

St. Michaels Veterans Organization (SMVO) Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2025



- I. Meeting Call to Order at 6:02 pm
- II. Invocation: Given by Jerry Hoskie
- III. Review and Adopt Agenda  
1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Herbert Woodman 2nd Motion: Marlene Perry  
Vote: Yes 11 No: 0 Abstain: 3
- IV. Roll Call of Veteran Official:  
Commander Jeffrey Kirk Present  
Vice Commander Ronnie Peshlakai Present  
Secretary Lita Sam Present
- V. Announcement:
  - a. 11/2/2025 Daylight Saving Time End
  - b. 11/4/2025 Election Day
  - c. 11/11/2025 Veterans Day, free meals at Applebee's, Golden Corral, Denny's, etc. Bike Ride from Tractor Supply at 9:30 am in Gallup, NM to Oak Spring Chapter House
  - d. 11/13/2025 Walk & Run at St Michael Chapter to St Michael Post Office
  - e. 11/14/2025 St Michaels Chapter Grand Opening starting at 8:30 am
  - f. 11/27/2025 Thanksgiving Day
  - g. Check and update your registration documents at Fort Defiance Veterans Office. Remind the Veterans on their Registration Form to be done every year.
- VI. Recognition of Guest and Official(s):  
Gabriel Freeland (St Michaels Chapter President)
- VII. Commander/Vice Commander Report:
  - Kirk announced that Ernestine Reeder will need help to clean/pick up trash at the Fort Defiance Veteran Cemetery and set up or replace the flags starting on Thursday through Sunday to start at noon. Need step ladder, staples, Sturdy pole to hold the flag in place or take down worn out flag. Will be setting up 24 flags. Last year, Veterans from Louisiana help out last year. Budget update we've spend 95% of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Allocation \$125,490. Will be submitting invoice to Bashas and T & T store for the purchase of the turkeys and hams. Veterans and widower are eligible to receive the turkey and ham. Once final purchases are made, distribution of the turkey and ham will be on Thursday, November 21, 2025 starting at 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the St Michaels Chapter House.
  - Deidre Rogers Legislative District Assistant for Council Delegate Brenda Jesus announce: A luncheon is set up for Sgt Tom Tso a Purple Heart recipient at Navajo Nationland restaurant. If there is a need for bathroom addition fill out the IHS blue form – ARPA funds will be used. Yellow form to be forward to Deidre Rogers – CDC application for November and December. Planning meeting for the St Michaels Chapter will be on Sunday November 9, 2025.
  - Gabriel Freeland announced the St Michaels Chapter officials will be working on a policy to put extra monies for the St Michaels Veterans housing needs. There will need to be a policy to be set up on how funds will be utilized. Also working on the Housing Discretionary fund for the St Michaels Veterans Organization. On the St Michaels Housing Committee, it has come to light there's been favoritism to certain Chapter member(s). Chapter members are receiving money that isn't minor housing repair in the amount of \$2,500. Burials need to be approved, but for now it's in a different account due to no policy for burial once approved, we'll move the money. We're working on the 5-management policy for the St Michaels Chapter. Trust me, we're working digitally to get the policies in place. Once policies are in place, put your application in.

If all goes well, St Michaels Chapter will put \$5,000 and the Navajo Nation Council will put \$5,000 for the St Michaels Veteran Organization. Once all is in place, fill out the Housing Discretionary fund and see Theresa Tabaha at the St Michaels Chapter House.

VIII. New Business:

a. No new business.

IX. Financial Assistance:

- Continue to submit your Hardship Assistance to the Fort Defiance Veteran Office located in Window Rock, Arizona across from Navajo Housing Authority.

X. Adjournment: At 6:56 pm

a. Next meeting December 2, 2025 Tuesday @ 6:00 pm at St Michaels Chapter House.

Meeting minutes submitted by:



Lita Sam, Secretary

11/12/2025

Attachment:

Agenda, General Claim Forms/W9 JKirk, & LSam, Veterans Sign In sheet & Guest Sign In sheet.