

BLACK MESA CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (BMVO)

MONTHLY VETERANS MEETING TALKING CIRCLE

April 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)

AGENDA

I MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

- a. By Richard Claw, Commander @ 1048 hours

II INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE

III ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Reading and accepting Previous BMVO Meeting (March 2026)

Motion: Delphina Tsosie Second: Kyle Begay

Vote Yeas: 06 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

IV REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion; Delphina Tsosie Second: Kyle Begay

Vote Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

V ANNOUNCENMENT:

- a. Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program, April 15, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. at Black Mesa Chapter House. Presenter Sylvia Preston, Chinle Agency Housing Specialist.
- b. Black Mesa Chapter meeting, April 18, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
- c. Video Conferencing support to provide VA claims services to Navajo Nation Veterans at Pinon Veterans Hogan, Pinon, Az., Wednesday, April 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2026, 10am-2pm.
- d. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Pinon Veterans Hogan, April 24, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- e. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Nazlini Chapter Veteran, May 29, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- f. ATTENTION Veterans, Surviving Spouse & Gold Star Parent: The FY Registration will be available starting April 1st, 2026. Register and get entered to Win! Prizes Provided by Chinle NNVA: Boer Goat/5 Bale of Hay/Sheepherder Specials/... and more!

VI REPORTS: Reports will be brief.

- a. Commander, Richard Claw
- b. Vice-Commander, Wilson Honie
- c. Liaison Officer, Delphina Tsosie
- d. Representative, Don Sage
- e. Sergeant-At-Arms, Harrison Honie
- f. Introduction of Guests:



SCANNED
4/20/26 (m)

ACCEPT REPORTS:

Motion: *Kyle Begay* Seconded: *Wilson Horne*
Vote Yeas: *09* Nays: *00* Abstained: *01*

VII OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update of Veterans facility.
Dorothy Yazzie, CLUP-C member sent a follow up E-mail on Status of Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Facility fund to Representative Myron Tsosie and Staff Assistant Sonya Ramirez, dated March 13, 2026. No respond from Mr. Tsosie and Ms. Ramirez.
- b. Update of Veterans Trust Fund: *As of April 01, 2026, by Paula Begay, Veterans Service Officer.*
FY'2026 ALLOCATION \$47,263.00
SPENT \$37,413.00
BALANCE \$09,850.00 (Hardship \$3,200.00, VA Transportation \$1,350.00, Energy \$3,200.00, and Stipend \$2,100.00).
PERCENTAGE UTILIZED 77%
- c. Chapter ***Permanent Veterans Fund*** current total balance: \$6,778.54

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approving Resolution: BLAC-04-26-1. The current budget allocation in the Hardship \$3,200.00, VA Transportation, \$1,350.00, and Energy \$3,200.00 have sufficient funds available for transfer in Self-Help (Home Improvement). The transfer is necessary to meet the current demand for veteran assistance services.
- b. Upcoming "2026" events,
 - *Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday of May 16, 2026
 - *Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
 - *National Women Veterans Day, June 12, 2026
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 - *Suggestion open to ALL

IX. NEXT MEETING AND TIME: May 11, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

X ADJOURNMENT @ *12:23 Hours*

Motion: *Wilson Horne* Seconded: *Annie Remiro*
Vote Yeas: *09* Nays: *00* Abstained: *01*



Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

- I. Meeting called to order by Commander Richard Claw at 1048 hours.
- II. Invocation by Vice-Commander Wilson Honie followed by moment of silence.
- III. Adoption of Last meeting minutes:
Reading and accepting previous BMVO meeting minutes (March 2026)
Read by Wilson Honie.
Motioned: Delphina Tsosie Second: Kyle Begay
Vote: Yeas: 06 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
- IV. Review and adoption of the agenda:
Read by Kyle Begay.
Wilson Honie motioned to add New Business VIII (c) to purchase award for Maxine Todecheenie to show appreciation for helping with Harrison Honie's appreciation Dinner.
Motioned to accept agenda with addition: Delphina Tsosie
Second: Kyle Begay
Vote: Yeas: 08 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01
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- VI. REPORTS:
 - (a) Germaine Simenson, Council Delegate/Legislative Assistant, Tia Silver: absent



- (b) Commander Richard Claw: Spoke about how the Talking Circle (Televeda) helps with meetings. Younger veterans need to attend meetings more because in the future they will need to take over the organization. Once veterans building gets up and running it will be challenging because at that time the organization will have to pay for their own utilities, water, maintenance and other various fees. Right now, everything is under the chapter, we don't have to pay anything. The new road construction may start in September. Waiting for a survey. A memorandum has circulated by Bobbie Baldwin stating that there is Zero Tolerance for Sexual Harassment against any CNVO staff. When you are requesting your records from the CNVO office, you now must fill in a form out requesting those documents.
 - (c) Vice Commander, Wilson Honie: He made report on the Annual Relay Race from various Police and Fire Departments. He gave thanks and appreciation to those that attended and helped with Harrison Honie's Appreciation Dinner. Also gave report on CLUP-C reports. They will be hiring 3 or 4 labors to help assist with putting up road signs. They are awaiting orientation date due to Travel Authorization for Navajo Nation employees that will be doing the orientation.
 - (d) Liaison Officer - Vacant
 - (e) Representative Don Sage: absent.
 - (f) Sergeant At Arms Harrison Honie: attended via Televeda (no reports)
 - (g) Introduction of Guests: no guest
- Accept Reports
 Motion: Kyle Begay Second: Wilson Honie
 Vote: Yeas: 09 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01



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- (c) Purchase an award (Pendleton blanket) for Maxine Todecheenie to show appreciation for helping with Harrison Honie's Appreciation Dinner. She is always willing to help with every (BMVO) veterans' event that happens.

Motion: Wilson Honie Second: Kyle Begay
Vote: Yeas: 09 Nays: 00 Abstained: 01

IX. Next meeting and time: May 11, 2026 @ 10:00 am

X. Adjournment at 1223 hours

Motion: Wilson Honie Second: Annie Remiro
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