

Coppermine Veterans Organization

Meeting Minutes

Commander: Alfred Long
POC: 928-606-7892

Vice Commander: Peter Tsinajinnie
Secretary: Fern Bigman-Green

Date: 22 August 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: 5:15 MST Quorum: 8
- C. Formalities:
a) Moment of Silence and Invocation: Diddy Sands
b) Guests Introduction:
1. Cassandra Morgan,
2. _____
3. _____
- D. Review and approval of agenda:
a. Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie 2nd: Peter Tsinajinnie
Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1
- E. Review and Approval of CVO meeting minutes for: 12 July 2024.
a. Motion: Lavern Tsosie 2nd: Alex Whitehair
Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1
- F. Old Business
a) Spoke with the designer yesterday. She is doing the back design with name and service in the front. It should be done in another week. It looks sharp via picture. Alex Whitehair.
b) Valerie said ASC is "still continuing to give wrong fund balances for veterans" She has sent another email to them and commander. Awards + Banquet combine it back into awards. Awards in the negative, hopefully once ASC stops giving wrong fund balances, we can get that corrected.
c) Peter will try again to reach out to Helena Nez. Friday is the best time to catch her. Lavern has her phone #.
d) Not \$49,000 but \$29,937. Commander heard wrong due to hearing aid. This is VTF amount. Starting the new fiscal year. Receipts need to be included in the

spending for proper paper trail. So, anyone who questions can be shown receipts.

G. New Business

- a) FY starting October 2024 for 2025. Nygren not approving anything yet. Waiting to see what he signs off on the new draft VTF.
- b) Will discuss next meeting depending on new VTF draft by Nygren. VTF policy amendment for 2025. (1) The process of receiving benefits – the chapter veterans' organization will now have the authority to assist in the initiation of the FA request. (2) There will be one sub-account from which the veterans will be able to draw funds from, that being the emergency assistance line item #8060. Currently there are 4 subaccounts which cause errors and sometimes confusion. Energy, hardship, self-help, traditional healing will all go under 8060 with only one option. New form 1 Oct 2025
- c) The current policy of those who qualify for FA are those who have served over 180 days, even if other than honorable. Only housing must be honorably discharged.
- d) Currently 9 consistently active members. Occasional active, 13. Unknown, 18. (*Approximate #s*).
- e) 40 registered veterans. 4 surviving spouse – Shirley Scott who is not eligible due to being in nursing home.
- f) Budgeting with all 40+ members. The remaining amount will be put into an emergency fund. If a veteran needs assistance it can be used for that. Budget up to August or September?
- g) Come June 1st disperse remaining amount equally amongst active veterans?
- h) What does western agency consider active and participating? The current policy of those who qualify for FA are those who have served over 180 days, even if other than honorable. Only housing must be honorably discharged.
- i) If the amendment passes, update in Coppermine by-laws. What is active? Once a quarter? Every month? Etc.....
- j) Details what constitutes an emergency. Auto? Energy? Food? Funeral?
- k) To include but not limited to. Include receipts. Direct payment to the agency not to the individual. Pay directly to NTUA, alliant gas, Walmart etc...
- l) Cassandra Morgan. Outreach for veterans include food boxes, headstones, addictions, Red Feathers construction physical help.

H. Reports:

- a) Commander:
 - 1) Williams Stand Down, 13 Sept 24. 0900-1800
 - 2) POW MIA day 20 Sept 24, 0800.
 - 3) General Election 5 Nov 24
- b) Vice-Commander:
- c) Secretary:
 - 1) Agency commander and Housing Specialist vacant.
 - 2) Reach out to Sylvia Preston for disability adjustments. She knows what she's doing. Point of contact: 928-674-2529.
 - 3) Fill out veteran registration form yearly basis.

I. Announcements

- a) Next Coppermine planning meeting: 9 Sept 2024 @4pm DST.
- b) Next Coppermine regular meeting: 16 Sept 2024 @5pm DST.
- c) Next WNVA Commanders Meeting: 3 Oct 24 @1000 DST Location:
MDOT
- d) Next CVO meeting: 19 Sept 2024. Location/Time: Coppermine CH @4pm
MST.

J. Adjournment: 7:12pm MST.