

Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization (BMVO)
Veterans Monthly Meeting Talking Circle Minutes
November 10, 2025
2:00 PM (1400 hours)

- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. By Richard Claw, Commander at 2:47PM (1447 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: Don Sage Seconded: Candace Tallis
Vote: Yeas: 13 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Read by Richard Sage
Motion: Ray Yazzie Seconded: Wilson Honie
Vote: Yeas: 13 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
- V. ANNOUNCEMENT:
 - b. Black Mesa Chapter Planning Meeting, November 15, 2025 @ 9:00 am
 - c. Talking Circle by Televeda, Chinle Veterans Office for month of November 19, 2025.
Waiting for confirmation
 - d. Black Mesa Chapter Meeting, November 22, 2025
 - e. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders next meeting.
 - Whippoorwill Chapter House, Friday November 21, 2025 @ 10:00 am
 - Rough Rock Chapter House, December 19, 2025 @ 10:00 am
 - f. Princess Pageant, November 17, 2025 @ 9:00 am at Black Mesa Community School.
Flag posting was requested by the school. Ray Yazzie, Clark Tallis, Candace Tallis and Wilson Honie volunteered to post colors.
 - g. Bingo Palooza, November 18, 2025 @ 12:00 pm at Black Mesa Chapter House.
List of names were given to commander to all those that would be in attendance. Types of gift cards requested were as follows: Dennys, Walmart, Bashas, Ace Hardware, Pizza Edge, Subway, Burger King, Gas cards from local gas stations.
- VI. REPORTS: Reports will be brief.
 - a. Germaine Simenson, Council Delegate/Legislative Assistant, Tia Silver: Absent
 - b. Commander, Richard Claw: Report was made regarding Registration. Currently our organization has 31 registered. 19 Veterans have updated their registration, 8 has no updated registration, 3 were never funded, and 1 has lack of information. We have 3 surviving spouses within our organization: 1 spouse has updated, 1 spouse has not updated, and 1 has lack of information. We have 18 male veterans, 8 female veterans and 3 surviving spouses. We are 40 days into the government shutdown. Council Delegate has approved food boxes. Housing assistance for our organization we have 2 new housing and 2 renovations. If you need renovations apply at azdvs.gov and select Military Family Relief Fund. Apply for grant online. They can help with up to \$3,000. Their phone number is (602) 627-3268. Reported briefly regarding the CNVO Meeting. Pinon Wellness Center is still having meetings. There is still no funding for the project and it needs \$33 million for project.
 - c. Vice-Commander, Wilson Honie: No report
 - d. Liaison Officer: Delphina Tsosie: Briefly reported on self-help funding

- e. Representative, Don Sage: Reported that he wanted to have a cook-out after meeting to show appreciation to ourselves as a veteran. He stated that we have been through a lot and we need to show ourselves and each other how much we appreciate one another and our organization.
- f. Sergeant-At-Arms, Harrison Honie: Absent
- g. Introduction of Guest:-

ACCEPT REPORTS:

Motion: Wilson Honie Seconded: Delphina Tsosie

Vote: Yeas: 17 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update of Veterans Facility. Dorothy received a call from Myron Tsosie and stated that he moved the paperwork forward. Currently waiting on a meeting with Myron Tsosie
- b. Update Veterans Trust Fund: Trust Fund beginning balance was \$47,263.00, \$19,813.00 was spent, current balance is \$27,450.00.
- c. Chapter **Permanent Veterans Fund** current total balance. Balance as of October 2025 meeting was \$3,679.63, \$5,000 more was added. Total balance is \$8679.63

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Accepting financial assistance Form 105 and W9

IX. NEXT MEETING AND TIME: December 08, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

X. ADJOURNMENT: 4:35 pm (1635 hours)

Motion: Ella Tallis Seconded: Ray Yazzie

Vote: Yeas: 17 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01