

BLACK MESA-KITSILLI CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

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MONTHLY VETERANS MEETING

TALKING CIRCLE

Black Mesa Chapter House

DATE: October 12, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (0900 hours)

All Community members along with Veterans and Spouses/Dependents are invited!

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MONTHLY VETERANS TALKING CIRCLE MEETING
SIGN-IN
October 12, 2026

Veterans	non-veterans
01. Commander, Richard Cha	01. Ella Tallis
02. Vice-Commander, Wilson Horne	02. Dorothy R. Yazzie
03. Annie Remiro	03.
04. Clark Tallis, Jr.	04.
05. Clark Tallis, Jr.	05.
06. Candee Tallis	06.
07. Jason Yazzie (Televeda)	07.
08. Venita Franzel (Televeda)	08.
09. Don Sage	09.
10. Ray Yazzie - Televeda	10.
11. Ramondo Yazzie - Televeda	11.
12. Derek M Yazzie (Rep)	12.
13. Lisa Cowboy-Yazzie (Rep)	13.
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MEETING MINUTES
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I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER @ 1005 HRS., BY COMMANDER Richard Claw.

II. INVOCATION BY Wilson Honie, FOLLOWED BY MOMENT OF SILENCE respect for Wilson Gilmore, Black Mesa Chapter President.

III. ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
Meeting minutes not typed out, and veterans agreed to refer to November 2026 Veteran meeting.
MOTIONED: Clark Tallis, Sr. SECOND: Wilson Honie
VOTE: YEAS: 07 NAYS: 00 ABSTAINED: 01

IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Read by Clark Tallis, Sr., ***with corrections***.
MOTION: Clark Tallis, Jr. SECOND: Jason Yazzie
VOTE: YEAS: 08 NAYS: 00 ABSTAINED: 01

V. ANNOUNCEMENT:

a. Black Mesa Chapter meeting ~~September 20~~, October 24, 2026 @ 9:00 am.
b. ~~Central Agency Veterans Organization (CAVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Blue Gap/Tachee chapter, September 25, 2026 @ 10:00 am.~~
c. Central Agency Veterans Organization (CAVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting at Hard Rock chapter house, October 30, 2026 @ 10:00 am.
d. ATTENTION Veterans, Surviving spouse & Gold Star Parent: The FY 2027 Registration forms on going.
e. Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program, FY 2026 Housing Education schedule: Starts @ 10:00 am.
   - 10/14/2026 at Nazlini chapter house.
   - 11/18/2026 at Rock Point chapter house. Paired with Rough Rock.
   - 12/09/2026 at Lukachukai chapter house. Paired with Round Rock and Tsaile.

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VI. REPORTS:

a. COMMANDER Claw updated on Andy Nez, Council Delegate reports. Commander stated, "Andy Nez reports was regarding Chapter Fund sixteen (16) of $5,000.00 is mostly for gifts, award, and supplies. Chapter coordinators have their own information. Mr. Nez stated, "Fund sixteen (16) will add on to the Navajo Nation BIMMs website and Modifying the Fund sixteen (16) the Agencies will take care of it meaning by agreeing and submitting Resolutions."
Regarding the housing policy, I will need inputs from commander to amend the policy."
Stipend has a new account number." Paula Begay, Veteran Service Officer stated, "Stipends not paid in July, August and September to Commander and Chapter Veterans Organization (CVO) officers. Mr. Andy Nez will report this to the council delegates. She explained on her behalf, due of Bobbi Baldwin; Executive Director directives all my staff and myself could not attend any veterans meetings."
LeAntoinette Bahe, Account Maintenance Specialist advised, "I am busy all the time especially transiting from FMIS to Finance & Supply Chain Management (F&SCM), processing procedure and roles are changing significantly. I work for the Navajo Nation and am certified. I need from all commanders to be patient at Navajo Nation Agency Veterans Administration (NNVA) worksite. Do not hesitate to ask questions."

b. WILSON HONIE, VICE-COMMANDER, I do not have any veterans information. But we have been busy putting up rural road signs throughout the valley. Only on roads (Centerline). Next the chapter will order house number sign via website. We will need training on how to post labels on houses with a special tool. The trainer contact is MC Baldwin with Division Community Development (DCD) in Window Rock, Arizona. As you all know, "Days are getting shorter and nights are getting longer, winter is approaching." Ella Tallis, stated, "Signs with arrow direction is needed on route 8066 at Rough Rock and Blue Gap Y-intersection." Dorothy Yazzie, advised, "Once rural address is uploaded it will be easy to locate addresses or by names of people via GPS."

c. LIASION OFFICER, Vacant

d. DON SAGE, Vacant

e. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, Vacant.

ACCEPT REPORTS:

MOTION: Clark Tallis, Sr. SECOND: Jason Yazzie

VOTE: YEAS: 12 NAYS: 00 ABSTAINED: 01



VII. OLD BUSINESS:

a. UPDATE VETERANS' FACILITY. Dorothy Yazzie, CLUP-C officer advised, "After the Presidential, State Representative, and Senate election in November we can start approaching the new leaders. Also to write out a resolution for Chapter approval."

b. ~~UPDATE ON~~ ***(NEW BUSINESS),*** VETERANS ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: COMMANDER REPORTED FY 2027 Comprehensive Budget approved on September 18, 2026, in the amount of $1,433,338.00 for Central Agency. The approved comprehensive budget of total amount, $11,171,767.00, divided into five (5) agencies, by veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Parents count. Likewise, Central Agency Veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Parents Count: 797.The Base Equation $1,798.41 per veteran. Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren signed before the deadline.
Veterans Late Register will be financially assistance under the General Fund also known as "buffer funding" to account for significant reductions in their veteran counts.

c. CHAPTER PERMANENT VETERANS FUNDS REMAINS THE SAME IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,770.73. THE AMOUNT WILL CHANGE AFTER THE QUOTES ARE DEDUCTED.

VIII. NEW BUSIJESS:

- COMMANDER CLAW reported the Navajo Nation projected total gross revenue of $301.5 million.
  - Veterans Day event on November 14, 2026, at Old Tree Event ground. Sponsor by "We Care Shi Cheii doo Shi Masani Foundation and Black Mesa Veterans are the Co-Host. Black Mesa Veterans appreciate Maxine Todechine, Cook at Black Mesa Community School for supporting The Black Mesa Veterans Organization at local events. Congratulation to Derek Yazzie and Lisa Cowboy-Yazzie retiring from the United States Armed Forces. During the meeting, veterans agreed to purchase thirty-three (33) vests for the veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Parents, one men's rope for Derek Yazzie and two ladies shawl Pendleton blankets for Maxine Todechine and Lisa Cowboy-Yazzie utilizing the allocated $5,770.73 chapter Veterans Permanent Fund.
    MOTION: Jason Yazzie SECOND: Venita Franzel
    VOTE: YEAS: 12 NAYS:00 ABSTAINED: 01
  - Commander encourage the Black Mesa Veterans to celebrate 2026 veterans day with their families cooking out/grilling, catching up on stories.



- Veterans agreed to purchase 33 Ham from Pinon Basha's for Thanksgiving Day if chapter veterans permanent fund is available
  MOTION: Candice Tallis SECOND: Clark Tallis, Sr.
  VOTE: YEAS: 12 NAYS:00 ABSTAINED: 01

IX. NEXT MEETING AND TIME: November 09, 2026 @ 10:00 AM., At Black Mesa Chapter House.

X. ADJOURNED: 1206 HRS.
MOTION: Clark Tallis, Sr. SECOND: Wilson Honie
VOTE: YEAS: 12 NAYS:00 ABSTAINED: 01



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TO: **Black Mesa Chapter Coordinator, Other Departments**

FROM: **Richard Claw, BMVO Commander**

DATE: **October 12, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Permanent Veterans Fund (PVF)**

The Black Mesa (Kitsilli) Chapter Veteran's Organization (BMVO) organized to promote and advocate for ALL eligible Black Mesa (KitsilII) Chapter Veteran of all eras; spouse, and widow (ers) to improve the quality of life and services.

In the months of September 2026 and October 2026 at the Black Mesa-Kitsilli Chapter Veterans Organization meeting the veterans discussed and preplanned a Veterans Event, November 14 and 15, 2026, sponsored by 'We Care Shi Cheii doo Shi Masani Foundation' of Old Tree, Arizona, 10-mile Southwest of Black Mesa Chapter House. The Black Mesa Veterans will host the event. Veterans and the Community are invited! Flyer attached.

The veteran's organization requested to utilize the Permanent Veterans Funds for veteran's operation and activities, gifts, and awards.

Therefore, we pray for the Black Mesa Chapter coordinator, and other departments approves Black Mesa Chapter Veterans Organization request remaining 2026 allocated PVF in the amount of $5,770.73 for the upcoming 2026 Veterans Event. Quotes attached.

VESTS:
1.Mr. Teez
2. RushOrder Tees
3. ACORN PRODUCTS

PENDLETON: SHAWL & ROPES
1.Ellis Tanner Trading Company
2. Perry Nulls Trading Co.
3. Richardson Trading Post

Thank you for your understanding.

BLACK MESA CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (BMVO)

VETERANS MONTHLY MEETING TALKING CIRCLE

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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 (August 2026)

Motion: Second:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

IV REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion; Second:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

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VI REPORTS: *Reports will be brief.*

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

ACCEPT REPORTS:
Motion: Seconded:
Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

VII OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update of Veterans facility.
b. Update of Veterans Trust Fund:
   - FY 2027 Chapter Veterans Organization (CVO) Budget Shell will be available upon Navajo Nation Veterans Administration approval. CVO will call for a special meeting.
   - Navajo Nation Council approved the FY 2027 Comprehensive Budget on September 18, 2026. Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren signed before the deadline. ***Rough Draft:*** *Approved Comprehensive budget for Chinle Agency, sixteen chapters: $11,171,767. Veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Parents Count:797. Base Equation $1,798.41.*

c. Chapter ***Permanent Veterans Fund*** current total balance: $5,770.73
   1. Food- $1,105.73
   2. Gifts & Awards- $4,665.00
      $5,770.73

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Navajo Nation projects total gross revenue of **$301.5 million** for Fiscal Year 2027.

   FY 2027 Revenue Breakdown
   - Statutory Set-Aside: **$083.3 million** mandated
   - Net General Fund: **$218.2 million** available for budget
   - Total Gross Revenue: **$301.5 million**

   Key Revenue Sources
   - Investment Income: $84.7 million
   - Tax Revenues: $64.9 million
   - Coal Revenues: $39.6 million
   - Forest Carbon Fund: $5.5 million
2. "2026" Veterans Day, Flyer attached, **"We Care Shi Cheii doo Shi Masani Foundation."** Black Mesa Veterans will recognize and appreciate Maxine Todechine, Black Mesa Community School Cook for supporting the Black Mesa-Kitsilli Veterans Organization at local events, plus recognize Derek Yazzie and Lisa Cowboy-Yazzie, retirement. During September's 2026 veterans meeting group agreed to purchase vests for veterans and widows. In addition, purchase men's rope and shawls blanket for Maxine, Derek, and Lisa.

Motion: Seconded:
Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

3. Veterans Day, November 11, 2026. Black Mesa Veterans may attend State, Federal or Local events.
4. Purchase ham for Thanksgiving Day
5. Motion: Seconded:
6. Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

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X ADJOURNMENT @

Motion: Seconded:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

We Care Shi Cheii doo Shi Masani Foundation

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Black Mesa Veteran's Organization

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

"From Service to Strength: Veterans, Families, and Community Together"

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Saturday, November 14, 2026

Old Tree Event Grounds

Old Tree, AZ

(15 Miles North of Pinon, AZ)

Fun Run & Walk

Presentation & Resources

Peyote Prayer Ceremony

(Open to anyone wanting to set up their own tipi)

(Azee (Medicine) & Tobacco Provided)

Sunday Veterans Dinner & Military Recognition

(Potluck Style – Bring a Side Dish to Share)

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL RAY YAZZIE @ 480-799-7959