



Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

P.O. Box 4608

Yah-ta-hey, NM 87375

Rocco James
Commander

Lawrence Long
Vice-Commander

Ruby H. Brown
Secretary/Treasurer

**Meeting Agenda
December 21, 2025
10:00 A.M.**



1. Meeting called to order _____.
2. Invocation: _____.
3. Sergeant at Arms Leland A. Tom.
4. Roll Call:
___ Rocco James, Commander; ___ Lawrence Long, Vice Commander;
___ Ruby H. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
5. Recognition of Guests and Officials: Mr. Hubert Smith, EANVO Vice Commander
6. Review and Adopt Agenda:
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Vote: ___ In Favor ___ Opposed ___ Abstain
7. Meeting Minutes of November 09, 2025.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Vote: ___ In Favor ___ Opposed ___ Abstain
8. Old Business:
 - A. RSNVA Plan of Operation Amendments – Approved the Resolution with the Officer's Names. This was updated for fiscal year 2026 and will be submitted to Eastern Navajo Veterans Office.
 - B. Chapter Resolution approved for Budget Transfer for \$500.00 received from Mr. Walt Eddy, County Commissioner to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association on December 15, 2025.
9. New Business:
 - A. Commencement of EFT for Veteran Assistance payments in February 2026.
 - B. Discussion/Modification of Resolution 09-21-2025.
 - C.



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10. Approval of Meeting Stipends for Officers:

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Vote: ____ In favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstain

11. Requests for Assistance:

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Vote: ____ In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstain

12. REPORTS: CVO Rock Springs:

Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization Meeting – November ____, 2025, Thoreau Chapter House.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Rock Springs Chapter Planning Meeting, Monday, January 05, 2026 @ 1:00 pm.
- b. Rock Springs Chapter Regular Meeting, January TBD, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
- c. RSNVA Meeting, Sunday, January ____, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- d. CLUPC Meeting, Monday, January 05, 2026 @ 9:00am.
- e. Eastern Agency Navajo Veterans Meeting: TBA @ 9:00, TBD.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Vote: ____ In Favor ____ Opposed ____ Abstain
Meeting Adjourned: _____ p.m.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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regular meeting on December 15, 2025, and the price quotes were submitted to the Chapter Administration office for processing the check for food purchase. The veterans were informed that as soon as the Administration office has approved the check, purchases will be made and they will be called or by text messages.

9. New Business:

A. Commencement of EFT for Veterans Assistance payments in February 2026.

This item must relate to the new system that the Navajo Nation will be utilizing at Office of the Controller and will no longer be the FMIS system. This is also for the Nation to go paperless of processing financial transactions. Everyone that receives checks will now have to fill out the Electronic Financial Transactions forms to be able to receive direct deposits with their specific banks.

B. Discussion/Modification of Resolution 09-21-2025.

The resolution was read by the Commander to all in attendance and a few changes were made to it, the dates and year were updated, which will be finalized and submitted with the meeting minutes. This was motioned by Daniel Haven, seconded by Walter Brown with 12 in favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstained.

C. Jonah Jones, Veteran, requests funeral expenses donation for his oldest son.

Mr. Jones made his request for monetary donation for the funeral expenses for his family, he provided a brief background on his son, where he's from and the parents. Afterwards the veterans and surviving spouses donated some money. He extended his appreciation to the veterans and others.

10. Approval of Meeting Stipends for Officers:

Motion: Lucille Castillo

Second: Daniel Haven

Vote: 12 In favor

0 Opposed

1 Abstain

11. Requests for Assistance:

Motion: Winona Shirley

Second: Kathleen Etsitty

Vote: 12 In Favor

0 Opposed

1 Abstain

Veteran's Name	Hardship	Energy	Total
Daniel Haven	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Ned Pablo	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00



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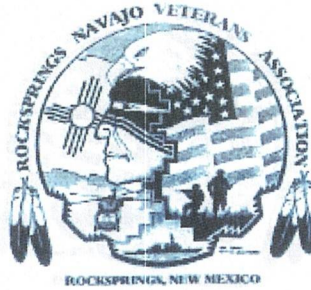
Lawrence Long
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**Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

1. Meeting called to order 10:27 am.
2. Invocation: Rocco James, Commander.
3. Sergeant at Arms: Leland A. Tom.
4. Roll Call:
X Rocco James, Commander; X Lawrence Long, Vice Commander;
X Ruby H. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
5. Recognition of Guests and Officials: Mr. Hubert Smith, ENVO Vice Commander,
Laura Daniels, Vice President, Rock Springs Chapter
6. Review and Adopt Agenda:
Motion: Daniel Haven Second: Lucille Castillo
Vote: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain
An item was added to New Business C. Jonah Jones, Veterans – Donation request for funeral expenses.
7. Meeting Minutes of November 09, 2025. Recommend to read on own time.
Motion: Walter Brown Second: Daniel Haven
Vote: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain
8. Old Business:
 - A. RSNVA Plan of Operation Amendments – Approved the Resolution with the Officer's Names. This was updated for fiscal year 2026 and will be submitted to Eastern Navajo Veterans Office.
This was completed with five veterans that were available and voted, the Chapter resolution was presented at the regular meeting held on December 15, 2025.
 - B. Chapter Resolution approved for Budget Transfer for \$500.00 received from Mr. Walt Eddy, County Commissioner to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association on December 15, 2025.
The veterans were informed that the Chapter Resolution was presented at the





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- b. Rock Springs Chapter Regular Meeting, Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
- c. RSNVA Meeting, Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- d. CLUPC Meeting, Monday, January 05, 2026 @ 9:00am.
- e. Eastern Agency Navajo Veterans Meeting: January 14, 2026 @ 9:00, TBD.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ned Pablo

Second: Jonah Jones

Vote: 12 In Favor

0 Opposed

1 Abstain

Meeting Adjourned: 12:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ruby H. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

December 29, 2025

Date

Rocco James
Rocco James, Commander
Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

12/29/2025
Date

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the staff of Crownpoint Veterans Office.



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12. REPORTS: CVO Rock Springs:

Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization Meeting – November 10, 2025, Thoreau Chapter House. The Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization meeting was held at Thoreau Chapter. The meeting was relating to the FY2026 budget allocations, and a report was made on how the Eastern Navajo Veterans have spent their allocations and were ranked by the expenditures. Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association was at the bottom three according to Crownpoint Veterans Office. This was since the changes of Officers were not completed and the Vice Commander stopped the meeting half was through so no assistance requests nor stipends were submitted to Crownpoint.

Discussions also included the amendments of new Officers' names, forms that had to be updated, and registration forms were also updated. All this is for the new fiscal year 2026.

Other Discussions:

Secretary/Treasurer informed that the Chapter Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner, Walter Brown and Secretary assisted with obtaining some door prizes for the dinner. Jiffy Lube donated \$100.00 for oil change, etc., Earl's Restaurant donated four meal vouchers at \$25.00 each; Anthonys Taste of the Southwest donated two meals at \$25.00 each, these were on behalf of the RSNVA Veterans. The Veterans also posted colors and assisted with serving the people during the dinner, setting up, decorations, and bagging the goodies, afterwards they also assisted with cleaning up the facility.

Secretary also informed that the same 6-8 veterans also assist with posting colors and they are the ones who always step up and assist with events. She informed them that she has tried to call on others to assist but they usually have something to do or no uniform. But she encouraged that the veterans should all assist at one time or another instead this is just to be fair. The veterans are getting up in age and can't hear very well.

She also informed on the donation from the County Commissioner, Walt Eddy to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association that would be utilized for their use for Veterans Day, but the check was received and already deposited into the Veterans account with the chapter. Due to food purchase was in the budget, a chapter resolution had to be developed and approved before the funds would be processed. The resolution was approved at the regular meeting and then the Administration office handled the procurement process. The veterans who attended the November meeting signed for either a turkey or ham were purchased and distributed to them.



Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

Rock Springs Chapter House

Date: December 21, 2025

10:00 AM

Meeting Packet

- ☒ Agenda
- ☒ Meeting Minutes
- ☒ Sign-In Sheet
- ☒ Officers General Claim Forms – W9
- ☒ Veterans' Assistance Requests
- ☐ 2026 Veterans Registration Forms
- ☐ 2026 Surviving Spouses Registration Forms
- ☒ Plan of Operation for RSNVA Amended
- ☒ RSNVA Resolution Amended - FY 2026

Submitted by:

Ruby H. Brown
Ruby H. Brown, Secretary
Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

Date Submitted:

December 29, 2025

**PLAN OF OPERATION
FOR ROCK SPRINGS
NAVAJO VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

PREAMBLE

The Veterans, and relatives of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association established this Plan of Operation, out of the ultimate concern of constitutional rights, to guide, promote and preserve the culture and traditional customs of our stature as a national security force of this great nation.

MISSION STATEMENT

To implement strategic plans to provide a direction and guidance to the officials, officers and members. To maintain a quality assurance of a proper working mechanism of the Association. The protocol set forth by veteran's officers and its members to re-identify their belief, behavior attitude and personality to refocus on their moral ethics. To promote the integrity of their statue as an honorable member of American Security and military forces as Native Warriors. To advocate for the members against outside sources and to prevent exploitation of our sacred title.

VISION STATEMENT

There is a great need of assistance as a result of the experiences mental, physical, emotional, and/or trauma, disable conditions related to services rendered in the armed forces. The Association will utilize all the resources at its command to meet the needs of all its veterans and will endure the demands necessary to reach a plateau where all Navajo Veterans will have equal standing among its Association. The reward of the ultimate sacrifice of its Veterans will be to honor and recognize the services they provided to ensure the freedom of all.

**ARTICLE I
ESTABLISHMENT**

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Community Veterans Association, Plan of Operation was established to administer the operation of the Association, and to identify, prioritize and implement resources to meet the needs of chapter veterans.
- Section 2. The Rock Springs Community Veterans Association will consist of Presiding Officials with respectful titles as follows: Commander, Vice-Commander, Secretary/Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms.
- Section 3. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will communicate, coordinate and plan with all the veterans in their Association and also with Rock Springs Chapter Administration.
- Section 4. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will consist of honorably discharged veterans and their spouse in the Rock Springs Chapter community.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

- Section 1. To develop an effective Association that will conduct assessments, research, plan and prioritize identified issues and needs of its veterans, and establish a managerial system to plan and implement activities and an accounting procedure to carry out the purposes of the Association in conjunction with the Rock Springs Chapter Administration.
- Section 2. To conduct programs for charitable, educational, religious, scientific or literary purposes that will promote and maintain attributes of Navajo Veterans for future generations.
- Section 3. To preserve integrity and honor all Rock Springs Navajo Veterans through programs that will perpetuate the memory of those who have earned recognition throughout the world, and to all who have served in the Armed Forces.
- Section 4. To Sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature.
- Section 5. Review proposed legislations, rules or regulations introduced by the Rock Springs Chapter Administration, Navajo Nation Council, and local Tribal entities, Federal, State, and County or administrative bodies which may affect the social, economic, educational or physical well-being of all veterans and their spouses.
- Section 6. Advocate on behalf of all Rock Springs Chapter Veterans and their spouses, whether they are combat war veterans or peace-time veterans.
- Section 7. Ensure all eligible Rock Springs Chapter Veterans have access to and receive the services and benefits to which they are entitled.
- Section 8. Provide technical assistance to all Rock Springs Navajo Veterans with interpretation of Plan of Operation, budgetary plans and control, and provide technical support to meet their identified needs.
- Section 9. Identify and support, with the assistance of Rock Springs Chapter Administration, Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs Office, Federal, State, and Counties to meet the needs of all eligible Rock Springs Chapter Veterans.
- Section 10. Communicate and Coordinate with the Rock Springs Chapter Administration, the Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs Office, and on all matters pertaining to Rock Springs Community Veterans and their spouses and participate in political and lobbying activities to support the Rock Springs Community Veterans.
- Section 11. Be responsible for developing, revising and amending all forms to achieve effective means of accountability and set priorities for budget allocations.
- Section 12. Ensure that all eligible Rock Springs Navajo Veterans and Rock Springs Chapter Administration are involved and represented in decisions for budget allocations.

ARTICLE III

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF OPERATION

- Section 1. Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association Officers and the respective will implement the PLAN OF OPERATION.
- Section 2. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will meet at a prescribed times and places to carry out the purposes of all Articles.
- Section 3. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will establish officers to carry out the duties and responsibilities as identified in all Articles.

- Section 4. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association through its officers, will carry out all matters recommended or approved including but not limited to Resolutions, Presentations, and attendances at Veterans Association meetings.
- Section 5. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association through its officers, will act on all recommended or approved Acts or Resolutions within thirty (30) days of a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section 6. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association and Rock Springs Administration will maintain all records and files related to its functions. All records and files will remain at the Rock Springs Chapter Administration office.
- Section 7. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will ensure that it meets all of the administrative and financial responsibilities.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will encompass all veterans who are honorably discharged from their respective Armed Forces organization: US Marine Corps; US Army; US Navy; US Air Force; US Coast Guard and National Guard. There will be **NO SEGREGATION ALLOWED** within the Association, they will be looked upon and recognized as veterans on equal basis.
- Section 2. Membership of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will encompass all Veterans who served in different campaigns since the beginning which includes World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and Iraq War. There will be **NO SEGREGATION ALLOWED** within the Association, they will be looked upon and recognized as veterans on equal basis.
- Section 3. Any individual who is not a veteran and is interested in becoming a part of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association and wanting to take on the responsibility of being a member is welcomed. **HOWEVER: these individuals through this volunteer status cannot obtain any benefits awarded to the eligible Veterans.**
- Section 4. The Veteran should be a registered voter and enrolled with the Rock Springs Chapter community and officially residing within the Rock Springs Chapter Boundary.
- Section 5. The spouse of the eligible veterans will be included in the association.
- Section 6. All veterans are familiar with the Chain of Command, therefore, they are expected to utilize the system.
- Section 7. Members are required to make themselves present in a timely manner before a duly called meeting. An Assertive Attitude is expected from the members for a successful association.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Community Veterans Association Staff Officers will consist of:
- Commander

- Vice-Commander
- Secretary/Treasurer (a veteran's spouse is eligible to serve)
- Sergeant at Arms

ARTICLE VI SELECTION AND ELECTION

- Section 1. Only eligible veterans will elect or select the officer of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association by nomination with majority votes according to the Plan of Operation.
- a) All nominated individual(s) shall be honorably discharged veterans.
 - b) Any individual(s) making the nomination or seconding the nomination must be an eligible veteran or veteran's immediate family members (Spouse).
 - c) Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association Officers shall serve for two (2) years and can serve an additional two years term if he/she desires with the majority vote of the veterans association.
- Section 2. Immediate (spouse) family members of eligible veterans will be allowed to vote.
- Section 3. Any selection or election called by a foreign body shall be considered invalid, unless the selection or election is made at a duly called veterans meeting.

ARTICLE VII RESIGNATION OR DISCHARGE

- Section 1. If for any reason(s) should any of the Officers decide to step down as a designated officer, he/she will submit a letter of resignation, a month prior to the day of resignation, so that position can be declared vacant by a vote by the association.
- Section 2. If an Officer vacates high position, the following procedures will apply until the next election is conducted.
- a) If the Commander resigns, the Vice Commander will automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the Commander until that position has been filled.
 - b) If the Vice Commander resigns, the Commander will automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the Vice Commander until the position has been filled.
 - c) If the Secretary/Treasurer resigns, a pro-temp will be selected at a duly called meeting to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer until that position has been filled.
- Section 3. Any Officer discharged or terminated by a foreign body will be considered invalid.

ARTICLE VIII GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

- Section 1. Any Officers who have been discharged or terminated by the association shall have a right to a grievance procedure to appeal his/her termination.

- a) The individual who has been terminated from his/her position as an Officer will appeal to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association within (30) thirty (30) days.
- b) Any decisions made by the association regarding the appeal will be final.

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association Staff Officers' responsibilities will be:

I. Commander:

1. To preside over all duly called Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association meetings.
2. Keep the Rock Springs Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs update with status and progress of the Association.
3. Obtain and coordinate technical assistance from appropriate personnel to assist with project(s) at hand (e.g., resolutions, proposals, budget, annual reports, statistical reports, and other documents that need immediate attention).
4. The Commander or their delegated individual, will attend agency meetings, chapter meetings and other meetings pertaining to veterans affairs.

II. Vice-Commander:

1. To preside over all duly called meetings of the Rock Springs Community Veterans Association with full authority when the Commander is absent.
2. Confer and update the Commander the status and outcome of the meeting(s).
3. Oversee and monitor the progress of assigned projects.
4. The Vice Commander will provide updates to the Secretary/Treasurer on the progress of projects that are assigned.
5. The Vice Commander shall have signatory authority in the absence of the Commander.

III. Secretary/Treasurer:

1. To prepare all agendas and pertinent documents for discussion and action prior to all duly called meetings.
2. To prepare the sign-sheet and have it available at the entrance for veterans and guests.
3. Take the minutes of all meetings in precise, and legible format and maintain consistency for officers and members of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association.
4. Will maintain the records of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association and establish a filing system for easy retrieval of information at a designated place in the Rock Springs Administration building.

5. Will monitor and account for all proceeds from fundraising events and activities as warranted and make reports to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association.
6. Make financial reports and distribute copies of the veterans fund ledger to the officers and members of the association at their duly called meetings. (Availability of ledgers as it is considered confidential at the Agency Offices).
7. Will inform the officers and members of the association of any corrective actions that need to be handled.
8. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have signatory authority in the absence of the Commander and Vice Commander.
9. Will maintain a listing of all Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association's property and shall conduct quarterly inventory of all its property.

V. Sergeant At Arms:

1. Will maintain order during all duly called meetings.
2. Will perform duties during the meeting as assigned by the officer.

ARTICLE X

HONOR AND COLOR GUARD

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association can create their own Honor Guard and Color Guard Detail, which will be on voluntary basis.
- Section 2. As representative of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association and the Rock Springs community, the Honor Guards and Color Guard Detail will conduct themselves appropriately.
- Section 3. The volunteer's responsibility will be to serve during special events. Veteran's Funeral/Burial Services or serve at posting colors during patriotic holidays.
- Section 4. Uniforms shall be respected and maintained at all times.

ARTICLE XI

PENALTIES AND RESTRICTIONS

- Section 1. The Penalties and Restrictions set forth will encompass the entire body of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association.
- a. Any Officer who misses three (3) consecutive meeting will be discharged from such position for lack of interest and shall be replaced. The next high ranking officer will submit the report and announce the vacant position.
 - b. Any serious unethical conduct or action reported will automatically remove the officer from their respective position and shall be replaced after any appeal or grievance process.

ARTICLE XII

FINANCIAL PROTOCOL

- Section 1. All Veterans Trust funds coming to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will be handled as prescribed by the policies and procedures set forth

- by the Navajo Nation Government, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Offices (Window Rock) and Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office.
- Section 2. All trust funds coming to the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association via Tribal allocations and donations will be handled by the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office according to the budget and expenditure plan and will be handled as prescribed by the policies and procedures set forth by Navajo Nation Procurement Process through the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office.
- Section 3. There is General Fund budet and the financial account set up for the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association in the MIP (Morico Information Product) software with Rock Springs Chapter Administration. The funds allocated is for Food (Catering); Gifts & Awards and Supplies and the Navajo Nation Procurement Procedures will be adhered to with the General Funds.
- Section 4. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will maintain through the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office's financial system (FMIS) for audit purposes. Accounts will also be maintained by funding sources of all Veterans Trust funds that are allocated from Navajo Nation Government and Navajo Nation Council.

ARTICLE XIII POWER AND LIMITATIONS

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association shall have the authority to review and recommend additions and amendments in developing their operations. All forms that are developed and adopted have to be discussed by the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association at large and the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association Officers. If the Association members agree to additions and/or deletions of items/issues will be diverted to Article XVI Amendments below.
- Section 2. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association shall have the authority to exercise their responsibilities within the community but will not exceed the Rock Springs Chapter Administration FMS Manual, the Navajo Nation Council, and the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs.

ARTICLE XIV MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association will meet on a scheduled date each month which will be agreed by the Association.
- Section 2. The Commander or Vice-Commander shall have the authority to call an urgent/special meeting when important events or problems arise.
- Section 3. The meeting place, time and date shall be announced at the regular the Rock Springs Community Veterans Association meetings, regular chapter meetings and/or announced seven (7) days before the actual meeting takes place.

ARTICLE XV QUORUM

- Section 1. The Rock Springs Community Veterans Association shall have (2) officers present and three (3) or more eligible veteran and/or immediate family members

(spouse) present will be considered as a quorum. The quorum will conduct a meeting to discuss and pass any important issues and to conduct business and transactions with a majority vote.

Section 2. If one of the elected officers is not present, the Commander can appoint a proxy for the current meeting only.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS

The PLAN OF OPERATION shall/can be altered, or amendment by a quorum of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association officers, veterans at large in the community and immediate family members (spouse) at any regular or special meetings held by the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association.

CERTIFICATION

RSC-12-15-060 Resolution to Approve the Amendments/Revision of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association Plan of Operation for Fiscal Year 2025.

05 IN FAVOR; 0 OPPOSED; AND 01 ABSTAINED on November 09, 2025.

Motioned by Ned Pablo and seconded by Leland Tom,

Rocco James, Commander signed date December 07, 2025



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RSNVA-12-21-2025

Resolution to Amend for Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association (RSNVA) requests that the budget shell for Fiscal Year 2026 be approved accordingly with the specific descriptions of the line items to be utilized with specific amounts voted on by the RSNVA Veterans on February 9, 2025 and RSNVA also request that Navajo Nation Veterans Financial Assistance through Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office to have the RSNVA Veterans be required to attend the monthly Veterans meetings and sign in that they were in attendance and then submit their requests for assistance. They are also required to call in to the Commander prior to or during the meeting should they have an emergency, health issues and provide a statement that indicates they cannot attend the meeting (only one absence from a monthly meeting allowed per Assistance Request).

WHEREAS:

1. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association is duly recognized by the surrounding Communities of Eastern Agency with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for the Navajo Veterans; and
2. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association supports all efforts of the resolution to better help the need for Veterans to address Health, Education, Housing, Benefits, Outreach, Services on the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association understands the many needs of all Navajo Nation Veterans of all wars, conflicts and peacetime, and
4. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association understand that amendments can be introduced through the Navajo Nation Council; and
5. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association and it veterans want to be heard and make decisions in relation to all veterans' affairs on the Navajo Nation, State, and Federal Agencies; and
6. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association fully supports the veterans act and its intensions to help better serve all Navajo veterans with all benefits forwarded and awarded to them under the federal government of the United States and the Great Navajo Nation; and
7. Pursuant to the Health Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Government. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organizations was sanctioned and certified as a sub-division of the Navajo Nation Government to serve in the best interest of the local Navajo people including veterans, surviving spouses, dependents, and Gold star Mothers; and
8. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization is an established and certified as a



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- chapter veterans' organization pursuant to the Health, Education and Human Service Committee of the Navajo Nation Government which vested with the authority to review and coordinate the function of its community chapter Veterans Organization; and
9. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association requests that the NN Veterans Budget Shell with specific amounts indicated for the line items be provided to the veterans requesting assistance for Hardship, Energy and Home Improvement line items if any funds are remaining in the Veterans Trust Fund; and
 10. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association is requesting that **all assistance and requests be processed for Rock Springs Veterans who attend the monthly Veterans meeting and had signed in during except for the type of excuse made prior to the start of the meeting to notify the Commander; and**
 11. The Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association requests that the current NN Veterans Administration Department Director review this RSNVA Resolution so that the FY2026 Budget allocation can be distributed to the veterans with their attendance at the monthly meetings and sign in for the meeting. **In prior years, the budget was depleted by the veterans who did not attend the meetings and requests were approved by the Agency Office although the RSNVA Officers and Veterans developed the budget accordingly for the Fiscal Year at the time.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Resolution for Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association (RSNVA) requests that the budget shell for Fiscal Year 2026 be approved accordingly with the specific descriptions of the line items to be utilized with specific amounts: \$377.00 per assistance request for 8060-Emergency Assistance, \$377.00 per assistance request for 8065-Energy Assistance as voted on by the RSNVA Veterans on December 21, 2025. Amounts will be disbursed as requested based on availability of funds in the Veterans Trust Fund.
2. RSNVA also requests that Navajo Nation Veterans Financial Assistance through Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Office have the RSNVA Veterans be required to attend the monthly Veterans meetings and sign in on the attendance sheet to record they were in attendance and then submit their requests for assistance. They are also required to call in to the Commander before or during the meeting should they have an emergency, health issues and provide a statement that indicates they cannot attend the meeting (only one absence from a monthly meeting allowed per Assistance Request).



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We hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was considered at a regular duly called meeting of the Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association, Rock Springs (Navajo Nation), New Mexico and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 12 in Favor 0 Opposed and 1 Abstain on the **21st day of December 2025.**

Motioned: Daniel Haven

Seconded: Walter Brown

Rocco James

**Rocco James, Commander
Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Organization**

Ruby H. Brown

**Ruby H. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association**