

Crystal Chapter Veteran Organization
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Veteran Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026



- I. **Meeting called to order; 1822**
- II. **Roll Call** – All officers present
- III. **Opening Prayer** – said by Ernest Mallahan
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** said by all in attendance
- V. **Agenda adopted** – Commander read the agenda, Motion to accept made by Kelby Moore; Second by Rochelle Roanhorse
Vote: 5 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained
- VI. **Last meeting minutes** Commander asked if the reading of the December 4, 2025 meeting minutes be postponed until the February meeting; would like more in attendance to provide information. Motion to accept made by Louise Mark, seconded by Ernest Mallahan
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstained
- VII. **Honorable Dr. Andy Nez report;** Dr. Nez was not in attendance however a brief written report was received and the Commander read what was emailed. (attached). Motion to accept the report was made by Louise Mark, seconded by Ernest Mallahan.
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained
- VIII. **Commander / Vice Commander Report**
Commander did not have a report
Vice Commander – planning to go to the VA and will get information to provide an update on new rules that'll affect Veterans, will also get updated details on the EPortal for sign in and registration. Motion made to accept reports made by Kelby Moore seconded by Louise Mark
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained
- IX. **Old Business** Chapter allocation; will wait on Delegate Nez to help shed additional light on the balance and the issuance of the gift cards once approved for Holiday meals with Veterans. Motion to accept made by Kelby Moore, seconded by Rochelle Roanhorse
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained

X. **New Business Budget Transfers**

Commander provided the current Budget as of December 2025; had been waiting on FD Agency to provide updated balance but have not received; providing the latest and not quite sure of the amounts although do know that Hardship is in the negative.

Stipend	\$2,775
Traditional	\$100
Programs	\$597
Hardship	\$-250
Education	\$3,000
Transportation	\$3,000
Energy	?
Self Help	\$4,000

Need to transfer as much as possible to other line items to zero out the budget. There is speculation of additional fund allocation, General Funds (Amber Crotty) but do not have any concrete information about it.

Transfer: \$2,500 from Education to Hardship

\$2,500 from Transportation to Energy

\$597 from Programs to Hardship

\$100 from Traditional to Energy

Self Help \$8,000, 4 Veterans denied but they are to resubmit request with the corrections, leaving balance of \$4,000

This transfer would assist with the 2nd request for additional Veteran's.

No questions posed

Budget Outlook after transfer:

Stipend	\$2,775
Traditional	\$0
Programs	\$0
Hardship	(-250?) \$3,097
Education	\$500
Transportation	\$500
Energy	\$2,600
Self Help	\$4,000

Motion to accept made by Kelby Moore, seconded by Louise Mark
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained

XI. **Announcements** Chapter meeting 1/20/26

XII. **Next Meeting** February 5, 2026, 1800

Closing Prayer made by Louise Mark

Adjournment 1842

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Andy Nez

To: me, Cc: Kristin, and 3 others · Tue, Jan 13 at 3:43 PM ✓



As I mentioned, I would send some updates for this evening's meeting;

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization meeting was postponed due to the snow storm. Original date/location: Friday, Jan. 9, at Oak Springs Chapter. New date: TBD
2. The NNVA is initiating into revamping the housing policy; and I will be requesting their schedule so that our CVOs can participate; be prepared with any recommendations.
3. Fund 16, the DCD is still giving me a difficult time with addressing the legislative concern, even after Crystal Chpt passed the gift cards. I am unsure if that was rectified. DCD was supposed to report to HEHSC yesterday but they were unprepared and so the Committee voted to table until our next HEHSC (which is this Friday at 1 PM).
4. I am working on a legislation to establish the Navajo Nation as a Purple Heart Nation.
5. I am also still working with NNVA, Controller, and the Investment team to see how we can possibly rearrange and prioritize how veterans funds can be done; and when several options are developed, our plan is to visit many CVOs and AVOs to get their input.

Any questions, let me know.

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Thank you.

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Dr. Andy Nez, Council Delegate

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