine Veterans in District 1 will hold a regular meeting that is open to the public given this date above.

- A. Roll Call- **See attached Log Sheet**
- B. Meeting call to order: 5:09 MST.
Quorum: 9
- C. Formalities:
 1. Moment of Silence and Invocation: Alfred Long
 2. Guests Introductions: Linda Long (Spouse),
- D. Review and approve agenda:
Approved: Fern Bigman-Green & Alex Whitehair: YES: 7 NO: 0 Abstain: 2
- E. Review and approval of CVO meeting minutes for: March 22, 2024
Motion: Alex Whitehair 2nd: Harley Tsinajinnie

YES: 7 NO: 0 Abstain: 2
- F. Announcements:
 1. High Country Stand Down, Flagstaff. Agent orange veterans. 15 May 2024, 9am-2pm.
 2. Armed Forces Day, 18 May 2024.
- G. Guests/Reports:
Commander:
 1. Funding stabilized
 2. TF is supplemental
- H. Old Business:
 1. Fiscal Report
 2. Jacket update. Transfer of funds. Alex Whitehair.
 - \$2500 awards and \$2500 Banquet. Split the \$5000
 - Will take from \$4600 to cover the rest of the jackets.
 - Jackets decided on for Page were discontinued. Given another estimate, over \$3000.
 - Talked with Valerie and she said go to the next bidder, start all over with estimate.
 - New estimate in Page is at \$6000.
 - Alex talked it over with Valerie and they decided the difference could be transferred from the chapter \$4600.
 - Approval depends on the price. Next meeting in May, we should have those estimates.
 - Pass resolution of budget transfer.
- I. New Business:
 1. New vice-commander
 - Peter Tsinajinnie
 - YES: 6 NO: 0 Abstain: 3
 2. Plan of operation update
 - Bobby Baldwin wants a uniform POLICY across the veteran organization.

- Policy and Plan of operation are two different things. Don't confuse policy with plan of operation.
- Plan of operation is individualized to chapter.
- This is for more accountability of trust funds.
- Coppermine POO is dated 8 April 2010. Is it time for an amendment?
- Linda Long will make copies of POO for next month's meeting. Take it home, read it, and see if veterans would like to update the plan of operation.
- Will discuss at the next meeting.

3. Memorial Recognition

- What can we do for them? Should we recognize them?
- Alex Whitehair commented that in the past there were issues concerning veterans desiring non-involvement of recognition.
- A memorial could invoke PTSD. Let us respect and be considerate of veteran's belief system. Memorials might be considered a taboo to re-visit times of war for some.
- Some veterans believe those who have passed on are in the spirit world and so let them be at peace.
- If veterans want to participate with other chapters in a memorial service, they are more than welcome to do so.
- If Coppermine does a memorial, we need to check with veterans first and see how they feel about it.
- Some veterans have taken off their uniform and left them outside, according to their traditional belief.
- That is why the uniform was replaced with traditional attire, moccasins and or boots, and jewelry.

4. Reasons we did not receive monies is questionable.

- Each commander was asked to have their veterans vote on whether to leave budgeting open or closed.
- Coppermine was open. Which meant anyone who claimed residency and had a DD214 of Coppermine took monies. Leaving local Coppermine veterans with no funds left over for them.
- This has never happened before, so why was this left open?
- We will revisit this at the next meeting. We would like to review the September and October 2023 meeting minutes.
- Did Coppermine veterans vote to keep this open?
- If veterans of Coppermine want to change this from open to close. We will discuss it in the May meeting.
- Veterans may vote to close it with a resolution.
- There are 27 confirmed veterans from Coppermine.
- Younger veterans were discriminated against and in the end Coppermine veterans did not all receive their full funding. This should have been voted on.
- Veterans, if you wish for changes, bring up your concerns and comments and resolutions can be drawn up with votes. The only way we can oppose certain things is with resolutions.
- Next meeting put on the agenda a resolution of policy change to open or close VTF for Coppermine veterans.

J. Announcements:

1. Next Coppermine planning and regular meeting: 7 May 2024 and 13 May 2024.

2. Next WNVA Commanders Meeting: 18 May 2024 Kaibeto

3. Next CVO meeting: 2 May 2024 @5pm MST

- Alex Whitehair will bring paper food stuff.
- Veterans bring something to share.
- Donations will be accepted for paper goods at the next meeting.

K. Adjournment: 6:48 MST.