

Nahata Dziil Veteran Organization
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 6, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

- A. Call Meeting to Order / Invocation / Sign in Sheet
Meeting called to order at 10:18. Vernon Begay provided our invocation. All in attendance were reminded to sign in for documentation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence for "MIA-POW & KIA"
Vice Commander Atakai led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the Moment of Silence.
- C. Announcement
1. Firewood Distribution; Tues & Thurs, at Managers discretion
 2. Fri: 4-10-26; Regular Commissioners mtg @ 10AM
 3. Tues: 1-14-26; Admin. Professionaal Day
 4. Tues: 4-21-26; Earth Day, Dash for Trash, thru 4-23-26
 5. Wed: 4-22-26: Saint Mary's Food Distrubution
- D. Review and adopt agenda
1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Nina Begay
Discussion: NDVO members recognized three Resolution's needed to be added to the agenda, and all three were approved to be added by the Motioner and the Seconder of current agenda.
Vote: 12-0-1
- E. Read Minutes from last meeting.
1st: Arnold Barker 2nd: Terry Lewis
Discussion: None
Vote: 12-0-1
- F. Introduction of guest(s)
1. LeeAnn Goatson - NDVO Pageant Contest, scheduled to be held in July. More information will be distributed in coming weeks. Applicants will need to follow guidelines and submit an essay.
 2. Mateo - In the works to start an non-profit auto club, will be applying for a 5013.C in the near future. Seeks support from local communties. Said auto club will welcome older vehicles to train younger volunteers. Financial gain from auto repairs are of no main focus, but donations could be welcomed.
 3. Ina Noggle - Emphasized the importance that a community that will stand together should put forth effort to keep out health risking substances sold by businesses that will and have harmed this community before. The liquor licence that has been applied for by the vendor at Chambers,AZ is a danger to surrounding customers. Past documentation by local law enforement have shown a great decrease in alcohol related incidents since the elimination of former liquor stores, for example: Lees Liquor, more recent Red Barn, High Country Tavern/Hooches. Also to include the closure of Witch Wells.
Community currently in search of representative speaker.



G. Reports

1. ReaHanna Goatson – Nahata Dziil Veterans Organization Princess
2. Arbin Mitchell – Council Delegate
3. Nelson Davis – Apache County District III Supervisor
4. Collete Begay – Community Health Rep.
5. Micheal Chee – Local Veterans Campainger
6. Terry Lewis–Navajo/Hopi Honor Rider: Currently scouting funds for the 250th MC Birthday Ball
7. Christina Lewis – Secretary: Explained some benefits of public law 638, Nahata Dziil community members might find interest is this
8. Alvin Atakai – Vice Commander: Revisited on Secretary Yazzie’s findings from recent community land commission meetings. Provided a brief report from the event that was held on Vietnam War Veterans Day, 2026. Thanked LeaAnn and her family for putting together a sucessful event.
9. Nolan Begay - Commander: Provided veteran housing education flyers, member Ahasteen suggested, maybe a housing repretative come to Nahata Dziil to give a lecture on its importance. He also included that veterans who might be interested but who do not have transprotation, such as from Wide Runis, Houck, Klaghato, or Lupton, are potential clients who can make a closer trip. Email housing specialist.
10. Commissioner member(s): Jane Benally: Also acknowledged some points about 638.
11. Patricia Bitsui - Commission Manager: announced a Dash for Trash bin will be available for Earth Day. Items not allowed are vehicle tires, used motor oil, pressureized aresol cans. Navajo Nation sales tax was approved, about 10 modular homes will be sent to Nahata Dziil members, community members may apply for bathroom rennovations.
1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Terry Lewis
Discussion: Although 638 was greatly corresponded upon, there are some warnings when greater dollar amounts are involved, such as theft of money.
Member Ahasteen provided letter templates to copy from, in favor of writing the state in opposition of the pendting liqour license.
Vote: 10-0-1

H. Old Business

1. Teddy Nez, usage of NDVO tittle for fund raising
1st: Terry Lewis 2nd: Tony Liibil-Naghahi
Discussion: Bench item to next meeting.
Vote: 10-0-1

I. New Business

1. Resolution NDVO-2026-04-001 Nahata Dziil Veteran Organization supporting increase of Veterans Trust Fund from 4% to 8%
1st: Elvin Atakai 2nd: Tony Liibil-Naghahi
Discussion: None
Vote: 10-0-2

2. Resolution NDVO-2026-04-002 Nahata Dziil Veteran Organization supporting to increase Color Guard stipend
1st: Terry Lewis 2nd: Elvin Atakai
Discussion: Member Benally initially thought this funding was meant for chapter level usage, Commander Begay called a point of order to explain the increase will be for “stipend” usage, oriented for personnel who travel with color guard detail. An increase will assist with rising current fuel prices, not to forget uniform maintenance, meals, and other costs our traveling color guards encounter.
Vote: 11-0-1
 3. Resolution NDVO-2026-04-003 Nahata Dziil Veteran Organization requesting the 25th Navajo Nation Council to approve a Supplemental Appropriation from the “UUFB” Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance or the Navajo Nation VTF for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapter Veteran Organization
1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Elvin Atakai
Discussion: None
Vote: 14-0-1
 4. Resolution NDVO-2026-04-004 Transfer of funds in the amount \$500.00 from Education to Hardship
1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Vernon Begay
Discussion: None
Vote: 14-0-1
 5. Resolution NDVO-2026-04-005 Transfer of funds in two separate amounts from Office Supplies, first amount of \$500.00 into Hardship, & second amount of \$1000.00 into Energy.
1st: Terry Lewis 2nd: Elvin Atakai
Discussion: None
Vote: 13-1-1
 6. Financial Report
1st: Arnold Barker 2nd: Elvin Atakai
Discussion: Commander Begay gave ledger amount from agency office. Chapter Fund 16 print out was not available, but estimates are about \$10,200.00.
Vote: 14-0-1
- J. Next meeting
Regulay Meeting, June 1,2026
- K. Benediction
Provided by Vernon Begay
- L. Adjournment of meeting
1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Tony Liibil-Naghahi
Vote: Majority
Time: 12:32