

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS/BLACKROCK  
VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING  
Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter  
February 11, 2014**

**AGENDA**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

- a. Meeting Call to Order
- b. Invocation
- c. Roll Call  
David Tsosie, David Kedelty, Paula Begay, Roy Anagal & Frank Begaye
- d. Review/ Accept of Agenda
- e. Review/ Accept Last Meeting Minutes
- f. Announcements
  - 1. Posting of colors at Chinle Community Center, Political Rally on 02/16/14 @ 10:00 am.
  - 2. Local Senior Advisory Council Meeting on 02/20/14 @ 10:00 am; Tsaile Center
  - 3. Chapter Meeting on 02/16/14 @ 10:00 am

**II. REPORTS**

- a. David Tsosie
- b. David Kedelty
- c. Paula Begay
- d. Roy Anagal
- e. Frank Begaye
- f. Willis Becenti

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. Approving travel expenses to participate in 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Rising Military Parade on Feb. 22, 2014 in Sacaton, AZ, David Tsosie, Roy Anagal, Frank Begaye, Elwood Begay, George James Sr., & Andrick Bahe.
- b. Approving \$50.00 each for Shaknetra Anagal and Shanea Anagal for carrying the banner during the Iwo Jima Parade from Chapter Supplemental Veterans Funds.
- c. Approving \$131.96 to purchase four color guard harnesses at \$32.99 each from Bunker in Farmington, NM from Chapter Supplemental Veterans Funds.
- d. Approving Emergency Financial Assistance from Chapter Supplemental Veterans Funds:
  - 1. Billy Francis Sr.; \$200.00 for Utilities
  - 2. Alton Begay: \$200.00 for Propane and Food

3. Wesley Begaye: \$200.00 for expenses for certificate in welding
- e. Approving Emergency Financial Assistance from Veterans Trust Fund
  1. Francis Curley: \$300.00 for Utilities and Firewood
  2. David M. Tsosie: \$300.00 for Propane
  3. Clifford Allen: \$300.00 for Hardship Assistance
  4. Ervin Tsosie: \$300.00 for Hardship Assistance

**IV. NEXT MEETING**

**Date: March 11, 2014 @ 5:00 pm**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

- a. Meeting Call to Order by David Tsosie @ 5:20 pm at Wheatfields Chapter
- b. Invocation by Paula Begay
- c. Roll Call by Paula Begay  
David Tsosie (present), David Kedelty (present), Paula Begay (present),  
Roy Anagal (present) & Frank Begaye (present)

>Mr. David Tsosie, requested to be excused from the conducting the meeting, because of his requests for Veterans Assistance, and delegated Mr. David Kedelty to conduct the meeting. Mr. David Kedelty accepted to conduct the meeting.

- d. Review/ Accept of Agenda by David Kedelty  
**Motion by Max Benally, second Willis Becenti**  
**Vote: 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**
- e. Review/Accept Last Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2014 by Paula S. Begay  
**Motion by Roy Anagal, second by Frank Begaye**  
**Votes: 18 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**
- f. Announcements
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**II. REPORTS**

- a. David Tsosie - no report
- b. David Kedelty - no report
- c. Paula Begay - no report
- d. Roy Anagal - no report, but thank you for being here, attending the meeting, you been here, make a lot of difference and it lift my heart. Thank you for keeping our organization going.
- e. Frank Begaye - good evening to each and every one of you for your attendance.
- f. Willis Becenti - thank you for showing up, on Feb. 7, 2014, we attended the Chinle Veterans Organization Meeting, Floyd Dodson of Toloni Lake

was on the agenda requesting funds for the Memorial Statue, a NN Warrior, 8 ft tall, and the cost is \$77,000. Mr. Johnson Claw stated Veterans has no funds, until 3 years. The Veterans Organization already donation towards the Veterans Center, a 60 beds facility, design is in, ground breaking is in the plans, only 13 chapters approved funds, their names will be included on the plaque, if your chapters didn't approve, names will not be included. This year, the female will be purchased with 10% withdraw. 2% - 2%, next year it will be least, other plans is Navajo Organization into Charter, draw our own funds. Veteran Housing is 1 bedroom, costs \$22,000., only 1 is approved, 5 - 2 bedrooms/3 bedrooms, we need to find out. Employment for Veterans - laborers, carpenters and plumbers need to have PHD to qualify with job experiences. 6 months building should be up, at the end of 4 years, funds might be used, 14.5 million. 9.5 million return to Veterans Trust Funds. Also Kathy from VA Clinic is leaving, she been working with Veteran Clinic, it was for people like George, short on funds for appointments, they can help, his has the resources to assist veterans. The process for Veterans Trust Funds is slow, we request for funds, get it in 3 weeks. It's from the office, it's always missing the DD14, we have this problem. The questions, it has to start from here, Veterans office can provide copies. Don Bidazza, requested the order of Colors, Navajo Nation Honor Guard in the order, we need to ask the chapters, were all over the chapters, request in writing, to get certified. Next meeting on March 7, 2014 @ 9 am. Home Depot, USA is the contractor and that's stealing.

> Lupita McClanahan, where did you get your information?

> Richard Anagal, are they asking for funds?

> George James Sr., I'm getting a 1 bedroom house, I went down there, but they don't know, I wanted a two bedroom, because I have a caretaker, my daughter is taking care of me, also who's going to work on it.

> Willis Becenti, there two veterans from this area, George James Sr & Francis Davis. Tom Gorman is hiring, two groups, I asked who's doing the foundation, no budget, put 1 supervisor, where's the plan, you can do a take-off, give me a prices, I know, I did my own house, they signed a contract, were throwing away money.

>Angela Brown, It was a forest, this just a whole new project, we should get together and be heard, we come every meeting, when you plan, you look at the size and cost of the project, no warehouse, they will be stolen, talk with everyone there, we went on Friday, a contract signed with Home Depot, USA.

**Motion by Max Benally, second by Andrick Bahe**

**Vote: 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**

### III. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Approving travel expenses to participate in 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Rising Military Parade on Feb. 22, 2014 in Sacaton, AZ, David Tsosie, Roy Anagal, Frank Begaye, Elwood Begay, George James Sr., & Andrick Bahe.

**Motion by Andrick Bahe, second by Roy Anagal**

> Roy Anagal, the chapters pays for our traveling expenses, meals/lodging and mileage reimbursement, but you have keep track of all your expenses and report back to the chapter. If we would all go by the policies, and it' not hard to request for funds. We already made reservations, I enjoy it, just follow the rules.

**Vote: 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**

- b. Approving \$50.00 each for Shaknetra Anagal and Shanea Anagal for carrying the banner during the Iwo Jima Parade from Chapter Supplemental Veteran Funds.

**Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Angela Brown**

>David Tsosie, the individual girls will be carrying the banner during the parade, it's Frank Begaye, granddaughters, they live in the area.

**Vote: 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**

- c. Approving \$131.96 to purchase four color guard harnesses at \$32.99 each from Bunker in Farmington, NM, from Chapter Supplemental Veterans Funds.

**Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Roy Anagal**

> David Tsosie, we the following items, it's a harness to carry the flags.

**Vote: 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained**

- d. Approving Emergency Financial Assistance from Chapter Supplemental Veterans Funds:

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3. Wesley Begaye: \$200.00 for expenses for certificate in welding

**Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Frank Begaye**

> Paula Begay, I will be representing on behalf of Billy Francis Sr and Wesley Begaye, they submitted their application but was not able to make to the meeting. Mr. Billy Francis Sr., has an family emergency, but he did call me and requesting to represent him. Mr. Wesley Begaye, is in Avondale, AZ, and requesting funds for welding test cost in the amount of \$200.00.

**Vote: 21 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained**

- e. Approving Emergency Financial Assistance from Veterans Trust Fund

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4. Ervin Tsosie: \$300.00 for Hardship Assistance

**Motion by Max Benally, second by Frank Begaye**

> Paula Begay, I will be representing on behalf of Francis Curley and Clifford Allen, who are not here for the meeting. Mr. Francis Curley, recently came home from the clinic with his wife and were dropped off by Safe Ride, it's really mudding to their resident and have no transportation.

Mr. Curley, is kindly requesting to approve his request for financial assistance. Mr. Clifford Allen submitted his application to Chinle Veterans Affairs Office and with a letter requesting financial hardship assistance; his is currently in Prescott, AZ at VA hospital undergoing Therapeutic Treatment.

> David Tsosie, I also submitted my application for financial assistance, to purchase propane, our propane is at 5%, and were living on limit income. My retirement is not enough.

> Ervin Tsosie, I submitted my application for disability, but it's taking a long time, I have no other income, and it's going to take a couple of months. Thank you very much.

**Vote: 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained**

**IV. NEXT MEETING**

**Date: March 11, 2014 @ 5:00 pm with Potluck Dinner**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Willis Becenti to adjourn the meeting, second by Irving Chee @ 6:55 pm