



**BLACK MESA-Kitsilli CHAPTER  
VETERANS ORGANIZATION  
VETERANS REGULAR MEETING  
TALKING CIRCLE  
Black Mesa Chapter House**

**DATE: February 09, 2026**

**TIME: 10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)**

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

**BLACK MESA CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (BMVO)**

**MONTHLY VETERANS MEETING TALKING CIRCLE**

February 09, 2026

10:00 a.m. (1000 hours)

AGENDA

**I MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

- a. By Richard Claw, Commander @

**II INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**III ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Reading and accepting Previous BMVO Meeting (January 2026)

Motion; Second:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

**IV REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion; Second:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

**V ANNOUNCENMENT:**

- a. Next Black Mesa Planning meeting, February 07, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.  
b. Black Mesa Chapter meeting, February 21, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.  
c. 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Iwo Jima flag raising, Military Parade and Flyover in Sacaton, Az, February 21, 2026.  
d. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders meeting: Low Mountain Chapter house, February 27, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.  
e. Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO), 16 Chapter Commanders next meeting: Cottonwood Chapter house, March 27, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

**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:

**ACCEPT REPORTS:**

Motion: Seconded:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:





BLACK MESA VETERANS ORGANIZATION

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 09,2026



- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER @ 10:50AM BY COMMANDER RICHARD CLAW.
- II. INVOCATION BY FRANCIS HONIE, FOLLOWED BY MOMENT OF SILENCE.
- III. LAST MEETING MINUTES WAS READ BY CANDANCE TALLIS, CANDANCE TALLIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINTUES AND CLARK TALLIS 2<sup>ND</sup> VOTED: 9-00-01.
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA WAS MOTION BY CANDANCE TALLIS, WILSON HONIE MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AND HOWARD YAZZIE 2<sup>ND</sup> VOTEDS: 7-00-01.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENT: (A) BLACK MESA PLANNING MEETING, FEBRUARY 07, 2026 @ 10:00AM (B) BLACK MESA CHAPTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 @ 9:00AM. (C) 81<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING, MILITARY PARADE & FLYOVER IN SACATON, AZ., FEBRUARY 21, 2026. (D) CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION (CNVO) 16 CHAPTER COMMANDERS MEETING: LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, FEBRUARY 27, 2026 @ 10:00AM. (E) CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION (CNVO), 16 CHAPTER COMMANDERS MEETING: MARCH 27, 2026 @ 10AM.
- VI. REPORTS: (A) COMMANDER TRICHARD CLAW, THER AGENCY IS STILL WORKING ON THE WELLNESS CENTER AND THE WELLNESS STEERING COMMITTEE THEY ARE REQUESTING ONE MORE PERSON TO JOIN AND HELP WITH PLANNING. (B) VICDE COMMANDER, WILSON HONIE WELCOME THE VETERANS AND QUEST AND DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING RELATED TO VETERANS AND AS A MEMBER OF THE CLUP/C SAID THEY ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING MORE MATERIALS FOR RURAL ADDRESSING AND AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVED ALL THE REQUIRED MATERIALS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL START POSTING THE ROAD AND STREET SIGNS (C) LIAISON OFFICER, DELPHINA TSOSIE NO SHOW, DUE TO NEW EMPLOYMENT, BUT SAID SHE IS STILL WILLING TO HOLD ON TO HER POSITION AS LIAISON OFFICER TO DO THE MEETING MINUTES IF THE ORGANIZATION CAN LET HER AS LONG AS THE MEETING IS STILL HELD IN THE MORNING, CANDANCE TALLIS MADE THE MOTION AND WILSON HONIE 2<sup>ND</sup> VOTED 9-00-01. (D) REPRESENTATIVE, DON SAGE NO SHOW. (E) SERGEANT-AT-ARMS NO SHOW. (F) INTRODUCTION OF QUESTS: FRANCIS HONIE, FORMER GRAZING OFFICIAL MADE COMMENT MADE AN ANOUCNEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT WILDLIFE PREDATORS SUCH AS COYOTES, WOLVES, MOUNTAIN LIONS AND WILD DOGS AND TO DUE TO NO PRECIPITATION OF SNOW AND RAIN THERE IS GOING TO BE A DROUGHT IN OUR AREA AND NEED TO DOWN SIZE YOUR LIVESTOCKS AND PREPARE FOR THE UP COMING SEASON WHEN THE WEATHER WARMS UP.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS: (A) UPDATE VETERANS FACILTY: DOROTHY YAZZIE SAID SHE IS STILL WAITING FOR MYRON TSOSIE ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE GETTING \$500,000 FOR THE VETERANS FACILITY ON ENGINEERING AND DESIGNS AND ONCE THEY GET THE MONEY WE NEED TO NOTIFY BLACK MESA CHAPTER OFFICIALS AND START WORKING ON THE CONSTRUCTION. (B) UPDATE VETERANS TRUST FUNDS: FY 20236 ALLOCATION \$47,263.00 BALANCE : HARDSHIP - \$34,600.00 ENERGY - \$3,600.00 MEDICAL - \$1,350.00 STIPEND - \$2,550.00 TOTAL - \$11,100.00. (C) CHAPTER PERMANENT VETERANS FUNDS CURRENT TOTAL BALANCE: \$6,778.54
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: (A) CONTINUE TO PLAN APPRECIATION DINNER FOR HARRISON HONIE, FORMER BMVO COMMANDER. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BLACK MESA COMMUNITY SCHOOL ON MARCH 14, 2026 AT 10:00AM THE MAIN DISH WILL BE MUTTON CONSIST OF ROAST MUTTON AND POSSIBLY TWO TYPE OF STEW AND OTHER NATIVE SIDE DISH. THE AWARDS PRESENTATION

WILL BE A MEN'S PENDLETON BLANKET AND A MEN'S JACKET WITH EMBROIDERY DESIGNS. IT WAS AGREED THE CHAPTER WILL PURCHASE THE BLANKET USING THEIR FUND AND THE +JACKET WILL BE PURCHASED USING THE CHAPTER VETERANS FUNDS. THE EVENT PROGRAM IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES. (B) UPCOMING "2026" EVENTS 1. 81<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING, MILITARY PARADE AND FLYOVER IN SACATON, AZ., FEBRUARY 21, 2026. 2. NAVAJO NATION WOMEN VETERANS DAY, MARCH 20, 2026 3. NATIONAL WOMEN VETERANS DAY, JUNE 12, 2026. 4. NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY, MARCH 29, 2026. 5. ARMED FORCES DAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF MAY 16, ,2026. 6. MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25, 2026. 7. FLAG DAY, JUNE 14, 2026. NAVAJO CODE TALKER DAY, AUGUST 14, 2026. 8. VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026. 9. FIND A GOOD CAMPING SPOT TO CAME OUT.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: MARCH 09, 2026 AT 10:00AM.

X. ADJOURMENT: AT 1:49PM. MOTION MADE BY CLARK TALLIS, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY KYLE BEGAY VOTED 10-00-01.