

# Ganado Veterans Organization

## Minutes

February 13, 2026

- I. Meeting Called To Order - 1310
  - II. Invocation – Vice Commander Lawrence Lano
  - III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
  - IV. Roll Call of Officers and Sign In – All officers present. Roll call for Clayton Curley – Not present
  - V. Review and Adoption of Agenda – Motion to accept the agenda Commander Gordon Gorman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold Star Mother Isabelle Shondee
  - VI. Review and Adoption Minutes – 1/16/2026
  - VII. Reports and acknowledgment of guests. Cassandra Morgan, Diné Naazbaa Partnership, Julius Elwood, Apache County Supervisor's Office, Chief of Staff and Wilbur Smith, Commander Cornfields Veterans Organization
    1. Cassandra Morgan-Food Box Distribution on March 6, 2026.  
Cassandra read that GVO is forming a 501c and suggested to apply for grants when formed. Arizona Department of Veterans Services does have a \$2000 grant. INTEC Corporation also awards grants to veterans groups.
    2. Julius Elwood-Brought Apache County calendars. Reported on brand new Apache County grader which is dedicated to the veterans. Grader was parked in the parking lot and available for inspection and pictures. Took two years to acquire and was featured in national publication Caterpillar Machinery magazine. Paint job cost \$30,000 but was donated by a third party. Supervisor Alton Joe Shepherd has been selected to be the Chief Supervisor for all Arizona counties.
    3. Wilbur Smith – Drove the grader to Veterans Building. Attended NNVA Housing Application Drive but seemed to need more coordination with other Navajo Nation entities such as NTUA and NHA and the Land Department who didn't have a presence.
- A. Commander – NNVA Housing Application Drive held on Monday, February 9, 2026. Reported that over 80 veterans attended. Unfortunately no GVO members attended.



- B. Vice Commander – Christina Arthur from Soles 4 Souls was able to identify and help two students from Ganado Schools with brand new shoes and clothes. Donations from Gold Star Mother Isabel Shondee for \$55 and GVO members for \$45 really helped. **Memorial Day** suggestions, USAF veteran Arnold Lano would like to commemorate Korean War Veteran Daniel (Curley) Magdalito, who is buried in Sacramento, CA, and would like to have flag remolded by the Honor Guard. **Ft. Defiance Agency Commanders Meeting-**
- C. Secretary - Nothing to report
- D. Color Guard/Honor Guard – 1/30/2026 – HONOR GUARD – Clayton Harlan Curley, Oak Springs. 2/2/2026 – Chilchinbito Flag Retirement Ceremony. 2/6/2026 – Pueblo Pintado Health Center Groundbreaking. Pueblo Pintado, NM

#### VIII. Old Business

- A. Veterans Trust Fund-Round 2 - \$400 for Energy, \$400 for Hardship. No GVO members have received any funds. Commander Gordon Gorman was denied because there were no more funds. According to VSO Fallyn Begay, she didn't say we weren't going to get paid. She didn't say no on would be denied. She made it sound like payment was a sure thing. We were assured this at the commanders meeting. My (FMR Cmd Gordon Gorman) drivers license was updated. GVO veteran Edmond Lana said we should find out why we haven't been paid. Commander Nate Gorman called NNVA but VSO Fallyn Begay was at a NNVA Housing event in Standing Rock, NM.

#### IX. New Business

- A. Vote on Quotes – The Bunker – Uniforms - \$713.97, POW/MIA Flag, etc.- \$1218.83, Home Depot – Tables and Chairs - \$599.44, Butlers – Printer \$623.08. Instead of voting on each order, GVO members decided to vote on all quotes at once. Motion to accept and approve all invoices by Commander Gordon Gorman with Second by Loretta Spencer. For-22, Against-0, Abstained-1
- B. Honor Guard Rifles Update – Initial information from NNVA VSO was that GVO was able to purchase rifles for the Honor Guard and they needed tax ID numbers from vendors. Vendors were called and they do not accept purchase orders and don't give out their tax IDs and only accept credit card orders. NNVA does not use credit cards for purchases. Conclusion, we need to purchase rifles another way.
- C. GVO 501c Update – Provided Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws with majority of items filled in. Need name for 501c. Former Secretary Lenah Henderson says she has a name on file and will provide at later time.
- D. Korean Defense Service Medal –The [Korea Defense Service Medal](#) (KDSM) is a U.S. military decoration awarded to service members who served in the Republic of Korea or its surrounding waters for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, starting July 28, 1954, to a date to be determined. It recognizes honorable service in support of the

defense of South Korea, with exemptions for combat, injury, or aircrew duties. It was enacted by Congress in 2002 and is awarded retroactively. To receive the medal veterans can fill out Standard Form 180 and send to the National Archives.

- E. Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization Meeting 1/30/2026 – Commanders Meeting Update – Vice Commander Lawrence Lano – GVO can get Starlink. Contact info sent to Commander Nate Gorman. Ft. Defiance Agency used all their account funds. Plan of Operations is not complete. 1SG Kyle Lewis was upset because the deadline is looming, which is March 16, 2026. FMR-Commander Gordon Gorman – VSO Fallyn Begay reported on budget percentages. Commander Ronald Dawe from Houck said funding is available from state entities even without a 501c but we should continue to strive to create the 501c. FMR Secretary Lenah Henderson said she spoke to Ronald Dawe and the entity is the Arizona Department of Veterans Services but need to research more. \$5000 and below can be requested without a 501c. Above \$5000 will need a 501c. Cornfields Commander Wilbur Smith – Plan of Operation still has to be approved by March 16, 2026. Tuba City and Chinle cannot get the same outcome and do not agree with Ft. Defiance Agency and they are still working on it. Cornfields CVO came out with two resolutions. First to affirm chapter resolution regarding CO 53-25. Second for Bobby Ann Baldwin to stay in office. GVO will table the first resolution because CO 25-08 already affirms CVO recognition. Second resolution was discussed with information brought forth that Eastern, Northern and Western Agencies all have No Confidence resolutions against Bobby. GVO will need to vote on resolution to keep Bobby Ann Baldwin as NNVA Executive Director. A motion to amend the agenda to include the resolution was made by FMR Commander Gordon Gorman with Second by Gold Star Mother Isabelle Shondee. Vote – For 17, Against – 0, Abstained 2. Motion to GVO Resolution 26-03 is attached. Motion to create GVO Resolution 2026-003 Retain Bobby Ann Baldwin in Her Current Position as Executive Director for NNVA. Motion made by Tommy Jones with Second by Vice Commander Lawrence Lano. Vote: For-17 Against – 0 Abstained – 3.
- F. GVO Highway Cleanup Day- April 22, 2026 (Earth Day) – AZDOT will provide trash bags, gloves and high visibility vests. Also need to talk with NPS Superintendent at Hubbell Trading Post in regards to cleaning up the Veteran Trail.

X. Announcements

- A. Talking Circle – Thursday, February 19, 2026 – NNVA Office
- B. Navajo Women Warrior Recognition Day – Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Twin Arrows
- C. NNVA Survey – Due Friday, February 13, 2026
- D. Arizona Veterans Fly Fishing Month – [azveteransff.org](http://azveteransff.org)

1. Buy a license- [azgfd.com](http://azgfd.com)

2. NN Game and Fish - (928) 871-6450

E. Next GVO Meeting- Friday, March 13, 2026

XI. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn FMR Commander Gordon Gorman with Second by Lorenzo Larry. 4:43 PM

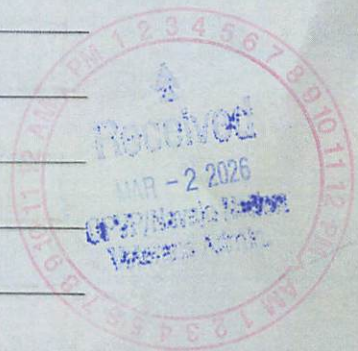
# GANADO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Ganado, Arizona

## MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

Date: February 13, 2026

| NAME                   | BRANCH SERVED    | PHONE          |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Commander:          | Nathaniel Gorman | (480) 261-2597 |
| 2. Vice Commander:     | Lawrence Lano    |                |
| 3. Sect/y:             | Steve Ken        |                |
| 4. Jemie James Jr.     |                  |                |
| 5. Loretta Mae Yozzi   |                  |                |
| 6. Helen Marie Limbich |                  |                |
| 7. Ben Kayaani         |                  |                |
| 8. Gordon Gorman       | Army             | 928-429-6334   |
| 9. Scott George        |                  |                |
| 10. Ernest Lazzar      |                  |                |
| 11. Pauline P. Larray  |                  |                |
| 12. Lonnie Larray      |                  |                |
| 13. Joseph Mil         |                  |                |
| 14. Joseph Stouder     |                  |                |
| 15. Cassandra Morgan   |                  |                |
| 16. Annie Nease        |                  |                |
| 17. Teresa Furr        |                  |                |
| 18. Edmund Lano        |                  |                |
| 19. Walter Smith       |                  |                |



| NAME                       | BRANCH SERVED | PHONE          |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 20. Tiko Tsinnijinnie      | Army          | (928) 225-6148 |
| 21. Clarence Shay          | Army          | 928-309-1848   |
| 22. Maggus Kuit            | Army          | 505-593-3045   |
| 23. Harold Blacksheep      | U.S. Army     | 928 255 9780   |
| 24. Loretta Spencer-Hyduis | Army          | 233-0358       |
| 25. Bob Kirek              |               | 505-619-7125   |
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