

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---Second Year 2016

AN ACT
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; ENACTING
PLAN OF OPERATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY
COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authorities

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, among other duties and responsibilities, generally oversees veterans matters. 2 N.N.C. §401.

Section Two. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council on January 26, 2016 enacted enabling legislation establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. CJA-3-16.
- B. Pursuant to CJA-3-16, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee was given oversight responsibilities over the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. The committee was further authorized to approve plans of operation for these entities, respectively. 2 N.N.C. §1034.
- C. Resolution CJA-3-16, was signed into law by the Navajo Nation President on February 13, 2016. See Exhibit "B," attached hereto.

Section Three. Enacting Plan of Operation for Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

The Navajo Nation hereby enacts the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council as provided in Exhibit "A."

EXHIBIT "A"

Plan of Operation of the
Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

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Conduct Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council internal election of officers, which shall occur at the first meeting held at the beginning of each fiscal year.

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agenda for upcoming Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council meetings.

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VII. Amendments

The Plan of Operation can be amended periodically by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as recommended by the NNVA in consultation with the NNVA Director.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Council Chamber, Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained this 25th day of July, 2016



Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion : Honorable Nelson BeGaye
Second : Honorable Norman M. Begay

AMENDMENT ONE (1) :

To include as Exhibit "C": Resolutions from Agency Meeting

Motion : Honorable Nelson BeGaye

Second : Honorable Norman M. Begay

Vote : 2 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained

Chairman not voting



CJA-3-16

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1703 AND 1704

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14), reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6), has the power to review and recommend resolutions relating to veterans and veteran services.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9), reviews proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council.
- D. The purpose of this legislation is to establish a veterans' administration under the Office of the President and Vice President, which effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans.
- E. The legislation also establishes a Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to recognize veterans and ensure veteran participation in policy and data system development.

- F. Since the time of Naayéé'neizghání and Tóbájishchíní, Navajos revere and respect warriors in our society.
- G. Native American Tribes throughout North America have participated and contributed to the United States Government through acts of military service in every minor and major military conflict that the United States has been involved in.
- H. Today, Native Americans represent the highest per capita for military enlistment of any ethnic group in the United States Military and the Navajo Nation foresees this to continue of further Native American Generations to come.
- I. It is appropriate to recognize all Navajo veterans of foreign wars and military service men and women who have provided distinguished service and their families.
- J. It is essential to recognize and honor Navajo veterans for their remarkable military service and sacrifice.
- K. The Navajo Code Talkers exemplify the exceptional military service that is unique to the Navajo people through the use of the Navajo language to defend our homeland.
- L. Navajo veterans work tirelessly at the local level to ensure Navajo veterans are recognized for their extraordinary service in protecting our homeland.
- M. There is a need to ensure that Navajo veterans have direct involvement in policy-making decisions regarding veteran's services and benefits;
- N. It is necessary to ensure veterans on the Navajo Nation have access to creating Navajo, federal, and state benefit claims without being hindered by long distance travel.
- O. Veterans' programs and services are a priority for all veterans.
- P. The Executive Director position shall be created through a contract to provide flexibility, stability and continuity.

- Q. The Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs must be a separate Administration within the Executive branch to seek recognition from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- R. Navajo veterans face tremendous challenges accessing veterans' benefits and services for health care, housing, education, and employment, often times traveling hundreds of miles round trip from Navajo communities to federal Veterans Administration health care facilities or service offices.
- S. The Office of the President and Vice-President, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Division of Health and the Agency Veteran's Organizations, conducted eight public hearings on the establishment of the veterans' administration at various locations including Fort Defiance, Chinle, To'nanness'dizi, Crownpoint, Tohajiilee, Nenahnezad, Tolani Lake and Shiprock and received numerous comments on the proposal for a veterans' administration.
- T. It is in the best interest of Navajo Nation Veterans that an executive level administration be established to ensure quality services are provided to those Veterans and may partner with other veterans organizations.

Section Two. Establishing the Navajo Veterans Administration

The Navajo Nation hereby establishes the Navajo Veterans Administration within the Navajo Nation Code, Title 2, Sections 1031 et seq., as follows:

TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 5. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SUBCHAPTER 1. Generally

Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

§ 1031. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is established under the Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation, after consultation with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, shall retain by contract for a term of six (6) years an Executive Director who shall head the Veterans Administration.
- B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall perform its assigned functions as identified in its approved Plan of Operation.

§ 1032. Responsibility and Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Act is enacted to establish an executive administration that effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans.
- B. In carrying out its responsibilities the Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to:

Assist individuals in presenting, providing, and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under Navajo, federal, state, or local law.

1. Create outreach services in relation to health, education, employment, housing, and benefits.
2. Collect information relating to veterans as such services and facilities available to Veterans.
3. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this Act.
5. Enter into agreements with Veterans' organizations in the Navajo Nation for the purpose of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Funds pursuant to 12 N.N.C. Sections 1171 et seq.

6. Adopt necessary procedures to effectively and efficiently provide services to Veterans.
7. Provide administrative support and technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
8. Seek external funding to ensure creation, expansion and improvement of programs serving veterans throughout the Navajo Nation.
9. Coordinate and collaborate within the Navajo Nation government, health care facilities, educational institutions, employment entities, and housing programs providing services for Veterans.
10. Advocate for and promote health care services, educational opportunities, employment opportunities, and housing programs for veterans.

Article 4 Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

§ 1033. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government.
- B. The purpose and authority of the Veterans Advisory Council is to provide policy advice to the President of the Navajo Nation regarding veteran issues and concerns.
- C. Membership, selection, terms of office
 1. A Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council is established consisting of eleven (11) members.
 2. The Advisory Council shall consist of the ten (10) Agency Veteran Commanders, one ((1) female and one (1) male selected by each Agency, as the designated voting members with the Administration Executive Director acting as a non-voting member.

3. The Advisory Council shall select from its members a Chair.
4. Designated members shall be Veterans selected and/or removed by the respective Chapter Veteran Organizations.
5. The Council shall meet on a quarterly basis and as necessary. Voting members shall receive meeting stipend and travel expense reimbursement pursuant Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures and budget.

§ 1034. Oversight

The Navajo Nation authorizes the establishment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. Legislative oversight shall be provided by the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, which will have final approval of the respective plans of operation.

§ 1035. Amendments

This Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

Section Three. Amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 1703 and 1704

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Nation Code, Title 2, Sections 1703 and 1704 as follows:

TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT

Chapter 5. Executive Branch

SUBCHAPTER 27. Division of Human Resources

§ 1703. Personnel and organization

B. Organization.

1. The Division of Human Resources shall be comprised of programs and administrative components as may be deemed necessary subject to legislative review and approval of the department's and/or program's plans of operation.

2. The Division of Human Resources shall consist of the following departments and offices:

- a. Department of Personnel Management
- b. Navajo Department of Workforce Development
- c. Navajo Department of Retirement Services
- ~~d. Department of Veterans Affairs.~~
- e-d. Office of Broadcast Services
- f-e. Office of Navajo Labor Relations
- g-f. Office of Navajo Women and Families
- h-g. Navajo Office of Vital Records
- i-h. Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- j-i. Department of Child Support Enforcement
- k-j. Staff Development and Training Program
- l-k. Navajo Nation Band

§ 1704. Responsibility and Authority

A. The Division of Human Resources provides centralized and decentralized human resources program services to the Navajo Nation government. The Division management is accountable to the President of the Navajo Nation for performance of its functional responsibilities in an effective and efficient

manner. All management Personnel within the Division shall have sufficient authority established by their plans of operation to perform their job responsibilities not inconsistent with the Master Plan or Navajo law.

~~B. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall develop and implement all veterans program services that are funded by Navajo Nation General Funds in accordance with the definition:~~

~~A Navajo veteran is an individual who is enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and has been discharged under honorable conditions from the United States military service with a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.~~

EB. The Executive Director of the Division of Human Resources shall have the following responsibilities and authorities:...

Section Four. Rescinding CO-39-10

The Navajo Nation, in amending the above Title 2, Chapter 5, Subchapter 27, Section 1704, hereby rescinds CO-39-10 which specifically amended Section 1704 B.

Section Five. Effective Date

The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

Section Six. Codification

The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

Section Seven. Saving Clause

Should any provisions of this ordinance be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this ordinance which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed, this 26th day of January 2016.



LoRenzo Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council



Date

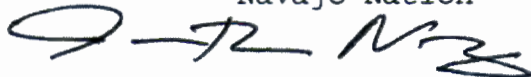
Motion: Honorable Jonathan Perry
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10), on this 13th day of February 2016.



Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation



2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this _____ day of _____ 2016 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation



NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DOCUMENT REVIEW REQUEST FORM



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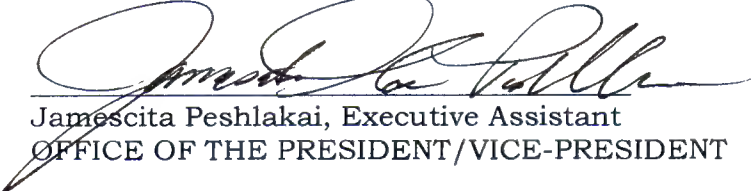


THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Kandis Martine, Assistant Attorney General
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: 
Jamescita Peshlakai, Executive Assistant
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

DATE: June 7, 2016

SUBJECT: 164 Review of the Plan Of Operation for the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

This memo is to notify 164 Executive Review process signatories that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council was established within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Enabling Act on February 13th, 2016.

This is the first Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council and no document precedes it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 928-871-7907.

Thank you.

Jamescita Peshlakai
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

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Health, Education and Human Service Committee
Window Rock, AZ

July 25, 2016

RE: legislation 0198-16

Dear Honorable Delegates:

Good morning Health, Education and Human Services Committee members we hope you are doing well this morning. We are respectfully asking the HEHS Committee to please consider hearing the Plan of Operation for Navajo Veterans Advisory Council, 0198-16 this morning, July 25, 2016. Our sincere hope is that the Committee will act on behalf of the best interests of our Veterans by hearing and ultimately, voting in favor of the Plan of Operation for the Veterans' Advisory Council legislation that is currently tabled by your Committee.

The Five Agency Commanders have been actively getting the word out to their Veterans. We have 2 supporting resolutions from agency meetings along with several Chapter Veterans Organizations and an attached agenda from Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization's agency meeting earlier this month.

Please committee members we urge that you at least consider hearing legislation 0198-16 on its merits and the importance of finally formulating the Advisory Council. Our Veterans are constantly asking the quasi Advisory Council members the progress of the Veterans Act, its intent and purpose. Our response to their inquiries are "that we were sworn in as members but have no authority and have not even met with President Begay." The members are ready to start working for our Veterans but without any certification or approval from HEHS, we cannot do anything at this time.

We thank you for your consideration and attention to this very delicate matter and your continued support and advocating for our Veterans. We want to keep moving forward with the momentum that the Veterans Act has created and be the voice for our Veterans.

Respectfully yours,



Daryl Ahasteen, Fort Defiance Agency Commander
TyAnn Nakai, Fort Defiance Agency Advisory Council Representative
Gilbert Chee, Western Agency Commander
Nelda Achee, Western Agency Advisory Council Representative
Hubert Smith, Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization Commander
Regina Begay-Roanhorse, Eastern Agency Advisory Council Representative
Anderson Tullie, Chinle Agency Commander
Paul George, Northern Agency Commander

CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

CNVO 0716-0007

AT A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION (CNVO) OF NAVAJO NATION CHINLE AGENCY, HELD AT FOREST LAKE CHAPTER, ARIZONA, ON JULY 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION – Supporting the Navajo Nation Council Legislation NO. 0198-16, sponsored by Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act of 2016.

WHEREAS, the Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) of the Navajo Nation Chinle Agency, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Central Navajo Veterans Organization was established and certified by the sixteen (16) Navajo Nation Chapters in Chinle Agency in the early 1980s; and the CNVO was appropriately reorganized in March 1998 to advocate and ensure that all Navajo Veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star Mothers are provided the opportunity to access the benefits and services available; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States Government against all subversive and armed conflict; and in 1952, the Navajo Tribal Council passed another resolution to support and assist the United States Selective Service Board to draft the eligible Navajos to serve in the United States Armed Forces; and to reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Veterans (Nihich'ááh Nidaazbaa'ii) have long been forgotten for the ultimate sacrifice they have chosen to defend the freedom of homeland; and true honor and recognition has been long time coming until the 23rd Navajo Nation Council enacted the Navajo Nation Veterans Act of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CJA-3-16 established a Veterans Advisory Council; and the Health, Education and Human Service Committee is the oversight authority over the Veterans Advisory Council; and HEHSC has the authority to approve the Veterans Advisory Council Plan of Operation; and

WHEREAS, the CNVO Commander directed all CVO Commanders and members to develop and administer plans which would provide a consistent agency wide approach for the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State and local Chapters to work together more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, collective input and guidance from the Navajo Nation, Federal, States and local Chapters has been and will continue to be vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive plan of operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) hereby supports the Navajo Nation Legislation No. 0196-16, sponsored by Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

CERTIFICATION

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) of Chinle Agency with consultation of all Veterans Group, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained, this 1st day of July 2016.

MOTION: Anslem Thompson, *Lukachukai Veterans Commander*

SECOND: Alfred Charley, *Forest Lake Veterans Commander*



Anderson Tullie, CNVO Commander

WESTERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION OF WESTERN NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION WNVO-A-2016-0001

Western Navajo Veterans Organization hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council

WHEREAS:


1. The Western Navajo Veterans Organization was established as an advocate for the eighteen (18) Chapter Veterans Committee within the Western Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation and is charged with the responsibilities of representing these Chapter Veterans Committee; and
2. In 1942 the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States Government against all subversive and armed conflict. In 1952, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to support and assist the United States Selective Service Board to draft eligible Navajos to serve in the United States Armed Forces and to reaffirm allegiance to the United States and express patriotism..
3. The Navajo Nation Council by resolution CJA-3-16 established a Veterans Administration and a Veterans Advisory Council. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is the oversight authority over the Administration and Advisory Council. It has authority to approve the Plan of Operation for the two entities. This resolution concerns the plan of operation for Veteran Advisory Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

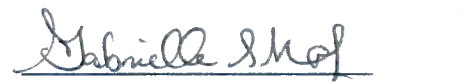
Western Navajo Veterans Organization hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council.

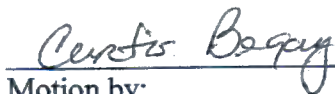
CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Western Navajo Veterans Organization at Tsidi To'ii Chapter at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 16 in favor, 4 opposed and 9 abstained, this the 22nd day of July 2016.


Gilbert Chee, Commander

Bobby Robbins, Vice Commander


Nelda Achee, Secretary
Appointed for July 22, 2016


Motion by:


Second by:

NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

Darryl Ahasteen – President
Wayne Lynch – Vice President
LaVonne Tsosie – Secretary
Margaret Bedonie – Treasurer

Mae Horseman – Member
Corrina Chatter – Commission Manager
Starla Toadlena – Administrative Assistant

RESOLUTION OF NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

NDCG-2016-07-060

Nahata Dziil Commission Governance hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council

WHEREAS:

1. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is certified by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-36-91 as a local governmental entity of the Navajo Nation Government which has the responsibility and authority to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of its community, people, programs, property, etc.; and
2. Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo nation by Resolution TCDCAU-66-02, approved governance certification of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance Five Management Policies and Procedures pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 102(B), which permit's the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance to exercise local governance authorities contained within 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(1); and
3. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is further certified by the Navajo Nation in accordance with its Community Based land Use Plan, pursuant to Resolution of the Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, to administer its community lands with the New Lands Chapter boundaries and to decide on the best options for its land use; and
4. On January 20, 2008, the Nahata Dziil Chapter converted its Governmental entity into the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance, and
5. The Navajo Nation Council by resolution CJA-3-16 established a Veterans Administration and a Veterans Advisory Council. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is the oversight authority over the Administration and Advisory Council. It has authority to approve the Plan of Operation for the two entities. This resolution concerns the plan of operation for Veteran Advisory Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Nahata Dziil Commission Governance hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Nahata Dziil Commission Governance at a duly called special meeting at Nahata Dziil Commission Governance Meeting Hall, NAVAJO NATION, Sanders, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 03 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained, on this 14th day of July 2016



Darryl T. Ahasteen, Commission President
Nahata Dziil Commission Governance

Motion by: **Mae Horseman**

Second by: **Wayne Lynch**

MANUELITO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION OF MANUELITO VETERANS ORGANIZATION MVO-2016-0004

Manuelito Veterans Organization hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council

WHEREAS:

- 1 Manuelito Veterans Organization was established to represent and advocate for Veterans in the Manuelito community in the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Manuelito Veterans Organization was vested with the authority to approve plans and projects that are in the best interest and that meet needs of Veterans, Gold Star mothers, and dependents in the Manuelito community of the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation; and
3. In 1942, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States Government against all subversive and armed conflict. In 1952, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to support and assist the United States Selective Service Board to draft eligible Navajos to serve in the United States Armed Forces, and to reaffirm allegiance to the United States and express patriotism, and;
4. MVO members realize the newly formed Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council need a working document to conduct their meetings. On July 15, 2016 at a duly called meeting members recognized, discussed and voted to draft a supporting resolution for the revised Plan of Operation for Veterans Advisory Council, 0198-16.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Manuelito Veterans Organization hereby supports Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0198-16, Sponsored by Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr., approving the Plan of Operation for the newly created Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Manuelito Veterans Organization meeting at Manuelito Chapterhouse in Manuelito, NM, and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in favor, 00 opposed, and 01 abstained this 15th day of July, 2016.


Hubert Smith, Commander

Gilbert Shirley
Motioned by:

Chancey Brown
Seconded by: