

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025; 2:00PM

Navajo Nation Inn
Window Rock, Arizona

Minute Entry

1. Meeting Call to Order: Commander Patricia Burnside @ 1416
 - a. Roll Call: Secretary Tina Yazzie – Commander Burnside and Sec. Yazzie Present.
 - b. Invocation: Commander Burnside
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
2. Review & Adopt Agenda:
Motion: Tina 2nd: Francis
Vote: 6 In Favor// 0 Oppose// 1 Abstain
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of *September 28, 2025*.
Motion: Francis 2nd: Tina
Vote: 6 In Favor// 0 Oppose// 1 Abstain
4. Announcements:
 - a. **October 16-19, 2025** – Western Navajo Fair; Tuba City, Arizona
 - b. **October 20-24, 2025** – Fall Session of the Navajo Nation Council – Robert Smith's name was added to Fall Session recognition for Purple Heart Recipients.
 - c. **October 29-30** – (09AM – 12PM) Flu & COVID 19 Vaccine Drive, NDOH East Conference Room, Admin Bldg 2, 1st Floor, Window Rock, Arizona
 - d. **Halloween October 29-31, 2025** – Fort Defiance Veterans Administration, Window Rock, Arizona
 - e. **October 31, 2025** – Possible Key Turnover, Renovated Chapter Building
 - f. **November 6, 2025** – Veterans Day, Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint, New Mexico. November 11 – actual Veteran's Day, Chapter closed.
 - g. **November 8, 2025** – Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque, New Mexico
 - h. **November 13, 2025** – Tentative 'Open House' Renovated Chapter Building
 - i. **November 17, 2025** – NNVA & VSOs updating Housing Policy & Personal Loan Program Policy
 - j. **Thanksgiving November 27, 2025** – Potluck
 - k. **Christmas December 25, 2025**
 - l. **January 9, 2026** – Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Meeting @Oak/Pine Springs Chapter, 0900.
5. Public Comments (**3 minutes each**):



Curtis Philips – Suggested to have Flag Folding Training. Possibly use funds to purchase white gloves and/or harness for future Flag Raising events. Curtis also requested to have Financial Reports to be added to agenda.

Francis Chischilly – Wanted an update about Veterans Day... any plans from Chapter. CVO agreed that Veterans Day will be on our own, there are local restaurants that offer free meals or discounted meals for Veterans on Veterans Day. Possibly make a plan for Thanksgiving, need to use funds.

6. No notable presentations or visitors this meeting day.

7. Receive Reports:

a. Secretary, Tina Yazzie- **No Reports**

b. Vice Commander, Eleanor Yazzie – **Absent**

c. Commander, Patricia Burnside – **Commander Burnside discussed and provided updates. Delegate Nez to recognize CVO Commanders and Vice Commanders. Discussion about Veterans as 1st priority for requesting Funds and Survival Spouse and Gold Star Mothers to get remaining balance.**

Discussion about Veterans that live off the rez in the city, to part take in CVO Meetings through Zoom Online and to have their votes counted.

Discussion about Audits with Veterans Funds. Registered Veterans have dropped.

Discussion about Personal Loan Policy, this results in Audits.

Motion: **Francis**

2nd: **Tina**

Vote: **_6_** In Favor// **_0_** Oppose// **_1_** Abstain

8. Old Business:

a. Oak/Pine Springs Chapter Reopening Date – 11/2025 – **Expected opening date, November 13.**

i. CVO Involvement

ii. Volunteers: Flag Raising (4) & Ceremony (4) (Arlene Radisch, Tina Yazzie, Francis Chischilly, * Robert Smith, Sr., & Pete Baloo)

iii. Volunteers: Set Up, Tear Down & Clean Up and Servers

iv. Old Announcements

- **UPDATE: Please ensure you have updated FY'2026 Veteran/Surviving Spouse Registration (including Drivers License, mailing address, map etc.)**
- **October 1, 2025** – FY'2026 Navajo Nation Fiscal Year start date
- **October 1, 2025** – Oak/Pine Springs Chapter Planning Meeting; 1:00PM; Oak Springs Chapter Administration Conference Room – **Discussion about changing name to Oak/Pine Springs.**
- **October 2-5, 2025** – Northern Navajo Fair; Shiprock, New Mexico
- **October 3, 2025** – Twin Arrows Veteran Stand Down; Gallup Veteran Stand Down

- **October 3, 2025** – Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization (FDAVO) 1st Quarterly Meeting; 9AM; Kindalichee Chapter
- **October 9-12, 2025** – Warriors Firebase; Wide Ruins, Arizona
- **October 15, 2025** – Oak/Pine Springs Regular Chapter Meeting; 1:00PM, Houck Chapter

- FY'2026 Veteran Trust Fund CVO Budget Shell Approval, \$52,153.00
- Resolution: T/TCVO-FY'25-013, Supporting Legislative Branch in Restoring FY'2026 Comprehensive Budget
- Veteran Recognition, Navajo Nation Council Fall Session
- Election of Oak/Pine Springs CVO Officers (Commander, Vice Commander & Secretary); officers take new positions on 10/1/2025
- FY'2025 Chapter Budget/Fund 16 Balance, \$7,877.46 – **Curtis Philips agreed to help make plans for funds for Firewood/pellet/propane distribution.**
- Scheduling of FY'2026 CVO Monthly or Bi-Monthly Meeting Dates & Time

9. New Business:

- Resolution OSC-101525-001: Supporting and Approving Resolution of the Oak Springs Chapter for the New Elected Chapter Veterans Officers for the Oak Springs and Pine Springs Community. Passed: 19-0-2
- Resolution OSC-101525-002: Supporting Resolution of the Teel'chiniti/T'iis'iiahi Veterans Organization Requesting Oak/Pine Springs Chapter to support the Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0219-25 to Restore Funding for the Legislative and Judicial Branches in the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget. Passed: 19-0-2.

10. Next Meeting: November 9 , 2025; 1300 Hrs.; Location: Oak Springs Chapter Administration Conference Room

11. Adjournment: **All in Favor at 1523.**

Motion: **Francis**

2nd: **Alberta**

Vote: _____ In Favor// _____ Oppose//_____ Abstain