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Coppermine Veterans Organization **Meeting Minutes**

Commander: Alfred Long POC: 928-606-7892

Vice Commander: Peter Tsinajinnie

Secretary: Fern Bigman-Green

Date: 20 June 2025

***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: 4:14 pm DST Quorum: 8

C. Formalities:

1. Moment of Silence and Invocation: Harley Tsinajinnie
2. Guests Introduction:
 - a. Betty Bigman – Family Member
 - b. Linda Long – Family Member

D. Review and approval of agenda:

1. Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie 2nd: Allen Rock

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1

E. Review and Approval of CVO meeting minutes for: 25 April 25.

1. Motion: Fern Green 2nd: Harley Tsinajinnie

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1

F. Old Business

1. \$8219.96 in chapter as of March 2025.

G. New Business

1. Commander Report

- Reaffirming the chapter policy and procedure, the new agency policy and procedure and new commanders. Coppermine veterans' organization is empowered by the chapter, council and president office to do business for themselves at chapter level. The veteran organization having officers to transact business at chapter level and agency level. This resolution is to reaffirm the veteran organization plan of operation.
- Around 2011, DOJ said, they had no business or want involvement in the micro affairs of veteran's organizations. Veteran organizations fall under state and federal levels. Ashway was the DOJ at that time. Will look at past paperwork and update at next meeting. These are just recommendations not official changes, keep that in mind. Are these recommendations legitimate? Can we get an official form of the DOJ report and see what, when, and who sent these papers in and for what reason? Curious because no one informed or gave the veterans reasons why the veterans policy and procedures were sent to DOJ in the first place.
- How is the supplemental fund ear marked? In what categories? Can we move it? Alex will find out how funding is separated. Categories of it. This information will show how it will be spent. Will report at next meeting.

2. Vice-Commander Report

- Read resolution and reaffirmed new resolution as requested from commanders meeting.
- Motion: Alex Whitehair 2nd Motion: Harley Tsinajinnie
- Yes: 5 Yes: 0 Abstain: 2
- See if we can get the commanders meeting minutes at Kaibeto.

3. Secretary Report

- Tricare recipients disenrolled from coverage because they didn't set up recurring payments. Deadline to fix this is 30 April 2025.
- Native American Veterans Recovery Program- Healing the Warrior Spirit One Day at a time. Locations: Great Falls, Montana and San Diego, California Contact: 866-606-3979. POC Lavern as well.
- Excessive heat conditions are to blame for Tuba City offices being closed early. Be understanding and support those who work there. Open only 8am to 12pm. Use email if needed.
- Chapter House Gate needs to be secure before leaving premises. Very important.

H. Announcements

1. Next Coppermine planning meeting: 6 July 2025@3pm DST.
2. Next Coppermine regular meeting: 20 July 2025@3pm DST.
3. Next CVO meeting: 25 July 2025.
4. Commander's meeting is held bi-monthly so next one is in August.

I. Adjournment: 7pm DST