

DILKON CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATION

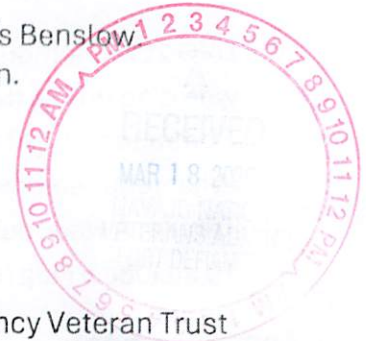
MONTHLY MEETING

Dilkon Administration Bldg.

March 2nd, 2026, 9:00 am

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Meeting called to order by Commander Kyle Lewis at 0918. All Officers were present.
2. **Invocation:** Given by Lewis Benslow
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Elizabeth Yazzie Second: Lewis Benslow
Vote: 11 in Favor, 0 opposed and 1 Abstain.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** February Minutes tabled for next month.
5. **Recognition of Guests & Officials:** None
6. **Reports**
 - a. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration: The Fort Defiance Agency Veteran Trust Fund for veteran's assistance has been depleted for the rest of fiscal year 2026.
 - b. Advisory Council / Agency Veterans Commander: Meetings continue to compile the new Plan of Operations. The deadline date remains May 6th, 2026. Agency Commanders propose adding stipends (\$100.00) to veterans who provide Color Guard and/or Honor Guard duty as requested by the community or families.
 - c. Commander/ Vice-Commander / Secretary: Agency Commanders propose providing a voluntary missing person's alert primarily for missing Veterans, the "Camouflage Alert". Discussion of Dilkon Veteran Organization Budget and funds needed to provide for upcoming DVO community events. Budget to include Gift & Awards, Food, and newly added category: Supplies.
 - d. DVO Members -No reports.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. After-action for fundraising for Ira Hayes. Successful. Hard work, more help needed with food sales. Raffle was also successful. Budget and money will be handled by Vice-Commander Sylvia Wessel.
 - b. After-action for the Ira Hayes parade. Successful. Good communication. Funding easily dispersed. Improvements: finding location closer to venue, possibly camping out. Possibly obtain better flag holsters for the Honor Guards.
8. **New Business**
 - a. DVO resolution regarding honor/color guard increase. Resolution for an increase stipend to those veterans who provide Honor Guard / Color Guard duties as requested from the community, agency and state events.



Motion: Elizabeth Yazzie Second: Kee Natani

Vote: 13 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstain

- b. DRAFT Code of Conduct review. Outline presented and explained by Commander Kyle Lewis. DVO members suggested the Code of Conduct be implemented as part of the NNVA application and to have repercussions for those not willing to act within these basic parameters of civility. Our DVO mission statement was *also* discussed and possibly review and update it as needed.
- c. 23rd Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial event – March 23rd, 2026. Commander & Color Guard selected to attend.
- d. DVO 2026 Memorial Day. Monday May 25, 2026. Memorial Day is for remembering those who died during their service in the Military. DVO members were asked who in the Dilkon Community might be remembered. Clarification on who classifies as a "Blue Star Mother". What requirements are needed to qualify for Burial assistance. Memorial Day "Murphy" Tribute. A work-out event to remember those who gave their lives while serving this country. To include a Flag raising, the Murphy tribute event, Stories, and Cook-out.

9. Announcements

- a. Veteran Housing Education – Friday March 13, 2026. 10am to 3pm. Whitecone Chapter House. (See flyer)
- b. Navajo Women Warriors Day of Recognition – Thursday March 19, 2026. Twin Arrows Casino. (See flyer)
- c. 23rd Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial – Monday March 23rd, 2026. (See flyer)
- d. Verde Valley Stand Down – Wednesday March 25th, 2026. 9am to 2pm. Cliff Castle Casino.
- e. March Talking Circle, Thursday March 19th, 2026. 10am -12pm. Lunch provided. At the Fort Defiance Office. Veterans only.
- f. Navajo Nation Advisory Council Meeting, Wednesday April 1st, 2026, Window Rock, AZ.
- g. Fort Defiance Agency Veterans 3rd Quarter Meeting, Friday April 3rd, 2026, Mexican Springs, NM.

11. Next Meeting

Date: April 6th, 2026

Time: 0900

Location: Dilkon Administration Building

12. Adjournment: At 1156

Written and Submitted by:

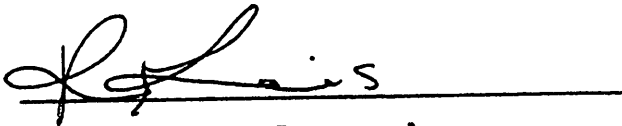


Sheila Mitchell, DVO Secretary

12 MARCH 2026

Date

Concurred:



Kyle Lewis, DVO Commander

12 MARCH 2026

Date