



KIN DAH LICHII' CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION
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COMMANDER: Mr. Ericson Mann

VICE COMMANDER: Mr. Marvin Owens

SECRETARY: Ms. Karen Shirley

December 7, 2025

10:00 am

MINUTES



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

- Invocation: Ruby Hubbard
- Pledge of Allegiance: All
- Moment of Silence: All

II. Announcements: Any announcements from veterans?

- Veteran Marvin Metteba announced that we have a person in our community saying he served with the US Army during the Vietnam Era. He was interviewed during an event at Rough Rock Song and Dance. Marvin Metteba spoke with Commander Kyle, and he said that was a sensitive thing. Owens commented that we should contact the Navajo Times and make that correction, but Marvin Metteba did not agree. He wanted to either confront him in person or notify his brother. Benjamin Curley commented that we should investigate finding out if he did serve or not before doing anything else.
- Benjamin would also like to announce the veterans; day event, he thought it went so well. We just lost our grandson, and we weren't sure if we were going to attend. Benjamin also suggested that the event should only be for the community's veterans only.
- VC Marvin Owens was approached by children who lost their parents who were veterans and wanted to know if they could be recognized. We do not want any bad vibes. Spring of 2026, we will plan to recognize the children of a veteran who they loss.
- SS Sophia also comment on the veteran's day event, she did not attend but her kids set up a table and placed a picture of their late David Wilson. Sophia needed to be with her sister, and we were both out of town.
- Wife to veteran Virginia Ashley commented that the event did go well I do have a suggestion for next year: Have the veterans be served first, some of our veterans had to wait to eat. Each table should be assigned to 1 person and make sure they serve only that table.
- Happy December, Merry Christmas to you all.
- Veterans Day event went so very well, thanks to all those involved. Let's plan early for next year. We had at least 200 of our community attended.
- December 9, 2025 – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – Business Class Flow in St. Michael's Karigan Professional Bld. You will need to register to attend. See flyer
- December 14, 2025 @ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Community Christmas Dinner. YOU'RE ALL INVITED
- Reminder: to request funds, you will need to make sure you are registered with KCVO. Any proof from Agency office.
- KCVO would like to recognize the children of our veterans who are deceased. Any Ideas?

III. Approval of Agenda: Read by Commander Mann

- Motioned and 2nd by: Amy Begay / Marvin Metteba
- Questions/Comments: None
- Vote: 14 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Secretary

- Motioned and 2nd by: Amy Begay / Ruby Hubbard

- Questions/Comments: VC Marvin commented that the event was well put together, thanks to the Ashley family for all they did. Secretary Karen for decorating the chapter house day before the veteran's day event. We will plan early for next year; it will be our 8th annual. Marvin Metteba also complimented the community for coming over, Ganado Color Guards, Lawrence Lano spoke and said our community has great communication, let's keep that going with Ganado, Cornfield, Steamboat and KinDahLichii Veterans Organization.
- Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained

V. Unfinished Business: None

VI. Reports

1. Commander: Morning everyone, I won the last prize at the event. I arrived a bit late and the color guards were already set to move so Secretary Karen needed my help in the kitchen. We got busy serving the people, thanks to all the servers, cooks and volunteers, and made this happen. VSO Fallen wanted to attend our meeting to give us an update with our budget, but things happened at the last minute and she did not show. 2nd round to request funds we can start in January 2026 for the Social account, Energy and Hardship. We need to deplete our funds by February 2026. KCVO does have a new member who is out of the State, waiting for veteran to complete their registration and AV number? There is a sheet of paper going around to sign up to receive clothes, blankets etc. Please sign it if you are interested and attach list to minutes. KCVO budget we are at \$21,508.00 remaining, including those that are needed to submit their request. This is my report, have a great day.
 - Motioned and 2nd by: Amy Begay / Harry Manuelito
 - Questions/Comments: Marvin Metteba questioned about the \$600,000.00, what is the process and is that funding going to the chapter house or staying with the agency office. Commander Mann commented that the funds will stay with agency office. Ruby Hubbard questioned the chapter funds and that will be used for events and office supplies. VC Owens introduced our newcomer Nole Yazzie. He is married into a family within our community, and he took care of all his voting registration and is now part of our KCVO, WELCOME NOLE.
 - Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained
2. Vice Commander: Morning, VC Owen's gave special dates happening this month and they are: Pearl Harbor Day, National Guard Day, Wreath Day and US Space force birthday. I would like to also let you know that I am here if you need to talk, I have good ears to listen to and trust me I will not share anything you tell me to anyone else. This is my report and you all have a wonderful Christmas and see you all next year.
 - Motioned and 2nd by: Amy Begay / Marvin Metteba
 - Questions/Comments: Marvin Metteba comment that we need to get a POW flag possibly 2, one for the chapter house and 1 for our veterans building. VC Owens suggested that we write a letter to request that through the chapter house.
 - Vote: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained
3. Secretary: Morning everyone, where to start with my report. Let's start with the Business Class that is going to be on December 9th at the Karigan Plaza, if you would like to attend or know someone who is interested in this class who has their own business to scan QR Code to register. Veterans Day was such a success, and I am looking forward to start planning for next year. As I was in the kitchen area getting food ready and making sure, we had it all ready when the parade float all arrived. I went outside to check out the scenery, I could not believe the crowd and all the people. Thanks to all who made this event happen. I made sure to let the servers know to feed the veterans first and the rest afterwards. We had so much food, told the servers to put more food on their plates. Next veteran's meeting I would like to have a resolution processed for office equipment and we can have our own stuff to use. Along with that, a locking cabinet to lock up what we have. As far as decoration, I have donated what I had. Losing my late dad, I decorated our home every year but now I put up his flag on the pole, and we still celebrate our way for him. My son and I volunteered to pick up trash on the 7th of November for a few hours and what trash we had we took it into Gallup. The trash was not a 1-day thing, and I spoke with Paul and suggested that he send me another date when they will pick trash up again. So far, I have not

heard from him. This is my report and I hope I did not forget anything else. Have a wonderful Christmas and please join us next Sunday for Christmas lunch.

- Motioned and 2nd by: Amy Begay / Ruby Hubbard
- Questions/Comments: Marvin Metteba comments that the event went well. VC Owens also commented that veteran Chester Franklin saw that our event went so well, he was honored to present our floats as they arrived at the chapter house and blessing of our flags. He felt like he was part of our community. Virginia Ashley mentioned that our door prizes was our hi-light of the day.

• Vice President Lavina Curley also spoke saying we came to the event, and it turned out to be a success. Lavina suggested that we make our office supply/equipment list and submit it to the chapter office, once they receive, they can get 3 quotes for us. Once approved with the office store and they receive their check we should be able to have our supplies. The Christmas agenda is a draft, once it is confirmed with guests and we should have the agenda by Friday. We will be picking up the food on Wednesday, bagging apples, oranges and hard candy will be done on Thursday. Secretary Karen volunteered to prepare 2 turkeys. Lavina also wrote out a Grant for wood splitters, chainsaws and axes through a company out in Farmington, NM., and we got approved. We picked up our check this past Tuesday. The KCVO should write a grant to request what you all may need.

Harry Manuelito asked about the floats and if any of them won a prize. CVO's mentioned to him that no prizes but will keep that in mind for next year.

- Vote: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

VII: New Business

1. Christmas Gate Contest (KinDahLichii) Community

VC Marvin suggested to get out community involvement and decided to have a Christmas Gate Contest. This would only be for our community; we would like to judge each entry in person or by video if we cannot get to their home in case of the weather. KDLO Princess Dinay Curtis needs to get herself involve for her school and we would like for her to present the prize and possibly judge. This will be KCVO 1st annual Christmas event. Secretary Karen will work on the entry form and CVOs will present this during the Christmas Lunch on the 14th. KCVO present all decided to start this event. They will need to decorate their gate. Prizes will be announced for 1st and 2nd place at a later date and still working on prizes. Will send out a Group Text to those who did not attend meeting.

- Motioned and 2nd by: Cassandra David / Herbert Hubbard Sr.
- Questioned/Comments: None
- Vote: 11 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

VIII: Financial Assistance: **Need to be Present to apply – 5 Requests**

1. Christina Feuger is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 and Home Improvement: \$1,000.00 = **\$1,566.00** for wood, food and door.
2. Todd William-Willie Hale is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 and Home Improvement: \$1,000.00 = **\$1,566.00** for wood, food and door.
3. Herbert Hubbard is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 and Home Improvement: \$1,000.00 = **\$1,566.00** for wood, food and door.
4. Nole Yazzie is requesting Hardship: \$283.00, Energy: \$283.00 and Home Improvement: \$1,000.00 = **\$1,566.00** for wood, food and door.
5. Valencia Yazzie 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: Marvin Metteba / Raymond Notah
- Questions/Comments: None
- Vote: 11 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
- Next Agency Meetings: January 9, 2026 @ 9:00 am @ Oaks Springs Chapter House

X. Adjournment of meeting at: 12:50 pm by Commander Ericson Mann


Karen T. Shirley, Secretary