

Teesto Veterans' Organization (TVO)
Teesto Stone Meeting Hall
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2026



- I. Call meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
Roll Call all officers are present, eight veterans and one veteran spouse
Invocation by Gilbert Gishie
- II. Adopting agenda
Motion: Abraham Begay
Second: Maggie Scott
Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained
- III. Accepting previous meeting minutes of February 8, 2026
Motion: Abraham Begay
Second: Timothy Young
Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained
- IV. Announcement including reports
 - a. TVO Commander: He delivered financial paperwork for our TVO to Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) and was informed of zero balance. Our TVO was not the only one who did not receive additional funding for the energy (\$400) and hardship (\$400) assistance. There will be a District meeting at Dilkon on March 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM. A resolution will be created and Commander is requesting for your opinions to be included.
 - b. TVO Vice Commander: Met Monica Monroe who stated they provide wood assistance for veterans. Location is in Leupp. He mentioned last month and now, to use TVO veterans' Fund 16 to purchase fruit trays (cost \$15.00 each) from Dilkon Bashas. Plan to order two trays for next month's meeting. Metal sign update was shared. He delivered paperwork to chapter office for the TVO metal sign to start purchase process. Chapter office manager asked if we have a written document about the Stone Building regarding ownership or rental. Helen will contact Chapter President regarding such topic. Questioned if the Fund 16 expires? We need to utilize the fund before it expires. He informed Helen about an outdoor flag which was previously requested of Clara. Commander answers the question, no expiration on funding cycle. Additional comments were stated that the Stone Building was given to the TVO, need to create a resolution to submit to the chapter. The Fund 16 is to purchase gifts or awards. We may need a resolution to spend Fund 16 and use chapter vehicles.
 - c. TVO Secretary/Treasurer: Provided dates of March 26, April 24, May 29 and June 26, Mr. Armondo Escalanti, Readjustment Counselor, will be at the Tuba City Veterans' Building if anyone is interested, or invite him to our location. Read the draft Code of Conduit request by Commander. Virgil Nez asked for Plan of Operation and By-Laws are in existence. Commander has copy of By-Laws. Need to request for Plan of Operation and By-Laws copies from NNVA. There are By-Laws templates on-line.
 - d. Other TVO members: A long discussion regarding the recent financial assistance. Virgil Nez stated that on January 8, he received an email regarding funding availability for hardship and energy. And stated TVO secretary received same email. He agrees and supports the assistance of laptop and printer including accessories. Commander stated he was informed on February 10th meeting of energy and hardship assistance. Vice Commander stated certain people received the email to apply for financial assistance. We learned of the second financial funding release until February TVO meeting. He asked Kyle Lewis, District Commander, if financial assistance can be submitted without minutes documentation, and Kyle answered yes. Other veterans' organizations were aware and submit, we lost out. Commander agrees with comments, and stated applications requires if Commander was contacted, no one contacted him. Kyle Lewis printed an NNVA financial report with a balance of \$3,000. Abraham Begay stated there is policy and procedures in place requiring meeting minutes to be submitted with financial assistance applications. Why do they not follow procedure in applying for financial assistance and show the misuse of funding. Commander agrees with all comments received. The commander stated that he never received telephone calls for the second funding assistance cycle. Commander clarified the process of Navajo Nation chapter does require supporting documents. David Chee stated to ask if chapter vehicles can be used to deliver paperwork to NNVA. He continued about the

VIII. Next meeting date April 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM daylight saving time.

IX. Adjournment at 3:55 PM

Motion: Phillip Jodie

Second: Timothy Young

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained