

Sawmill Veterans' Organization

Commander Lenora Dez Vice Commander Tanya Dooline
Secretary Christine Jesus-Begay

Sawmill Chapter

Sawmill, AZ

Agenda

Wednesday October 1, 2025 (1300 hours)

I. Meeting Called to Order by Commander Lenora Dez

II. Invocation by:

III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

IV. Review and Adopt Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda by

_____, 2nd by _____ with a vote of _____

V. Welcome and Opening Remarks:

A. Review of meeting objectives- Forms and Budgets

B. Introduce guests

A. One Day at a Time

B. Dr. Andy Nez, NN

VI. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for September 24, 2025

Motion by: _____ 2nd by: _____ with a vote of: _____

VII. Officers Reports:

A. Commander:

i. Navajo D.O.T- transportation training

-Before anything could be started, know who owns the road (BIA, Tribal-Navajo DOT, county, state, US, or other) to be repaired or improved.

-2 ways to submit a work order for repairs on roads.

-maintenance: submit a work order form.

-improvement: chapter house resolution to be submitted as a T-Tip. resolutions are required to be submitted by Dec of this year.

-more information please visit website: navajodot.org

ii. Day at a time Club- A recovery center focused on peer-to-peer AA meetings, they are a Non-tribal and Non-profit organization located in Fort Defiance Az. Other services they provide on location are sweat lodge for male (Thursdays at 5pm) and female (Wednesdays at 6pm), recovery through gardening, a virtual (telehealth) substance abuse recovery service through Cholla Behavioral Health.



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iii. -Presentation from IHS waterline project from Farmington area. Their focus is on safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems. There are applications provided to each chapter for applying for water connections and home site lease is NOT required through them. Open dump areas should be reported with 1/2 acres or less and will be cleaned for free. The dump sites in their scope that were brought up during the meeting were the ones seen on the back road from Sawmill to Navajo.

-For more information contact LT. Alice Franco (Health Analyst)
at Alice.franco@ihs.gov

-A meeting will be held at a residence in Whiteclay hosted by Larry Foster on October 20th at 0900. for more information, please attend a chapter meeting.

B. Vice Commander: Veterans Day 2025, Future events, tee shirts and caps.

C. Secretary: vote in as Secretary- Christine Jesus-Begay

VIII. Open Floor / Member Feedback

A.

IX. Action Items and Assignments

a. Announcements--Gatherings of Native Americans (GONA) at Fort Defiance Chapter on 22nd and 23rd of October. Also, gourd dancing during one of those days. more to follow once flyers are available. Please see Sawmill Veterans Facebook page once it is shared and bulletin board.

b. Walk/Run on Veterans' Day in Fort Defiance.

X. Closing Remarks and Next Meeting Date

1. Sawmill Veterans Meetings Every Second Thursday of every month.
2. Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans' Meeting- Friday October 3, 2025, at 9 am.