

Ganado Veterans Organization

Minutes

January 16, 2026



- I. Meeting Called To Order – 1:15 PM
- II. Invocation – Vice Commander Lawrence Lano
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- IV. Roll Call of Officers and Sign In – All Present
- V. Review and Adoption of Agenda – Correction on IX, A, change VFT to VTF. Motion to Accept -Robert Tracy, 2nd by Rickey Crawford. Vote: 18 Approved, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained
- VI. Review and Adoption Minutes – 12/10/2025 – As Is, Motioned by Joe Mora, 2nd by Pricilla Quintero. Vote: 20 Approved, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained
- VII. Reports
 - A. Commander
 - a. Veterans Public Forum Sanostee – Request to have DD214 only document to be approved for services at NNVA, Housing concerns such as denial, Home Site Lease, wait times from application submittal to complete house. Many Farms Veteran and mother verbally attacked by NNVA Housing Specialist William Nez. VTF payout increase from 4% to 8%, which has been proposed by Dr. Any Nez but blocked by Tuba City councilman Otto Tso. Implementation of Life Insurance. Missing Color/Honor Guard payments. Stolen Valor – Navajo Nation Veterans should keep our fellow veterans in check. Lawsuits against housing contractors for poor building construction, poor design and even no construction.
 - b. Strategic Planning Meeting – Addressed the need for GVO Plan of Operations which is due in April 2026. Went through each line and updated on progress from other CVOs.
 - B. Vice Commander – Mrs. Arthur from Ganado Unified Schools identified two children who were in need of clothes and shoes. Vice Commander requested to step down in his role because of ongoing health issues.
 - C. Secretary – No report
 - D. Color Guard/Honor Guard – 12/4/25 - Honor Guard for Jamison James, 12/19/25 – Color Guard-Apache County New Equipment Dedication Ceremony, 12/13/25 – Color Guard-Ralph Johnson 54th Annual Memorial Banquet, 12-14/26 – Color Guard-Kinlichee

Community Christmas Luncheon, 12/17/25 – Honor Guard for Aaron Clifford Wilson,
12/31/25 – Color Guard-Klagetoh Community New Years Eve Celebration

VIII. Old Business

- A. VTF Remaining Balance – GVO Executive Meeting held on January 12, 2026 discussed ways to redistribute balances in the following categories: Hardship - \$487.50, Energy - \$487.50 and Self Help - \$5,236.00. Two veterans who were denied Self Help would receive \$487.50. Two options discussed for \$5,236.00, first to distribute to 56 registered GVO veterans in the amount of \$93.50. Second Option was to reallocate funds into Honor Guard and Office Supplies. Next topic was Second Round of VTF distribution. Needed resolution to take off cap of \$256.00 and reinstate \$400.00 for Hardship and Energy. Also need a resolution for reallocation of funds.

IX. New Business

- A. GVO Resolution 2026-001 – Removal of Cap for VFT Hardship and Energy – This is to rescind the cap of \$256.00 for Energy and Hardship and reinstate the original amounts of \$400.00 to each category. Motioned to accept GVO Resolution 2026-001 by former Commander Gordon Gorman with 2nd by Tommy James. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- B. GVO Resolution 2026-002 – Reallocation of Funds – Transfer \$5236.00 from Self Help category to Honor Guard, for \$3,661.00, and Office Supplies for \$1575.00. Honor Guard needs rifles, blank ammunition, two complete uniforms, burial flags and a POW/MIA fringed flag. For Office Supplies, GVO needs tables and chairs for the conference room and a printer. In the discussion it was brought up that instead of Office Supplies the funds should be transferred into Operating/Office Equipment. The change was inserted into the resolution. Motion to accept the changes, Joe Mora and 2nd by Commander Gordon Gorman. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion to approve GVO Resolution 2026-002 to allocate funds from Self Help to Honor Guard and Operating/Office Equipment by Joe Mora and 2nd by Tommy James,. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

X. Announcements

- Community Announcements- Chris White, GVO USMC veteran and Ganado Chapter President– Ganado Post Office is closing because the old building is condemned. A meeting took place between USPS-Albuquerque and the Navajo Nation. Currently waiting for Ground Lease to be signed. Also trying to keep the post office open in other facilities in Ganado but residents need to pick up mail in St. Michaels. Chapter Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Need community support to pass a resolution to set groundbreaking date.
- Next GVO Meeting- Friday, February 13, 2026 at 1PM

XI. Adjournment – 3:40 PM

Regular Meeting - January 16, 2026

GANADO VETERANS ORGANIZATION



NAME BRANCH

CMDR Kate Gorman
VICE CMDR Lawrence Lane
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2. *Robert L. Tracy*
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4. *Ernest L. Tracy*
5. *Priscilla Quintero*
6. *Novik Lewis*

7. Lawrence Lane
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9. Kacey Crawford
10. Margaret Wilcox
11. *Bob Kier*

12. *Robert L. Tracy*
13. *Joseph Miles*
14. *Robert L. Tracy*
15. *Henrietta Smith*
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