

Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization (BMVO)
Veterans Monthly Meeting Talking Circle Minutes
January 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

- a. By Richard Claw, Commander at 11:23 am (1123 hours)

II. INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Invocation by: Richard Claw, Commander

III. ADOPTION OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Read by Delphina Tsosie, Liaison Officer

Motion: Annie Remiro Seconded: Howard Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Read by Wilson Honie, Vice Commander

Motion: Annie Remiro Seconded: Howard Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

V. ANNOUNCEMENT:

- a. Next Black Mesa Planning Meeting, February 14, 2026 @ 9am
- b. Black Mesa Chapter Meeting, January 17, 2026 @ 9:00am
- c. Talking Circle by Televeda, Chinle Veterans Office for month of January 2026. Schedule to be announced (TBA)
- d. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapters Commanders next meeting: Many Farms Chapter House, January 30, 2026 @ 10:00 am
- e. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapters Commanders next meeting: Low Mountain Chapter House, February 27, 2026 @ 10:00 am
- f. Black Mesa Chapter CLUP-C meeting, January 20, 2026 @ 10:00 am

VI. REPORTS: Reports will be brief.

- a. Commander, Richard Claw: The current trust fund policy is being reviewed and revised to remove the 180 days served requirement. There was a final draft to the current policy that was dated 7/30/2024 with a few corrections, but the policy was never signed. Medical assistance is still currently 150.00 with one time assistance. Tim Johnson sent in his resignation letter to resign as CNVO Commander to take on another position under President Nygren. Made a few announcements regarding Women Warriors Connect Newsletter, The Wall that Heals will be in Surprise, AZ, and Native Intensive Clinical Program. Reported on Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Report and gave out the report to following comrades. Reported on election and census count and reappropriation plan. Updated on Insurance for Chapter and Veterans Organization. Reported on statement from President Nygren regarding the Veterans Act.
- b. Vice-Commander, Wilson Honie: Welcomed those that came to the meeting and had no report regarding veterans' information. He did give information regarding CLUP-C meeting.
- c. Liaison Officer: Delphina Tsosie: Reported on CNVO Special Meeting, January 14, 2026. Advised members that she may need to resign her position as Liaison Officer due to having to acquire employment.
- d. Representative, Don Sage: absent
- e. Sergeant-At-Arms, Harrison Honie: attended via Televeda
- f. Introduction of Guest:

ACCEPT REPORTS:

Motion: Wilson Honie Seconded: Howard Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update on Veterans facility:
- b. Update on Veterans Trust:
 - FY'2026 Allocation: \$47,263.00
 - Spend: \$33,763.00 (as of January 16, 2026)
 - Balance: \$13,500.00
 - Percentage: 71%
- c. Chapter Permanent Veterans Fund current total balance: \$6,778.54

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Continue to plan Appreciation Dinner for Harrison Honie, former BMVO Commander. Projected date for the event per family is March 15, 2026 @ 1:00 pm. Family suggested that we as the organization plan the event. Requesting award to be in the form of plaque, Pendleton, jacket or mug. They also requested Traditional/American Dinner. Decorating facility would be nice and family is willing to help. Suggest possible having a cookout.
- b. Plan for 2026 event.
 - Ira Hayes Flag Raising in Sacaton, AZ, February 2026
 - Navajo Nation Women Veterans Day, March 20, 2026
 - National Women Veterans Day, June 12, 2026
 - Nation Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, 2026. *Vietnam was disestablished and the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam.*
 - Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday of May 16, 2026
 - Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
 - Flag Day, June 14, 2026. *In 1777, a banner of red, white, and blue was woven.*
 - Navajo Code Talker Day, August 14, 2026
 - Veterans Day, November 11, 2026
 - Find a good camping spot to camp out.
 - Suggestion open to all
- c. Disperse donated items by Josh Wear works with Northern Arizona VA Health Care System/Rural Health/Outreach Coordinator
- d. Accepting financial assistance Form 105 and W9

IX. NEXT MEETING AND TIME: February 9, 2026 @ 10:00am

X. ADJOURNMENT: 1:50 pm (1350 hours)

Motion: Wilson Honie Seconded: Annie Remiro

Vote: Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01