

PERMANENT FILE

PROPERTY OF  
THE NAVAJO TRIBERESOLUTION OF THE  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCILRecommending for the Amendment of the Veterans  
Affairs Office for Fiscal Year 1974-1975 Budget

## WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Tribal Council has delegated authority to the Budget and Finance Committee by Resolution CJA-1-71, to recommend supplemental budget appropriations, and

2. The Veterans Affairs Office of the Navajo Tribe funded for Fiscal Year 1974-1975 in the amount of \$38,061.00 is not sufficient to implement this vital program at its accelerated pace initiated by our Consultant who has opened avenues of new programs and coordinating activities with the Veterans Administration and other private, state and federal organizations, and

3. Approximately for the past twenty-eight (28) years there has not been any effective action to provide available services to the Navajo Veterans and through the assistance of Senator Hartke and his Senate Veterans' Committee on Veterans Affairs at this time, as a result, through their intervention with the Veterans Administration, we have entered into Phase I of a total new program for the Navajo Veterans, and

4. A Government Veterans Assistance Van has been assigned to the Navajo Reservation to register and re-register all veterans in order to accumulate a census and the van is now manned by a Veterans Administration Field Representative from the Phoenix Regional Office and a Navajo Veteran Interpreter, so that interviews with every Navajo Veteran who wants his case reopened or heard are made and preparations of all necessary forms for submission to the Regional Office can be done, including their dependents who are also entitled to service connected benefits; millions of dollars have been lost to Navajo Veterans and their dependents because they were not aware of benefits, compensations or pensions they could have applied for, also the Navajo Tribe has never had an accurate census of veterans from World Wars I & II, Korea and Vietnam, and

5. Plans for a Veterans Administration satellite clinic to be placed with 15 to 18 outlying Health Stations

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in Chapter Houses, staffed by Veterans Administration trained Veterans who will be paid by Veterans Administration, is presently being researched, and

6. Housing is a problem of major proportions for the Navajo Veterans, since they have never been able to get financing as Veterans because of our residency on the Navajo Reservation and the following requirements necessary for loan applications:

- A) The Veterans Administration prior to making loan guarantees states that there must be electricity, water and sewer available, although they have deviated these standards in the Appalachian Mountains where they guaranteed shelter housing without utility after World War II.
- B) The lack of commitment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs towards the Navajo Veterans and their plight for benefits as all other American Veterans; an example is that: The BIA in 1956 had worked out a joint guarantee for housing with the Veterans Administration and the Mescalero Apache Tribe which enabled their Veterans to obtain loan guarantee from the Veterans Administration. We need the same type of agreement for the Navajo Veterans and the commitment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to aggressively pursue amendments by the Veterans Administration and HUD to extend the same precedent to the Navajo Veterans, and

7. Thousands of Navajo Veterans who have been separated from the Armed Services after 1955, have been eligible for G.I. Education benefits but many have been unable to take advantage of them because it meant going off the Navajo Reservation to schools and leaving their families; however, Veterans Administration approved courses in Vocational Education that can be instituted on the Reservation to be taught in Navajo language, and

8. Additional operating funds are urgently needed to provide essential services under the said office thereby necessitating an additional appropriation as indicated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

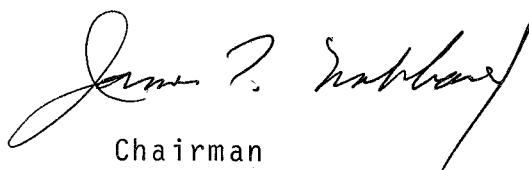
1. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council hereby recommends that the Navajo Tribal Council

amend the 1974-1975 Navajo Veterans Affairs Office Budget by appropriating additional funds of \$27,830.00 in accordance with the attached Exhibit "A" hereof.

2. That the Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council be authorized to negotiate for all aforementioned programs with the relevant private, state, and federal agencies to implement these vital programs.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed, this 18th day of November, 1974.



Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee

THE NAVAJO TRIBE  
FISCAL YEAR 1975 BUDGET

NAVAJO VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION: 5      BUDGET DIVISION: 7      DEPARTMENT: 82			
CLASS OF OBLIGATION:	APPROVED BUDGET FY - 1974	APPROVED BUDGET FY - 1975	PROPOSED BUDGET FY - 1976
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
200 TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	-0-	7,000.00	-0-
300 SUPPLIES	-0-	4,000.00	-0-
400 LEASE AND RENTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-
500 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-0-	12,000.00	-0-
600 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	-0-	-0-	-0-
700 EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-
800 TRIBAL EQUIPMENT USE	-0-	2,330.00	-0-
900 GRANTS AND CONTINGENCIES	-0-	2,500.00	-0-
	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$27,830.00</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

Submitted to the Secretary of the Interior under Authority of  
Section 7 of the Act of April 19, 1959 (64 Stat. 45).

DISPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT

Vote of the Navajo Tribal Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE NAVAJO TRIBE  
FISCAL YEAR 1975 BUDGET

NAVAJO VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION: 5 BUDGET DIVISION: 7 DEPARTMENT: 82

JUSTIFICATION

The Office of the Navajo Veterans Affairs is responsible for providing comprehensive services to Navajo Veterans which will assist them in making an orderly change from the armed forces to civilian life, including seeking necessary assistance from the Veterans Administration and other agencies and foundations in operating the office to provide the great service to Veterans at the lowest cost to the Navajo Tribe.

100	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -
	101 Director		
	102 Contact Officer		
	103 Secretary		
	199 Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits (includes Re- tirement & Deferred Compensation per NTC CF-21-73)		
200	TRAVEL AND PER DIEM		7,000.00
	220 Other Mileage	1,500.00	
	221 Air and Rail Fares	500.00	
	230 Per Diem	<u>5,000.00</u>	
300	SUPPLIES		4,000.00
	301 Office Supplies	1,000.00	
	302 Postage	3,000.00	
	304 Dues & Subscriptions	<u>                    </u>	
500	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		12,000.00
	502 Professional Consultant	<u>12,000.00</u>	
800	TRIBAL EQUIPMENT USE		2,330.00
	801 Rental	1,980.00	
	802 Gas & Oil	<u>350.00</u>	
900	GRANTS & CONTINGENCIES		2,500.00
	901 Telephone & Telegraph (4) Agency Offices	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 27,830.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,830.00</u>

THE NAVAJO TRIBE  
FISCAL YEAR 1975 BUDGET

OFFICE OF NAVAJO VETERANS AFFAIRS

ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION: 5 BUDGET DIVISION: 7 DEPARTMENT: 82

JUSTIFICATION

200 TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

The approved budget for this department allowed only for the Central staff travel which did not include field staff and consultant. Now there is a specific need for Travel and Per Diem for this department due to field work in registration and consultant travel to Regional Offices at Washington, making connection and planning for programs.

300 SUPPLIES

This department is in dire need of supplies and postage in making contacts with the veterans on the Reservation on one (1) to one (1) basis by mail so they will be available to see the representatives who are in the area dissemination of information to schools, trading posts, and other businesses, tribal or federal function headquarters. Many of these places do not have telephone, so mail is the most viable means for giving out this information. Questionnaires, information and other related matters of forms have to be printed.

500 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

There is a need to retain the Consultant who has been working with the Veterans Affairs Office since 1 July 1974. She was instrumental in getting recognition and alerting different department of federal organization to realize and understand the plights of Navajo Veterans in pushing for benefits and new programs that veterans could take advantage of while receiving the services due veterans and dependents. She obtained backing from Senator Hartke's Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs in order to arbitrate for services for Navajo Veterans which had not been available before and is currently completing work on a Vocational Training School for Veterans at no cost to the Tribe. The school will immediately begin to train people in mining, land & water jobs and public service for existing jobs. The consultant will be paid on the basis of \$1,500.00 a month until the end of June.

800 TRIBAL EQUIPMENT

The Veterans Administration has a van on the Reservation

which is suitable for highway travel and hard surface roads, but there is a severe need for a pickup or a four-wheel drive to be used in the remote areas where chapters and trading posts have dirt graded roads. An allowance of \$350.00 is requested for gas and oil when field work is required or hence credit cards are not honored at some of these trading posts.

900 GRANTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Telephone is a must in the work carried on for this line. item would cover work done for Veterans Affairs, American Red Cross, service to military families and outside work involving private, state and federal agencies in coordinating of programs relevant to Veterans operations.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

NAVAJO TRIBE

AND

Maely Dufty Trimiar

For continuous service to the Navajo Tribe

Starting Date November 01, 1974 for a period of Eight (8) Months.

IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$ 12,000.00.

There will be no reimbursement, other than the adjusted salary.

FOR THE NAVAJO TRIBE OF INDIANS:

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Peter MacDonald, Chairman  
Navajo Tribal Council

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Date

FOR THE CONSULTANT:

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Maely Dufty Trimiar

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Date



## THE NAVAJO NATION

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515



14 November 1974

PETER MacDONALD  
Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council

WILSON C. SKEET  
Vice Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council

Maely D. Trimiar  
107 Juniper Street  
Navajo, New Mexico 87328

Time Frame for Tasks Described Below: Eight (8) Months

## SCOPE OF WORK:

A) Continue work with Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs in negotiating under their guidance for benefits heretofore unattainable for Navajo Veterans.

B) Continue working with U. S. Government Veterans Assistance Van, so it can remain for whole year on the Reservation.

C) Complete planning and implementation of a Satellite Veterans Clinic. Initial negotiations with Dr. A. Dohner, Indian Health Service, Window Rock, Arizona, revealed strong possibilities of obtaining closed ward at Fort Defiance Indian Hospital. Dr. Taylor McKenzie, on behalf of the Navajo Health Authority, brought the matter to Chairman MacDonald's attention, who officially contacted IHS and Veterans Administration indicating his approval of such a clinic. The Fort Defiance Hospital, would along with beds for emergencies and clinic services, also provide immediate training facilities for Navajos in Allied Health Careers.

Part of planning and implementation would also include 18-20 outreach Mini-Clinics, attached to Chapter Houses and manned by VA trained Navajo Medics. The Central Office of the Veterans Administration, Division of Ambulatory Services, requested from this consultant to explore possibilities of a computer system, not necessarily tied into a Satellite such as the Papago system, possibility utilizing generators in areas of non-electriciation, tying together with Mini-Clinics with the Satellite VA Clinic.

All efforts in areas of Allied Health Careers training are also being coordinated with the Manpower Commission since CETA can and should play a part in this massive effort to train Navajo Veterans in Health Careers.

D) Implement programs of "Jobs for Veterans Through Training" an on-Reservation, decentralized training program in areas of Mining, Health Careers and Public Service. Training funds for this program will come from a mix of Veterans Administration, private sector and, as suggested by Mr. Leonard Arviso, some small input of CETA funds, VA funds, as well as the private sector. The Department Mines State funds have already been pre-committed. Curriculum has received State approval and therefore will automatically VA approved for GI benefits.

Goal of this concentrated training effort is to process at least 1,000 veterans eligible to obtain Bi benefits for Reservation VA accredited training for existing and community-needed jobs. Economic Manpower Corporation with whom consultant has worked out program and career ladders, is bringing own heavy equipment on for training purposes for maximum employability of trainees, as opposed to classroom training alone dealing solely with theory. Training outfit understands that this entire program cannot cost the Tribe one penny and has agreed to same. Program instead of costing monies will instead bring a cash flow - if 1,000 veterans can be qualified, of about \$2,500,000.00 to Reservation within coming 10-12 months. Some training courses can begin within forty-five (45) days, i.e., thirty (30) days following processing of GI benefits for veterans. In addition, an automotive repair training course will be added, again decentralized in Satellite locations, within seventy-five (75) days. Entrepreneurship and Hotel and Restaurant trades training are scheduled as well.

E) Various negotiations are underway for franchise operations such as American Motors, General Motors Corporation, and others. Also, consultant is trying to negotiate for a soda bottling plant. In spite of past bad experiences with automobile agencies because of difficulties in credit, consultant thinks because of Veterans being involved both for dealerships and credit, new approaches are possible and being explored.

F) Project of obtaining full list-out of all Veterans has been incredibly complicated for many internal Tribal VA Office reasons. However, because no massive change-making services - plus money input can be obtained without it, an additional effort will be launched, including coordination of this office with BIA, State Employment Office in Border towns as well as on the Reservation, and other agencies. Dr. McKenzie is also vitally interested in this count, his projects and funding being entirely dependent (at least in Veterans' areas) to a precise nose-count. Dr. McKenzie may be able to assist through making postage monies available for a mailing effort to Veterans on file in VA Office. This will for our purpose not only give us numbers but also existing skills and re-training possibilities.

C) Negotiation for funds for a Navajo Veterans Alcoholism Program with at least four (4) decentralized locations throughout the Reservation.

In closing, this gives you a general idea of the workload ahead for the Office of Veterans Affairs and its consultant.