

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MICHAELS CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION

The St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization requests the Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization to support and advocate for an increase in compensation payments for Honor Guard and Color Guard Detail.

WHEREAS:

1. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.A., the **St. Michaels** Chapter Veterans Organization is hereby established.
2. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.B, the purpose of the St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization is to provide a mechanism to effectively communicate the unmet needs of Veterans living on or off the Navajo Nation and recommend to the Navajo Nation government and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to meet needs and to assist veterans with an effective and efficient dissemination of information to Navajo Veterans regarding availability of resources.
3. **THE St. Michaels** Chapter Veterans Organization recognizes that Honor Guard and Color Guard details provide essential ceremonial duties at veterans' events and funerals, often traveling extensively using their own personal financial resources for fuel, food, and lodging.
4. **THE St. Michaels** Chapter Veterans Organization acknowledges that the current compensation rates (set in 2019) are financially inadequate and often result in veterans paying out-of-pocket to perform these sacred duties.

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT:



1. **THE St. Michaels** Chapter Veterans Organization formally requests the **Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization** to endorse and advocate for a concrete increase to the authorized veterans' allowances (either by \$50.00 or by another appropriate sum, whichever is greater).
2. **THE St. Michaels** Chapter Veterans Organization further requests the **Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization** to present this need to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) and the **Navajo Nation Veterans Administration** to ensure those who honor our fallen are properly supported.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization meeting at St. Michaels, Navajo Nation Arizona, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on this 3 day of March, 2026.

MOTION: Ernestine Reed
SECOND: Jerry Hoskne

PRESIDING COMMANDER,

Jeffrey L. Kirk, Commander
St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization

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The St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization requests the Navajo Nation Council to amend 12 N.N.C. § 1171(B) to increase the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) annual set-aside from 4% to 8% to ensure comprehensive and flexible services for all Navajo Veterans.

WHEREAS:

1. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25** and **0168-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.A., the St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization is hereby established.
2. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.B, the purpose of the St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization is to provide a mechanism to effectively communicate the unmet needs of Veterans living on or off the Navajo Nation and recommend to the Navajo Nation government and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to meet needs and to assist veterans with an effective and efficient dissemination of information to Navajo Veterans regarding availability of resources.
3. **THE ST. MICHAELS** Chapter Veterans Organization recognizes that the current 4% set-aside mandated by **12 N.N.C. § 1171(B)** has not kept pace with the significantly increased day-to-day cost of living, including rising expenses for food, fuel, utilities, and emergency supplies faced by our veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. **THE ST. MICHAELS** Chapter Veterans Organization formally requests the Navajo Nation Council to amend **12 N.N.C. § 1171(B)** to increase the mandatory annual transfer to the Veterans Trust Fund from **4% to 8%** of all projected revenues.

2. **THE ST. MICHAELS** Chapter Veterans Organization further requests that this 8% allocation be utilized for flexible, comprehensive services that prioritize the immediate and diverse needs of Navajo Veterans as identified by the 110 Chapter Veterans Organizations.

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MOTION: Gabrie Hopkins
SECOND: Ernestine Reed

PRESIDING COMMANDER,

Jeffrey L. Kirk, Commander
St. Michaels Chapter Veterans Organization

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