



The Wichita and Affiliated Tribe Veterans Advisory
Committee Meeting

Location: Covid Command Center

Minutes

November 22, 2024

Present: President Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, Veterans Program Director Larry Topaum, Advisory Committee Members Christian Woosypitti, Keith Tillis, Michael Zipprich

Guests: Zero Suicide Director Kylie Callahan

10:10 AM: Start of meeting: Veterans Program Slide Show - Director Larry Topaum opened the meeting with slide-show covering Veteran Program related activities and events over the past year, such as 3rd of July event and the recent Stand Down Event.

10:25 AM: Handouts - Director Larry Topaum passed out literature and discussed services and activities happening in the upcoming year, such as Native American Warrior Project and contact information for Veteran Legal Aid Services.

10:30 AM: Prayer - Elder Michael Zipprich was asked to pray for our meeting and meal.

10:35 AM: Introductions

10:45 AM: President Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe discussed her expectations regarding the Veterans Advisory Committee and the Veterans Program. How feedback from our tribal veterans is important to maintain a successful program.

11:05 AM: Guest Speaker - Kylie Callahan introduced the Mark Devine Courage Foundation and demonstrated coping-skills for Veterans suffering from PTSD. Kylie also passed out his contact information and handouts for upcoming Drum Making class.

11:25 AM: Finishing Remarks- Ideas were discussed on how to create more involvement with Tribal Veterans both in-state and out-of-state, such as Care Packages. Also, on how to improve Tribal Veteran Recognition, such as updating profile information and photos. Ideas were raised for a more formal Tribal Color-Guard, such as purchasing uniforms and flags.

11:35 AM: Lunch Served- Wichita Tribal Staff were invited to participate in the Veterans Luncheon