



KIN DAH LICHII' CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

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COMMANDER: Mr. Ericson Mann

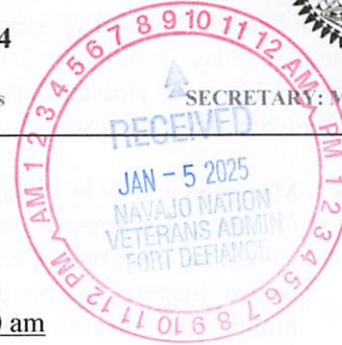
VICE COMMANDER: Mr. Marvin Owens

SECRETARY: Ms. Karen Shirley

January 4, 2026

10:00 am

MINUTES



I. Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Ericson Mann at 10:30 am

- Invocation: Marvin Metteba
- Pledge of Allegiance: All
- Moment of Silence: All

II. Announcements: Any announcements from veterans?

- Happy New Year 2026 to everyone.
- January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Day Holiday.
- Veterans Building area, we need to clean up / pick up trash.
- Christmas Gate contest did not go as planned.
- Marvin Metteba announced what happened to the issue last month regarding the individual stating he is a veteran? Secretary Karen commented that she asked about this situation and was told to confront the individual. VC Owens also commented that someone in the same family of the individual mentioned to him that he did not feel right about the Navajo Times stating he was a veteran. He may just fix it on his own to the Navajo Times.
- VC Marvin Owens attended the New Years Eve event at Klagetoh Chapter House, he also tried making his way to represent KinDahLichii Organization attending the Yei Bi Chii Dance in Woodsprings, AZ.
- Secretary Karen also announced that KCVO volunteered for the Toys for Tots event held in Ganado Middle School Gym which was a 2-day event. Commander Mann was also there to assist.
- Benjamin Curley announced that our US Flag should be placed on the East side of the building. He also has a Navajo Nation Flag he will bring next time. He also asked what is going on with the Navajo Nation, I heard there will be an ALL DINE VETERANS MEETING OF ALL FIVE AGENCIES on January 11, 2026 @ Sanostee, NM. Benjamin would also like either the Commander or Vice Commander to their veteran's report at the Chapter meeting. Turn out for Veteran's Day event went so well and the Christmas lunch for the community.
- Virginia Ashley would like to add to New Business the issues to be presented at the meeting next Sunday in Sanostee, NM. This was added to New Business.

III. Approval of Agenda: Read by Commander Mann

- Motioned and 2nd by: Marvin Metteba / Edison Ashley
- Questions/Comments: None
- Vote: 11 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Secretary

- Motioned and 2nd by: Robert Wilson / Brett Iwens
- Questions/Comments: None
- Vote: 11 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained

V. Unfinished Business: NONE

VI. Reports

1. Commander: Good morning and Happy New Year. I am sure you all had a wonderful holiday with your family. Some issues I brought up in Announcement, I have been taking part with color guard duties with Ganado Veteran's Organization. As mentioned by secretary that we assisted with Toys for Tots and the 2 days were busy. When receiving emails from agency, I cannot share some issues with our group. Financial assistance today, we will be requesting a transfer from Self Help to Energy and Hardship, that way it will cover funds for today. This is my report.
 - Motioned and 2nd by: Benny Sam / Brett Owens
 - Questions/Comments: Benjamin Curley comment thank you and that the commander's report should be in writing, it can be written. Marvin Metteba commented that the minutes should be posted. Secretary responded that minutes are emailed to KinDahLichii Chapter secretary every month. Virginia commented that Commander should get a laptop and he can briefly present his report. Brett Owens commented that printing is a waste of money, most of the papers end up in trash.
 - Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 4 Abstained
2. Vice Commander: Good afternoon, everybody, holidays with you all I am sure went well. I am older than last week (LOL). Thanks to the Manuelito Family for bringing lunch and the donated funds, VC Owens brought lunch as well, and secretary brought frybread. I recommend the agency office should have a newsletter every month letting all agencies know any updates with veterans and Navajo Veterans housing. There are several events happening for this month in Arizona: Coffee with a veteran on the 166th of January out at Prescott, AZ. Breakfast with veterans out at Sierra Vista, AZ., on the 17th of January woman veterans fly fishing out at Peoria, AZ. These events are out there, and we are not aware of. I do what I do with my job for my community and my family. This is my report, have a good day!
 - Motioned and 2nd by: Benny Sam / Edison Ashley
 - Questions/Comments: Virginia comments to VC Owens, stating individually we are doing well, we are fortunate to better ourselves. Robert Wilson comments that in his home area, he is dealing with people leaving trash these need to be taken with them. Need to keep our community clean.
 - Vote: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained
3. Secretary: Hi everyone, I would like to start with our supply list for our building so I can turn it in to the Chapter House. Here they can get 3 quotes and see where our supplies will be purchased from. Read off list and as a group today, added more to my list which is great. As for the Community Christmas lunch we had in December went very well, Commander Mann and the Ganado Veterans Organization attended and did their duty as Color Guards present our flags. VC Owens was given the benediction for the day and as for myself I was given the honor to decorate the chapter house plus volunteered to prepare 2 turkey's and a ham. As I was busy in the kitchen, the KinDahLichii officers called me out and they presented me with a Pendleton Blanket which to my surprised I was not aware of it. A basket full of goodies was also given out. Just wanted to say thank you and will keep doing my best for our Veteran's. Last minute I mentioned if the organization would like to eat out and have our meeting. It was mentioned and they will think about it. Have a good day!
 - Motioned and 2nd by: Brian Curley / Robert Wilson
 - Questions/Comments: VC Owens comment that a few years ago, our veterans would celebrate Christmas separate from Chapter House. Just recently they included us in joining them. Commander Mann comment on Benjamin Curley regarding a report to Chapter meeting from the veterans. When I became commander, I did attend the meeting but at the time the meetings never happened due to no quorum. Brian Curley spoke, happy new year and having our meeting and having a good lunch was a great idea. As for my dad, he does get to the point. SS Sophia Wilson spoke and her late husband David was a Vietnam Veteran, and I just wanted to say thank you to all the veterans for your services. She also wanted the CVOs to speak up, some of us here are losing our hearing. Wayne Begay, visitor spoke and commented that as an organization I would like to commend you all. You have your quorum and a great turnout. I would like to ask you fix your flags and set them up.

- Vote: 16 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained

VII: New Business:

1. Nomination for Commander, Vice Commander and Secretary

Nomination for Secretary: Virginia nominated Karen Shirley and accepted position. Nomination was then closed.

Nomination for Vice Commander: Brian Curley (accepted) – Votes 0

Nole Yazzie (passed)

Marvin Owens (accepted) – Votes 10

Ericson Mann (accepted) – Votes 0

Nomination for Commander: Brett Owens nominated Brian Curley (not accepted)

Edison Ashley nominated Ericson Mann (accepted)

Brett Owens nominated Edison Ashley (not accepted)

Edison Ashley nominated Marvin Metteba (not accepted)

Marvin Owens nominated Edison Nez (not accepted)

Right away nomination was closed.

2. List of Concerns:

Confrontation of Council Delegates and NN President

Bobbie Baldwin – unjustified term, retaliation against staff

NNVA Office

Requesting funds Agency to Veteran's Monthly

Transparency NNVA Office

- Motioned and 2nd by: Brian Curley / Marvin Metteba
- Questioned/Comments: None
- Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained

VIII: Financial Assistance: Need to be Present. Request total: 16

NOTE: KCVO would like to transfer self-help funds in the amount of \$4,500 to Hardship and \$4,500 to Energy.

1. Robert C. Wilson is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
2. Ericson Mann is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
3. Edison Nez is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
4. Nole Deshawn Yazzie is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
5. Brian Ben Curley is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
6. Harry Manuelito Jr. is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
7. Edison Ashley is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
8. Benjamin Curley is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
9. Brett Owens is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
10. Marvin Metteba is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.

11. Marvin Robert Owens is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
12. Benny Sam is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
13. Wilson Davis is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
14. Thurman Sam is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
15. Caroline Angela Shirley is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
16. Sophia T. Wilson is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 = \$566.00 for food and wood.
17. Barbara Begay is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 and Home Improvement \$1,000.00 = \$1,566.00 for wood, food and door.

- Motioned and 2nd by: Brett Owens / Benny Sam
- Questions/Comments: None
- Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

IX. Meetings:

- a. Next Chapter Meeting: December 21, 2025 @ 10:00 am @ KinDahLichii Chapter House
- b. Next Planning Meeting: December 3, 2026 @ 10:00 am @ KinDahLichii Chapter House
- c. Next Veteran's Meeting: January 4, 2026 @ 10:00 am @ KinDahLichii Veterans Building
- d. Next Agency Meetings: January 9, 2026 @ 9:00 am @ Oaks Springs Chapter House

X. Adjournment of meeting at: 2:20 pm by Commander Ericson Mann


Karen T. Shirley, Secretary