

**TEEL'CHINTI'/T'IIS'IAHI' VETERANS ORGANIZATION**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 11:30 AM  
Oak/Pine Springs Chapter Administration Conference Room  
Oak Springs (Navajo Nation) Arizona

**Minute Entry**

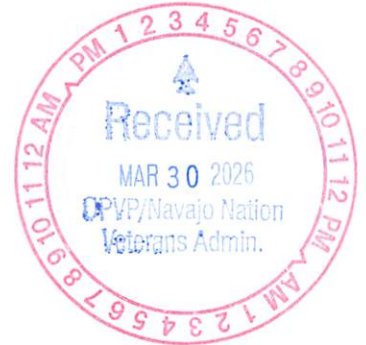
1. Meeting Call to Order: Commander Patricia Burnside at 1141 am.
  - a. Roll Call: Secretary Tina Yazzie – Commander and Secretary Present. Vice Commander absent.
  - b. Invocation:
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence: Commander Burnside
2. Review & Adopt Agenda:

Motion:    Curtis Phillips        2nd:    Leonard Begay       

Vote:   5   In Favor//   0   Oppose//   1   Abstain
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from *February 28, 2026*

Motion:    Francis Chischilly    2<sup>nd</sup>:    Robert Smith       

Vote:   5   In Favor//   0   Oppose//   1   Abstain
4. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Happening Now - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vietnam Veterans Honor Walk – Thoreau, NM to Farmington, NM. March 24-28 from 06:00am to 6:00pm.
  - b. VetCenter POST 9/11 VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP – Western Agency hosting, Tuba City, Arizona. April 24, 2026; May 29, 2026; June 26, 2026.
  - c. 2026 Tribal Women Veterans Summit – River Spirit Casino, Tulsa OK. Thursday, April 2, from 8:30am – 4:30pm.
  - d. 2026 American Indian Suicide Prevention Convening – Phoenix/Mesa. April 23 & 24. Breakout sessions: Clinical, Cultural, and Youth & Families
  - e. American Legion Women Veterans Health Care Summit – North Carolina. June 18-19 from 8:30am – 4pm.
  - f. Navajo Code Talker Day – Northern Agency. August 14, 2026. – Commander Burnside will provide follow-up and would like to start something different for our Code Talkers. Posters made with their pictures and have their a story and trainings listed.
5. Public Comments (*3 minutes each*): None
6. Recognize Guests, Visitors and Presenters:
  - a. Oak/Pine Springs Chapter Officials – Ch. President Andrew Lynch, would like to have ALL Veterans recognized this year. Some were missed out at last years event. Also would like to have the Women Veterans recognized.  
Asked American Legion if they can assist with cemetery clean up or POC for cemetery clean up. Would like to establish a Community Veterans Cemetery.



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b. Oak/Pine Springs Chapter Administration Staff – Maddie Yazzie, CSC, Earth Day April 22, contemplating “Trash Day”, cleaning and picking up trash around the community. Requesting volunteers from CVO or any ideas for Earth Day. Would like to do the whole week of April 20-24, for trash pickup.

American Legion, John Chizmar – Oak Springs Charter 146 is listed as Temporary Charter, would like to make it Permanent before the new Legion year, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Need at least 15 members. 1. Legion Heirs 2. Identifying Officers 3. Elect new officers 4. Contact John Chizmar once Charter is formed along with Auxiliary.

Jullian Baxter, recognized Vietnam Veterans with a Pin, a proclamation from the President of the United States to honor Vietnam Veterans. March 29 is designated as Vietnam War Veterans Day.

c. Others

### **7. Receive Reports:**

Secretary Yazzie: Presented “Fallen Soldier Table” script. The description provides a brief explanation of the items on the “table”, their significance, and why it is important.

Robert Smith stated he would like to get permanent carved script for the Missing Man table, was able to get a quote from Butler’s, \$211.26. Maddie stated we can utilize the Chapter 16 Funds to reimburse Smith, just need to get two more quotes from another business.

Commander Burnside will draft a Resolution and we have already casted the votes, Motion by Francis Chischilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Lynch, 6 Votes, 0 Oppose, 1 Abstain.

### **8. Old Business:**

a. Process for Purple Heart Organization for Oak Springs Chapter. In progress. Propose resolution to Chapter for utilization for Admin Bldg, purchase flags, Purple Heart community sign, and chapter events. – Jullian Baxter, can provide a Parking Permit designated for Purple Heart Veteran. Will be mailing it to chapter.

b. Resolution No. FDAVO-26-008. RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 26 FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY CVO COMMUNITIES & Resolution T/TVO-FY26-005, the TEEL'CHINTI'/T'IIS'IAHI Veterans Organization supporting the purchase, installation, configuration, and use of an 85-inch UHD smart television with dolby ATMOS, GaN amplifier, and related hardware/software for public meetings, office operations, remote teleconferencing, and educational presentations.

c. CO-53-25 (formally 0168-25 CODIFICATION OF CVO & AVO) Plan of Operations. 1stSgt plans to present this to HEHSC on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Zoom meeting schedule with Commanders this evening. Resolution pending from CVO to review, support and implement.

### **9. New Business:**

a. Memorial Day planning – Memorial Day May 25. Retrieve Fallen Veterans Names with Branch of Service. Commander Burnside has already purchased a with flag.

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b. Open Discussion – Ch. Pres. Lynch, requested to have at least 2 Veterans honored. Due to budget, the CVO can honor 2 Veterans and rotate each year or every other month. Honor with a potluck. Possibly have the Veteran share a story.

Curtis, Requesting to have CVO keep in contact with American Legion, establish Post ASAP.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday April 29, 2026; 1130 Hrs.; Location: Oak Springs Chapter Administration Conference Room

11. Adjournment:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Leonard Begay \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Francis Chischilly \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ In Favor// \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose// \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

\*\*All in Favor @ 1300