

Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization

Regular Veterans Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

- I. Meeting called to order by Commander Richard Claw at 1513 hours.
- II. Invocation by Commander Richard Claw followed by moment of silence.
- III. Adoption of Last meeting minutes was unavailable so tabled to next meeting.
- IV. Review and adoption of the agenda motioned to accept by Roger Honie and seconded by Howard Yazzie. Vote: 6-0-1
- V. ANNOUNCEMENT:
 - (a) Black Mesa Chapter planning meeting, June 14, 2025 @ 9am
 - (b) Talking Circle by Televeda, Chinle Veterans Office for July TBA
 - (c) Black Mesa Chapter meeting, June 28, 2025 @ 9am
 - (d) CNVO meeting Friday, June 27, 2025 @ 10am Round Rock Chapter House
 - (e) Newly elected Chinle Agency Veterans Service Officer, Paula Begay from Lukachukai, AZ
- VI. REPORTS:
 - (a) Germaine Simenson, Council Delegate/Legislative Assistant, Tia Silver: absent
 - (b) Commander Richard Claw: Read minutes from May 2025 meeting minutes. Also stated that Derrick Yazzie (member of Black Mesa Veterans Organization) was guest speaker at Black Mesa Community School 8th grand promotion ceremony.
 - (c) Vice Commander, Wilson Honie: School is out for the summer. CLUP- C meets only once a month, which makes it hard to move forward on current projects.
 - (d) Liaison Officer - Vacant
 - (e) Representative Don Sage: present but has no report.
 - (f) Sergeant At Arms Harrison Honie: absent
 - (g) Introduction of Guests: no guest
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - (a) Update Veterans Facility – Dorothy Yazzie was not present at meeting.
 - (b) Updated Veterans Trust Fund Budget Revision Request (BRR):
 - Stipends - \$300
 - Programs - \$613We need one quote to purchase gifts for Black Mesa veterans' spouses with a total number of twenty-two (22) spouses. The commander will reach out to LaWanda for quote.

- (c) Amend and vote on Chapter Permanent Veterans fund (Grant) and finalize budget expenditures. Available current balance of \$787.32 and comprehensive budget of \$2500.00 totaling \$3287.32.
Purchase shirts and hats from SC Design (Chris Klah) for veterans - \$1475.00.
Purchase snacks for the Black Mesa Outreach Event on July 10, 2025, from Pinon Bashas - \$200.00 - *Quote*.
Purchase food for the September CNVO Meeting hosted by Black Mesa Veterans Organization at Black Mesa Chapter - \$500.00
Purchase snacks for Black Mesa Veterans Organization monthly meeting for July, August, and September meeting 40.00 per meeting - \$120.00. - *Supporting Doc.*
Purchase gift and awards for Black Mesa Veterans - \$992.32

Motioned to accept by Roger Honie

Seconded by Wilson Honie

Vote: 6-0-1

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Black Mesa Outreach Event, July 10, 2025, at 9am to 3pm. Provide VHA services to highly rural veterans. We need one (1) quote to purchase food from Pinon Bashas.
- (b) March to Window Rock Chambers starts on Friday, June 13 through June 16, 2025, Chinle, AZ, 6f:00 am
Purpose of march is to support the four (4) resolutions as follows:
 - (i) Resolution 2-25-1 Supporting VTF Carryover funds returned to CVO.
 - (ii) Resolution 2-25-2 Supporting action to increase VTF from 4% to 12%
 - (iii) Resolution 2-25-3 Supporting action to have veteran or representative at CVO meeting for request assistance.
 - (iv) Resolution 2-25-4 Supporting to eliminate 180 days out of VTF policy.
- (c) Resolution 05-25-01 Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) to support the construction of the Navajo Warrior's Home in Chinle, AZ. Goes to oversight committee, first. Currently waiting on signature from President Nygren.
- (d) Resolution 05-25-02 Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) to amend chapter budget to move veteran budget line item to Chinle Agency VA office. Goes to oversight committee first.
- (e) Mobile Starlink Kit assigned to Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization by Janice Talas-Denny, BSHM, MHA, Tribal Veterans Support Coordinator
- (f) Nomination open for BMVO Liaison Officer/Secretary – Tabled

IX. Next meeting and time: July 14, 2025, at 2:00pm

X. Adjournment at 1710 hours

Motioned for Adjournment: Roger

Seconded: Delphina Tsosie

Vote: 6-0-1