



Bahast'ah Veterans Organization

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3940 E Hwy 66, Gallup, New Mexico 87301
April 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



- **Meeting** called to order at **6:15 p.m.** by Ryan Sandoval, Commander.
- **Invocation** by Johnny Johnson
Pledge of Allegiance by Myles Lytle, Vice Commander, followed by a Moment of Silence.
- **Review and Adopt Agenda:**
Motion: Lashina Johnson Second: Johnny Johnson Vote: F: 4 O: 0 A: 1

A. Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials: Mr. Johnny Johnson, Ms. Johnson

B. Presentation: No presentations, Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs was invited. NNVA declined the invitation to attend as they are meeting with veterans' organization to do enrollment and document updates.

C. Old (Unfinished) Business: Budget Update 65,191.00 was allocated and currently 62,941.00 was used resulting in a 96.55% usage. The officers have a balance of 2,250.00 in Stipend. NNVA is developing a resolution for financial support in the amount of One Million dollars, to assist with unmet needs. Those items would be office equipment, transportation and other areas listed in the resolution. It will not be paid out to the veterans. If all funds are not used what would happen with the unused funds.

Johnny Johnson mentioned that the policy states that only two disbursements will be distributed. How is Chinle agency using a Third disbursement when the policy is two disbursements.

D. New Business:

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a) Resolution with Twin Lakes Chapter:

- Commander Sandoval provided a resolution to prepare a budget transfer and requests to insert/changes into the agenda:
 1. Budget Transfer from Myles stipend to be ear marked to education in order Myles to apply for education request.This request is since his education request was denied and the budget did not allocate any funds for education.

Vote: F: 2 O: 0 A: 1

Resolution: "The Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization Resolution of the Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization budget transfer were as the Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization is dually recognized as a Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization special interest group. The Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization is a recognized community within the Navajo Nation government the Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah chapter veteran's organization is following their plan of operations to assist with funds. Now, that it be resolved that Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization approved this resolution to transfer 500 dollars from the Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization stipend fund into the educational budget. Certify I certify that forgoing resolution was dually considered at Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Veterans Organization which was quorum present at the same passed with motion by second by and vote in favor this day April 2 2026 Commander Sandoval."

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E. Reports:

a) Commander:

- Mental Health Counseling Survey was sent out from the NNVA to the Commanders to disburse to Veterans. No copies were made but veterans present were able to look at the survey.
- 2027 request for Forms will be ready at the next meeting to prepare for upcoming year.
- Drums of Spring (Song and Dance) requesting color guard for this event, location is at Twin Lakes Elementary School April 16, 2026, at 5:30pm to 9:00pm. This is a non-contest song and dance.

b) Vice Commander: No Report

c) Secretary: Vacant

d) Sergeant-At-Arms: No Report

➤ **Adjournment of Meeting** at 7:09 p.m. called by Commander

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Second: Johnny Johnson

Vote: F: All O: 0 A: 0

