

Ganado Veterans Organization

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2026



- I. Meeting Called To Order – 2:27 PM
- 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
- V. Review and Adoption of Agenda -Motion To Accept – Commander Gordon Gorman, 2nd By Scott George VOTE: 13 For, 0 Opposed, 2 Abstained
- VI. Review and Adoption Minutes – 2/13/2026 – Tabled to 4/10/26
- VII. Recognition of Guests and Visiting Officials – Dixie Barlow, Sage Memorial Hospital Liasion, Elijah Morgan, Sage Memorial Hospital Store Manager, Commander Wilbur Smith, Cornfields Veterans Organization
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Commander
 - a. – Last meeting on 2/13/26 Commander Wilbur Smith introduced two resolutions for GVO. 1st was to Raise VTF from 4% to 12%. 2nd was to keep Bobby Ann Baldwin for Executive Director. Raise VTF % is already at Legislative level with Dr. Andy Nez backing. Resolution to keep Bobby Ann Baldwin was passed at last meeting. The next meeting for Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization in April will be presented.
 - B. Vice Commander
 - a. – 1st -Memorial Day, brother Arnold Lano will be present for a Flag Folding Ceremony for Korean War Veteran Daniel Magdalito who was buried in Sacramento, California.
 - b. 2nd - On Thursday, June 4th, 2026, Navajo-Hopi Honor Riders will arrive to pay tribute to our Gold Star Mother Isabelle Shondee. Along with paying tribute another Gold Star Parent from Klagetoh, Kevin Joyce.
 - c. 3rd – Need to address the Plan of Operation for GVO.
 - d. 4th – Talking Circle in February at Ft. Defiance Agency Office. 1SG Kyle Lewis and OPVP Veterans Liaison Tim Johnson, along with Bobby Ann Baldwin were present.
 - C. Secretary
 - a. Plan of Operation, signed by Olin Keyomia was reviewed

D. Color Guard/Honor Guard

- a. Would like to see Ganado as a Purple Heart Community. Reached out to Nazlini Veterans Organization Dennis Dedman and Nazlini Chapter President Daniel Gonnig on how they became a Purple Heart Community. They reached out to The Order Of The Purple Heart in Flagstaff for guidance. Want to present a resolution to Ganado Chapter at the next meeting to become a Purple Heart Community.
- b. Came across GVO Meeting Minutes from March 2024 and then Vice Commander Ernest Kirk gave a report that there were only two members of GVO that made up the Color Guard, himself and Larson Shepherd. As of today, we combined the veteran communities of Ganado, Cornfields and Kinlichee and today we have 11 members all together.
- c. 2/20/26 – Honor Guard - Thomas Jackson, US Army, Ft. Defiance.
- d. 2/24/26 – Flag Raising at Ganado Post Office and donated US Flag
- e. 3/9/26 - Honor Guard – Fred Cleveland, US Army, Ganado
- f. 3/9/26 - Headstone Placement – Leo Lee Roanhorse, US Army, Klagnetoh
- g. Upcoming – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Walk Awards Ceremony, Airborne Color Guard, Thoreau, 3/28/26, Honor Guard Conference, Upper Fruitland, 4/18/26, Ralph Johnson Memorial Rodeo Parade, Ganado, 5/18/26

IX. Old Business

A. Veterans Trust Fund-Round 2

- a. Some of our veterans were not able to get the 2nd Round of the VTF. Some got partial payment some did not receive any amount. Would like to revisit the budget in the next month after all purchases have been processed to possibly give back to the veterans who did not receive any money.

B. Budget Update/GVO Purchases

- a. Transferred \$2100 from Honor Guard account to Programs account because the Honor Guard account is just for stipends when performing Honor Guard.
- b. Two quotes turned into NNVA from The Bunker. First for \$1218.83 and another for \$713.97. Purchase orders will be generated from the Office of Finance.
- c. Printer from Butlers was not available and tables from Home Depot were also not available.
- d. Balance should be Operating/Office Equipment - \$1575.00, Honor Guard - \$1561.00 and Programs -\$167.20
- e. We are getting donations of two tables and chairs are available at the chapter house. Chairs were confirmed by Chapter Manager Larry Tsosie.

C. Diné Naazbaa Partnership – Food Distribution

- a. 200 food boxes were available but only 100 veterans from the surrounding communities showed up and the rest were distributed to the elderly with two boxes saved and given to the Vet Center for veteran distribution. The boxes were given to two veterans.

D. Plan of Operation Update

- a. A special meeting was arranged in January to address the Ft. Defiance Agency Plan of Operation. A group of 10 veterans and surviving spouses went through line by line and agreed to keep it as is. Commander Gorman explained that several meetings were attended for Eastern and Northern Agencies to see what issues they were encountering. One of the pressing issues was changing the 180 day requirement to be considered for programs and funding. This was not found in the current Ft. Defiance Agency Plan of Operation.

X. New Business

- A. Guest Speaker Dixie Barlow, Sage Memorial Liaison
 - a. Power Point Presentation on the remodel of the old Annie Wauneka Nursing Home Building off of North Mesa Road for a new care facility run by Sage Memorial Hospital. Transfer of paperwork for the site lease has been started with the Navajo Nation Land Office.
 - b. 8 chapters to be served, Ganado, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Steamboat, Greasewood, Wide Ruins, Klagnetoh and Nazlini
 - c. Three different types of care will be available after the facility has been opened. Day care where elder will be dropped off for the day, Overnight and 24/7 care.
- B. Memorandum Of Understanding
 - a. Scheduled to present to Ganado Chapter on Tuesday, 3/17/26.
 - b. Just need signatures of the Chapter President and GVO Commander
 - c. Need to make copies for distribution at next GVO meeting
- C. GVO Womens Group – Pricilla Quintero
 - a. Women of GVO decided that their voices were not being heard so they have decided to form a type of auxiliary to GVO. Group will consist of women veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star Mother. Official name has not been decided upon but fundraising will begin soon.

XI. Announcements

- A. GVO Highway Cleanup Day- April 22 (Earth Day)
- B. Navajo Women Warrior Recognition Day – Thursday, March 19 – Twin Arrows
- C. GVO Women's Group Fundraiser – Saturday , March 28
- D. 23rd Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial, Monday, March 23, Phoenix
- E. 17th Annual Vietnam Veterans Honor Walk, March 24-28, Thoreau to Upper Fruitland. Awards Ceremony on March 28 at NTU, Crownpoint, NM
- F. Pre-Veterans Day Celebration Committee Meeting- Wednesday, March 18
- G. Next chapter meeting – Tuesday, March 17 at 6PM
- H. 2nd Annual Celebrating Our Vietnam Veterans – Nahatahdzil Chapter (Sanders, AZ), March 29
- I. Navajo Strong, Inc – Dog and Cat Food Distribution along with miscellaneous items – April 8 at the Veterans Building
- J. Honor Guard Conference – April 18, Upper Fruitland

- K. Photographer, during next GVO meeting
- L. Next GVO Meeting- Friday, April 10

XII. Adjournment – 5:15 PM

GANADO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Ganado, Arizona

MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

Date: March 13, 2026

NAME	BRANCH SERVED	PHONE
1. Commander: <u>Note Gorman</u>		
2. Vice Commander: <u>Lawrence Land</u>		
3. Sect/y: <u>Johnnie</u>		
4. <u>Bob Gorman</u>		
5. <u>Priscilla Quintero</u>		
6. <u>Loretta Yozzi</u>		
7. <u>Ben Kayaani</u>		
8. <u>Scott Gorman</u>		
9. <u>Lavenna Gorman</u>		
10. <u>ISABEL S Honda</u>		
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15. <u>Pauline Lavy</u>		
16. <u>Bob Kirk</u>		
17. <u>Harold Blacksheep</u>		
18. <u>Robert L Tracy</u>		
19. <u>Annie Neese</u>		<u>928-206-6685</u>



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