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HARDROCK CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

Agenda

March 8, 2026 @ 1300 Hrs.

Hardrock, AZ

1. Roll Call:  
 Commander: Tim Johnson  
 Vice-Commander: Tom Burbank  
 Secretary: Jay Begay Jr.
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence
5. Review and Adopt Agenda:  
 Motion: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vote F: O: A:
6. Read previous minutes and accept: Nov.02.2025  
 Motion: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vote F: O: A:
7. Announcement
8. Call to the Public
9. Old Business
  - a. Request purchase for Jackets, T-shirts
  - b. Housing Update
10. New Business:
  - a. Resolutions
11. Reports
  1. Council Delegate Germaine Simonson/ LDA
  2. Navajo County Supervisor - Fern Benally
  3. VSO – Paula Begay
  4. Housing specialist - Sylvia Preston
  5. Tim Johnson - Commander:
  6. Tom Burbank - Vice Commander:
  7. Jay Begay Jr. - Secretary:  
 Accept Reports, 1<sup>st</sup> Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> F: O: A:
12. Next Meeting April , 2026 @ 1 p.m.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1<sup>st</sup> Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote F: O: A:





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**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2026 at 1300 Hrs.**

**Hardrock, AZ**

**1. Roll Call:**

*Commander: Tim Johnson present*

*Vice-Commander: Tommy Burbank present*

*Secretary: Jay Begay Jr present*

**2. Call to Order at 1:45pm by Commander Tim Johnson**

**3. Invocation : Mike Chase**

**4. Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence Varian Altsihi**

**5. Review and Adopt Agenda:**

*Motion: Varian Altsihi 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Holder Vote In Favor:13 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1*

**6. Read previous minutes and accept: Feb 1, 2026**

*Motion: Mike Chase 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jay Begay Sr Vote In Favor: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1*

**7. Announcements:**

- a) March 11 – Veterans Housing Mtg Hardrock Chapter 10a-12p
- b) March 14 – Western Navajo Agency Council Navajo Mtn School
- c) March 18 – Hardrock Chapter Mtg 5pm
- d) March 19 – Navajo Woman Veterans Summitt Twin Arrows Casino
- e) March 19 – Veterans Fair Hopi 10a-4p Veterans Agencies will be there

**8. Call to the Public: none**

**9. Old Business**

- a) **Request purchase for jackets, t-shirts** order done and passed out to those that were present. Will work on pullovers quote; will pass around sheet for sizes
- b) **Housing request** \$4million to Swift, \$31 million to Bitco , Central got the most housing. Overall \$50 million from ARPA. 103 veterans were men 33 Woman veterans received housing and/or will be receiving VA Housing, Tim updated. Tim says he isn't too thrilled about the electrical and water hook-up process. It has been taking too long, feels that logistics on process needs to be worked on. Reminded the veterans to attend the Veterans Housing Meeting here at Hardrock Chapter on Wednesday 3/11/2026. No action just update.

**10. New Business:**

- a) **Requesting Easter Dinner** catered on Easter Sunday April 5, 2026 steak, pasta salad, rolls , fruit salad, drinks, vegetable salad, and cake. **Motion by: Varian Alstisi, Second by: Carlos Nez. 17 In Favor: 0 Opposed 1 Abstained** Veterans decided to move meeting and dinner to April 12, 2026





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## 11. Reports

- a) **Council Delegate - Germaine Simonson** *not present*
- b) **Navajo County Supervisor – Fern Benally:** *Fern hasn't met with Hopi for Mosquito Drive gravel project. Deer Pasture Lane got a culvert. She has some funds that need to be expended so she is working on Stripping of blacktop on N41 Pinon to Forest Lake. Fern says the County donated trash bags to Hardrock Chapter for April cleanup. They can also pay up to \$500 for trash bins for community clean up but that request has to come from HR Chapter.*
- c) **VSO- Paula Begay** *not present*
- d) **Housing Specialist - Sylvia Preston** *not present*
- e) **Tim Johnson – Commander and Veterans Liaison** *Tim talking about his experience as a liaison. The good and bad that comes along with the job. Tim says it's a lot of work working for Buu Nygren. He is very demanding and they are all held accountable daily. Tim says he works well with Veterans Director (Bobbie Baldwin). Tim also went over the war that is going on in Iran. [Timothy.Johnson@navajonsn.gov](mailto:Timothy.Johnson@navajonsn.gov) is his email. Tim encourages to bring prizes for Dinner in April.*
- f) **Tommy Burbank – Vice Commander** *no report*
- g) **Jay Begay Jr – Secretary** *no report*

Accept Reports, **Motion by: Perlinda Cordero Second by: Ernest Smith In Favor: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**

12. Next Meeting **April 12 ,2026 @ 11 a.m.**

13. **Meeting Adjourned: at 3:25pm Motion by: Varian Altisihi Second by: Donald Howard Sr. Votes In Favor: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**