



Red Rock (Tse'lichii) Veterans Organization Meeting
Wednesday October 15th, 2024 @ 10:00AM

Agenda

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Recognition of guest(s)
- IV. Approval and adopt today's agenda
- V. Approval of last meeting minutes (Sept 24th, 2025)
- VI. Reports
- VII. Old Business
 - None
- VIII. New Business - Action items
 - 1. Veterans + Surviving spouses concerns
 - 2. Resolutions
 - 3. Assistance applications
- IX. Announcements
 - Next EAVO meeting TBA
 - Next RRCVO meeting - TBA
- X. Adjournment



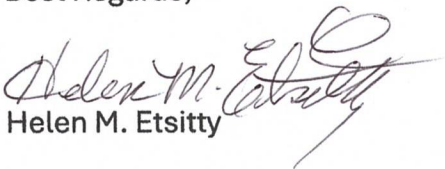
October 15, 2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This memo is to inform Red Rock Veterans Organization and Eastern Veterans Office that effective October 31, 2025 I will be stepping down as RRCVO Secretary for personal reasons. I have served in this capacity for more than a decade. I enjoyed helping the RR Veterans Organization in this capacity.

I thank the Eastern Veterans Office for giving me this opportunity to help RRCVO with secretarial duties for many years.

Best Regards,


Helen M. Etsitty



RED ROCK (TSE' LICHII) VETERANS ORGANIZATION**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 @ 10:00AM****MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 10:15am by Commander Peter Benally.

Invocation provided by Commander Peter Benally.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S):

Council Delegate Lester Yazzie

Ida Nelson, Red Rock Chapter President

COMBINE APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA and APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025.

Daniel Lewis motion to adopt and approve the agenda for today's meeting and also include the approval of last meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Nelson Chee.

Vote: 16 in Favor, 00 Opposed, 01 Abstained.

REPORTS:

Lester Yazzie:

I am sorry to report that business is not going well at all in Window Rock. I am sure you all are keeping up with everything that is going on through all sorts of social media. Such as emails between NN President and Controller. And NN President appointing his own Interim Controllers who are not confirmed by the Council.

New officers were elected for Eastern Veterans Organization as follow:

Commander Gilbert Platero from Tohajiilee VO.

Vice-Commander Hubert Smith from Manuelito VO.

Secretary/Treasurer Gilbert Yazzie from Breadspings VO.

Budget were approved as follow:

\$20,000 for color guard

\$20,000 for honor guard

\$20,000 for burial assistance (partial assistance)

\$120,000 for energy

\$120,000 for hardship assistance

Legislation 0168-25 sponsored by Andy Nez is amendments to NN Veterans Act. CVOs are not codified and this creates challenges. The amendments will be presented to the Veterans Advisory Council for review. Amendments will include quorum rules, stipends, representatives selection and plan of operation for all five agencies and 110 chapter veterans organizations.

Veterans Advisory Council will hold a meeting to review and discuss the amendments to be made.

The following documents are required to be in all veterans files: Current valid ID, Certificate of Indian Blood, social security number and of course your DD214. The name on your social security card is the name you should be using.

Ida Nelson:

- The RRCVO has \$5,000. You need to get together and do a breakdown on how the veterans will be utilizing these funds.
- The question of what Gifts and Awards mean was brought up at the last planning meeting.
- Gifts and awards are for catering and supplies. That really doesn't fully explain what is listed under each category. Itemizing under each would be helpful.
- Chapters from Red Rock, Chichiltah, Breadsprings, Rough Rock, Manuelito, Tseyatoh, Ramah each passed a resolution indicating No Confidence in NN President and Vice President and to put them on Administrative Leave.
- Although the NN President does not have authority to fire Sean McCabe, Controller, he has done that and put his own people in the controller position so he could have his Pcard reactivated.
- NN President has also transferred funds from other departments into his own budget because he has depleted his funds.
- \$24 million is being questioned as to where the money went. There are no housing to be accounted for which the \$24 million suppose to be used for . But there are no houses to be seen.

- Some families were promised a new home and for them to get rid of their current home, only to find out that after getting rid of their home, there was no new home for them and therefore left homeless.
- We the chapter also have a question that needs to be clarified by RR veterans organization about the CVO secretary's resignation.
- This subject was only to be shared between the commander and the secretary until a formal letter of resignation was created and forwarded to Crownpoint Veterans Office. As a rule, verbal resignation is not accepted as per VSO. Any resignation has to be submitted in a memo or letter form only. When the time comes, a letter of resignation will be submitted. Hopefully this will clear the confusion.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONCERNS FROM VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.

Veterans and surviving spouses comments from the floor:

- LDAs are not needed as NN President has indicated. Council Delegates can and should be able to carry their own workload.
- A lot of what is going on in Window Rock is because staff are appointed from their own circle. And those that are not working with them are fired or replaced. Although in most cases the NN President does not have the authority to do so.
- Why is there no Navajo Nation flag displayed in the chapter house. All we have is US flag and New Mexico State flag?
- No participation at the veterans meetings by the younger veterans or even some "older" veterans. Seems the same old thing meeting after meetings.
- The organization needs input from the veterans and also new ideas to keep the meetings interesting. But only the same few veterans show up every month for the meeting.

Resolutions:

Resolution RRCVO 10-2026-01 regarding FY26 Budget for Red Rock Veterans Organization in the amount of \$53,782.00 was approved September 24, 2025 by a vote of 12 in favor, 00 oppose and 05 abstained. Motion by Lena Arviso, second by Lucy Curley.

Resolution RRCVO No-10-2025-01 regarding that in order for veterans and surviving spouses to receive Trust Fund financial assistance, their names have to be on the Sign-In sheet for that meeting the financial assistance is being requested. Resolution was approved on October 15, 2025 by a vote of 16 in favor, 00 opposed, 02 abstained. Motion by Marquez Chavez, seconded by Daniel Lewis.

Financial Assistance Applications were distributed with instructions to complete your applications correctly and make sure your records are up to date at the Crownpoint Veterans Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next EAVO meeting to be announced.
2. Next RRCVO meeting to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lena Arviso motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25pm. Motion seconded by Leonard Betsoi. Majority vote to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting minutes submitted by Helen M Etsitty, CVO Secretary – 10-15-25

