

BLACK MESA CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (BMVO)

VETERANS MONTHLY MEETING TALKING CIRCLE

June 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)

AGENDA

- I MEETING CALL TO ORDER by Commander, Richard Claw @
- II INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE
- III ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
Reading and accepting Previous BMVO Meeting (May 2026)
Motion: Second:
Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:
- IV REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion; Second:
Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:
- V ANNOUNCENMENT:
- a. Black Mesa Chapter meeting, June 20, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - b. MEET & GREET six certified candidates, June 23, 2026 (1-5 pm). Lunch Provided. Forest Lake Chapter Dził Yijiin Region-Chapters.
 - c. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Rock Point Chapter has been moved to Chinle Agency, June 26, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - d. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Forest Lake Chapter July 31, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - e. Veteran Housing Education on New Construction & Home Improvement (for Many Farms, Chinle & surrounding areas), June 17, 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Many Farms Chapter – Many Farms, Arizona.
 - 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/Shepherd Specials/... and more!
 - g. NEED TO FIND MEDICINE MAN FOR VETERANS COUNSELING
- VI REPORTS: Reports will be brief.
- a. Commander, Richard Claw
 - b. Vice-Commander, Wilson Honie
 - c. Liaison Officer, Vacant
 - d. Representative, Don Sage
 - e. Sergeant-At-Arms, Vacant



SCANNED
11/20/2026

***Women Veterans Day**

Is observed annually on June 12 to honor the contributions of women in the U.S. Armed Forces and mark the 70th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948.

First celebration: June 12, 2018,

Arizona does not recognize Women's Veterans Day (observed annually on June 12) as an official state holiday. The state's list of recognized holidays includes Veterans' Day on November 11, but there is no designation for June 12

***When Is Flag Day?**

National Flag Day is Sunday, June 14, 2026. Though not a federal holiday, Flag Day is annual observance for all Americans. Each year, the sitting president encourages all Americans to display the US flag outside their homes and businesses. In observance, the flag is flown from all public buildings, speeches are made in public places, and ceremonies take place in towns or cities.



Black Mesa (Kitsilli) Chapter Veterans Organization Meeting

Regular Duly called Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026



- I. Regular Duly called Meeting Called to Order by BMVO Commander Richard Claw at about 1038 hours.
- II. BMVO Commander Richard Claw provided Invocation. Moment of Silence in Respect of all United States of America Military Service Personnel and all Veteran Members and their families.
- III. Review and Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes on May 26, 2026 is not available. (Ella Tallis was taking minutes.) Mr. Brian Bahe made a MOTION to Table/Postpone the Reading of May 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Howard Yazzie SECONDED the Motion. Vote: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
- IV. Review and Adoption of the Agenda dated June 15, 2026 was read by Ray Yazzie Sr. Open for discussion, add-ons, etc. Brian Bahe made a MOTION to Adopt the Agenda. Kyle Begay SECONDED the Motion. Vote: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
- V. Announcements
 - a. Black Mesa Chapter Meeting June 20, 2026 @9:00 AM.
 - b. Meet and greet six certified candidates, June 23, 2026 @1:00 PM-5:00 PM. Lunch provided at Forest Lake Chapter. Dzil Yiglin Region- Chapters.
 - c. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders Meeting at Rock Point Chapter has been moved to Chinle Agency, June 26, 2026 @10:00 AM.
 - i. Brian Bahe: VA Medical appointments and visits benefits should be increased from \$150.00 to at least \$300.00 because the Veteran has to pay for Room and Board closer to the VA Hospital for early Health Evaluation appointment times. Howard Yazzie encouraged Veteran Organization Commanders to provide testimony at Agency Veterans Organizational Meetings. Our Veterans are aging into the 80s/90s and they have physical, mental, and emotional challenges. Veterans' residential homes physical accessibility for ADA Compliance would benefit Veterans.
 - d. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders Meeting at Forest Lake Chapter, July 31, 2026 @10:00 AM.
 - e. Veterans Housing Education on New Construction and Home Improvement (for Many Farms, Chinle, and surrounding areas) June 17, 2026 @10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Location: Many Farms Chapter House, AZ.

- i. Howard Yazzie: ADA Compliance for home accessibility. Howard Yazzie commented he met with Ms. Sylvia Preston, SPARROW is contractor for Veterans Home Renovation/ Home Improvement. Mr. Yazzie got information the contractor is not doing mobile homes, only modular homes that have foundations. He is hoping to apply for new home built from the ground up or a new modular home. William Nez will be at Many Farms Chapter Meeting.
- f. Attention Veterans, Surviving Spouse and Gold Star Parent (s) The Fiscal Year Registration will be available starting April 01, 2026. Register and get entered to win door prizes provided by Chinle NNVA. Prizes are: 1.) A Boer Goat; 2.) 5 bales of Hay; 3.) Shepherd Special box; and more items.
- g. Need to find Medicine Man for Veterans Counseling
 - i. This topic suggested by Mrs. Ella Tallis so they can provide consultations for new recruits going on active duty or returning home Veterans.
- h. Addition: 1st Annual Pinon 4th of July 2026 Events schedule. For more information contact 928-725-3710.

VI. Reports

- a. BMVO Commander Richard Claw's report concludes all of the announcements.
- b. Vice President Wilson Honie- Not too much news but BM Chapter CLUPC Members waiting on an official from Division of Development (Window Rock) to start installing the road signs in the areas that will not have road improvement construction. Will be needing 2-3 people to work (hard hat, vest, gloves needed). Wilson's sister retired from NN Law Enforcement and they will be celebrating at the Twin Arrows Casino next week. He advised his brother Mr. Harrison Honie was laid to rest recently and a lot of people payed their respects. Need to get 3 quotes to purchase multi-pocket tote bags to be purchased from the Chapter Permanent Veterans Fund.
- c. Liaison Officer, Vacant.
- d. Representative Don Sage- At about 12:15 PM he verbally resigned voluntarily from being a BMVO Representative due to personal health challenges. Kyle Begay made a MOTION to accept verbal resignation. Richard Sage SECONDED the motion for resignation. VOTE: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
- e. Ray Yazzie Sr. made a MOTION to accept the Black Mesa Veterans Organization Officers Reports. Wilson Honie SECONDED the motion. VOTE: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
 - i. Select and nomination open to appoint a Liaison, SGT. of Arms, and a Representative.

VII. Old Business



- a. Update of Veterans Facility: Ms. Dorothy Yazzie.
- b. Update of Veterans Trust Fund: As of June 04, 2026 by LeAntoinette L. Bahe, Account Management Service.
 - i. FY 2026 Allocation \$47,263.00
 - ii. Spent \$44,388.00
 - iii. Balance \$2,875.00
 - iv. Hardship- \$0.00; VA Transportation- \$0.00; Energy- \$0.00; Self-Help- \$1,300; Stipend- \$1,575.00; Percentage Utilized 98%.
- c. Chapter Permanent Veterans Fund
 - i. \$6, 778.54 on Agenda
 - ii. \$5,770.73 noted on Chapter whiteboard
 - iii. No new discussion and BMVO need update on Veterans Family Campout using Chapter Veterans Funds; gifts and awards. Need Quotes to purchase multi-pocket tote bags.

VIII. New Business

- a. Approving Resolution BLAC-06-26-1. The current budget allocation in the Hardship- \$0.00; VA Transportation- \$0.00; and Energy- \$0.00. Self-Help- \$1,300; Stipend- \$1,575.00 have sufficient funds available to transfer Stipend- \$1,125.00 into Self-Help (Home Improvement) Total Balance: \$2,425.00. The transfer is necessary to meet the current demand for Veteran Assistance Services.
 - i. Discussion: Take \$1,125.00 from Stipend, which will be added to \$1,300 Self-Help. The Self-Help balance will become \$2,425.00. The balance in Stipend will be \$450.00. Two Self-Help requests at \$900.00 each will become available. The third request will be about \$625.00. MOTION to transfer funds made by Richard Sage. SECONDED by Ray Yazzie Sr. VOTE: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
 - ii. Don Sage requesting for Self-Help Assistance in the amount of \$900.00 to purchase home improvement materials. He filled out Self-Help Application for Assistance.
- b. Plan to recognize and appreciate Maxine Todechine, Black Mesa Community School Cook, for supporting the Black Mesa (Kitsilli) Veterans Organization at every event. Howard Yazzie made the MOTION to approve and get 3 quotes to purchase a shawl as a gift/award. Ray Yazzie Sr. SECONDED the motion. VOTE: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.
 - i. The Black Mesa Chapter Permanent Veterans Fund will be utilized for the shawl purchase for Maxine Todechine, a community member and daughter of a Navajo Code Talker Veteran. Maxine has provided her



cooking skills each time the BMVO held special holiday events at Black Mesa Community School Gymnasium.

- c. National Women Veterans Day on June 12, 2026.
 - d. Flag Day, June 14, 2026. In 1977 a banner of red, white, and blue was woven.
 - e. Navajo Code Talker Day, August 14, 2026.
 - f. Veterans Day, November 11, 2026.
 - g. Black Mesa Veterans may plan and suggestion needed to plan a camping location.
 - h. Suggestions open to all Veterans and their family- None at this time.
- IX. Next meeting and Time: July 13, 2026@ 10:00 AM.
- a. Adjournment at 1342 hours. MOTION to Adjourn by Brian Bahe. Howard Yazzie
SECONDED the motion. VOTE: 13 in FAVOR; 00 Opposed; 01 Abstain.

