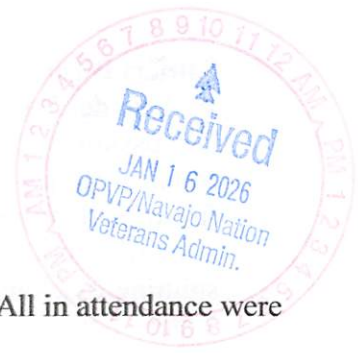


Nahata Dziil Veteran Organization

Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 10, 2025 @ 10:00 AM



- A. Call Meeting to Order / Invocation / Sign in Sheet
Meeting called to order at 10:2. Terry Lewis 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. 12-12-25; Friday, Nahata Dziil Community Keshjaan Dinner @1000
 2. 12-17-25; Wednesday, Nahata Dziil Christmas Bazaar @1000
 3. 12-25-25; Thursday, Christmas Day. Closed.
 4. 1-1-26; Thursday, New Years Day. Closed.
 5. 1-2-26; Friday, NDVO '26 Appreciation dinner
- D. Review and adopt agenda
1st: Terry Lewis 2nd: Al Smith
Discussion: Darryl Ahasteen requested to add two items to the New Business, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Smith both approved.
Vote: 14-0-1
- E. Read Minutes from last meeting.
1st: Terry Lewis 2nd: Elvin Atakai
Discussion: None
Vote: 14-0-1
- F. Introduction of guest(s)
Louise Smith, daughter of late Code Talker, Enoch Smith.
- G. Reports
1. Arbin Mitchell – Council Delegate
 2. Nelson Davis – Apache County District III Supervisor
 3. Collete Begay – CHR
 4. Micheal Chee – Local Veterans Campainger
 5. Terry Lewis – Navajo/Hopi Honor Rider: No future runs in the near future. Starting to fund raise for '26 Marine Corps Ball.
 6. Christina Lewis – Secretary
-Attended FDAVO Oct.
 7. Elvin Atakai – Vice Commander: Reeterated details of parade outcome. Prep for winter stories and shoe games.
 8. Nolan Begay - Commander: Collected about three cords of wood from Leupp AZ and distributed to Lerry Lewis, Howard Begay and Teddy Nez. Some veterans organizations are having issues spending their Fund 16.
 9. Commissioner member(s): Jane Benally: Asked the veterans to participate in community meetings.

10. Patricia Bitsui - Commission Manager

1st: Leander Yazzie 2nd: Howard Begay

Discussion: Mr. Ahasteen acknowledged the passing of veteran community member, Monical Harris. Welcomed the presence of Cicil Hubbell Sr. Also acknowledged the issues with firewood distribution and that most residents need to understand that it will continue to be an issue without the necessary amount of employees, or “volunteers” to assist with the sawing, splitting, stacking and distributing of firewood.

Vote: 17-0-1

H. Old Business

1. None

I. New Business

1. NDVO Wall of Honor

-move to next meeting

2. Budget transfer

-move to next meeting

3. Resolution NDVO-2025-12-001; Nahata Dzil Veterans Organization support the approves of the Carry Over of unspent funds in Fund 16 at Nahtata Dzil Commision Governance from Fiscal Year 2025 into Fiscal Year 2026.1.

1st. Al Smith 2nd. Nina Begay

Dicussion: None

Vote: 17-0-2

4. Resolution NDVO-2025-12-002; Nahata Dzil Veterans Organization support and approves a request for the Office of Navajo Nation President and Vice President and the 25th Navajo Nation Council to concider an Hardship program for the Navajo Nation.

1st. Leander Yazzie 2nd. Maggie Redhair

Discussion: None

Vote: 16-0-1

J. Next meeting

Regular Meeting, February 2, 2026 @ 1000

K. Benediction

Provided by Terry Lewis

L. Adjournment of meeting

1st: Maggie Redhair

2nd: Terry Lewis

Vote: Majority

Time: 1154