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TWB VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING
TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER

May 9, 2017

Tsaile/Wheatfields
Chapter BY: PSB

MINUTES

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- a. Meeting Call to Order by Commander Becenti at 5:05pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation: Group / William Begay
- c. Roll Call
Willis T. Becenti Present, Calvin Halwood Present, Kerbie Henry Present, David Tsosie Present, Irving Chee Present.
- d. Review/ Accept Agenda
Motion: David Tsosie 2nd: Max Benally
Votes: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
- e. Review/ Accept Last Meeting Minutes
Motion: David Tsosie 2nd: Calvin Halwood
Kerbie Henry read April Veterans meeting minutes
Votes: For: 22 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
- f. Announcements
 1. Chapter Meeting May 24, 2017 @ 1pm
 2. CNVO Meeting May 26, 2017 @ 9am Lukachukai Chapter
 - 3.
 - 4.

II. REPORTS

- a. Willis T. Becenti
 - We had our Agency meeting on Friday May 5, 2017. We deleted all the officers from AVA and took resolution, policies and procedure and gave to officers that planned the moving wall. These new officers will be the one to plan the project that includes 80 beds housing for elder veterans at the existing assisted home in Chinle once project is complete. Next agency meeting the new officers will present the details of this new non-profit organization if they decide to pursue. This organization must be state registered.
 - Selection of NNVAC male or female, current clause per Navajo veterans Act states that the committee will consist of Agency commander with 5 males and 5 females, however this seems to not be working. Members are not working together and causing issues. HES will change wording in clause to state "members, veterans from agency, male or female" so it is open to any volunteers for election.
 - Honor guard issues from last year Dine College graduation. Had meeting with president Russell Begay's secretary, many veterans didn't agree with the positioning of the flags. No one has said anything about it until now. Another issue with the posting of colors is the entry the flags counter clockwise around fireplace. This issue will be discussed with graduation committee.
 - Working on issues with the president office, concern about funds for veterans. President Begay allocating funds to other programs in the amount \$20 million but not sure where these funds are withdrawn from. Current talk about disbanding NHA. If NHA is disbanded all issues will come forward in audit.
- b. Calvin Halwood
 - Update on VASH program, I'm learning a lot about this program and no one knows about and finally after two years starting things are starting to come

together. I've talking to Kim Bahe and Ruth Hunter and I might finally be able to get some help. There is help for the veterans but they need to be persistent.

- c. Kerbie Henry
 - I will not be attending June meeting due to work commitment out of town.
- d. David Tsosie
 - Announcement about posting of colors coming up, Walk thru Thursday afternoon at Dine College for graduation on Friday May 12, 2017. Other event will be Armed Forces Day May 20, 2017. Navajo Nation Memorial Day June 1, 2017. National Flag Day June 14, 2017.
- e. Irving Chee
 - No report.

Motion: Ernest Yazzie 2nd: Max Benally

Votes: For: 25

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Requesting Veteran Financial Assistance from veterans Permanent Trust Funds.
 - 1. Don Jones \$200 for Food
 - 2. Francis Spencer \$200 for Food
 - 3. Frank Kedelty \$200 for Food
 - 4. Rex Johnson \$200 for Food
 - 5. Eddie Mason Sr. \$200 for Food
 - 6. Michael Tsosie \$200 for Food
 - 7. Calvin Halwood \$200 for Food
 - 8. Frank Billy \$200 for Food
 - 9. Ernest Yazzie \$200 for Food
 - 10. Keidrell Russell \$200 for Food
 - 11. Willis Becenti \$300 for Food / Picnic
 - 12. Calvin Halwood \$300 for Food /Picnic

Motion: David Tsosie 2nd: Ernest Yazzie

Votes: For: 25

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

- b. Dine College Color Guard
 - David Tsosie presented map of Dine College campus for traffic during Graduation. Gather at Sub before ceremony begins 9am. Discussing entry of color guards to be clockwise instead of counter clockwise with graduation committee. We will follow protocol when requested to post colors.
 - 1. David Tsosie
 - 2. Roy Anagal
 - 3. Anthony Gray
 - 4. Frank Begaye
 - 5. Frank Kedelty
- c. Memorial Day Preparation in Chinle Veterans Office.
 - Chinle agency chapter will be taking on the Memorial Day event. Monday morning May 29, 2017 @ 6am flag raising and blessing. Program will be start 8am and there is a complete agenda for the entire day. Currently looking for medicine man for blessing. Around 10am will be unfolding and folding of flags for veterans and widows. At noon all flags will be raised to full staff.

Refreshment will be provided for all attending. Tsaile Wheatfields Chapter to donate \$50 to this event.

- d. Veterans Housing Audit. CAP.
 - Lost of \$1.9 million and no trail of receipt for misplaced funds. Currently working on getting pass this audit so we can get housing program running again. CAP is being submitted to HES, currently CAP packet is with Auditor General and than has to go back to DOJ. A lot of things wrong with the project and misuse of funds. So far no one has been held accountable for lost of funds.
- e. Requesting Veterans Financial Assistance from chapter veterans Funds
1. NO SUPPELMENTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
- f. Veterans Picnic at the lake
 - Transfer of \$600.00 from catering to hardship for Picnic in June.
Motion by: David Tsosie 2nd by: Calvin Halwood
Votes For:16 Against:0 Abstain:1
- g. \$700.00 food voucher, for June picnic.
 - For picnic in June.
Motion by: Max Benally 2nd by: Irving Chee
Votes For:16 Against:0 Abstain:1
- h. Jacket Update
 - Vendor is not responding with tentative date of completion so will give another month before reporting to better business bureau.
- i. Selection of NNVAC Male or Female
 - Willis discussed in reports.
- j. Tsaile Elementary School Posting of colors May 26, 2017 @ 2pm.
 - Request sent by parent committee member and approved.
Motion by: Max Benally 2nd by: Irving Chee
Votes For:16 Against:0 Abstain:1

IV. NEXT MEETING

DATE: June 13, 2017 @ 5pm

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30pm.

Motion: William Begay 2nd: Irving Chee

Votes: For: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 1