

# **Cornfields Veterans Organization**

Cornfields Chapter, Arizona 86505

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 10, 2026

1:00 PM



- I. Meeting was called to order by Commander Smith at 1:15 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of Silence: Commander Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- III. Invocation: Invocation was given by Commander Smith.
- IV. Announcements:
  - Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization Meeting – April 03, 2026 @ Mexican Springs, NM at 9:00 am.  
Commander Smith did a report of information received from this meeting at the Ft. Defiance Agency meeting. Applicants for New Housing Requests and Renovation need to check on the paperwork. All requests for stipends need to be made by June 2026. No checks will be issued in July and August. The Code of Conduct for veterans was reissued. All veterans need to follow this. Color Guard stipend was increased to \$150.00 and it will be paid out based on location of services.
  - Recognize Guest & Visiting Officials: There were no visitors.
- V. Approval of Agenda: M: Jesse Taliman S: Dennis Dalgai V: 8-0-1
- VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2026: Secretary Nez read the minutes. M: Jesse Taliman S: Betty Taliman V: 8-0-1.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Approval of Resolution of Cornfields Veteran Organization, Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to amend 12 N.N.C ~ 117(B) to increase the Veterans Trust Funds (VTF) Annual Set Aside from 4% to 8% to Ensure Comprehensive and Flexible Services for all Navajo Veterans.  
Commander Smith read the resolution and explained that the previous resolution had the percentage as from 4% to 12%, but was not approved so we are changing the percentage from 4% to 8%. Resolution was approved at the 3/20/26 meeting.
  - B. Funding request for the 2026 Memorial Day Activities: Awards and Dinner, plaques, presentation of Flags to Cornfields Chapter, CVO Banner.  
Commander asked the veterans and spouses if they want to plan an awards day in Memory of Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day. The date open was on May 30, 2026. Commander will draft the Agenda, Dinner w steaks as main dish, awards: TeeShirts, Flags for Flag Poles at the location, plaques, CVO Banner. If there is

enough funds left a glass case for awards to be placed in the Chapter House. Vice Commander, Secretary and Mary Ann Arnold will do the planning committee.

M: Jesse Taliman S: Bennett Dineyazhe. Vote: 9-0-1.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. FY 2026 CVO Trust Fund Report. Commander Smith gave a report of the Veterans Trust Fund report and said there was only funding left for the CVO Officers stipend left in the account. Amount: \$1,725.00. The Buffer funding was also exhausted.
- B. Approval of Cornfields Chapter Veterans Fund and Expenditure Report. Secretary Nez made a report that the Chapter CVO Account has a balance of \$5,897.74. The Chapter has an account balance sheet which has this amount. Commander said all procurement is done by the policy in place at the Chapter House.
- C. Ft Defiance Agency Veterans Plan of Operation, and Veterans Code of Conduct. Commander said we will follow all Navajo Veterans and CVO Code of Conduct to protect our veterans and personnel. Commander brought a copy of the Agency Approved Code of Conduct for Veterans.

**IX. Request for Agency Trust Funds:**

- a) Approve CVO Officers Stipend for Conducting Meeting on April 10, 2026 Veterans Meeting. Motion to approve: M: Bennett Dineyazhe S: Jesse Taliman. Vote: 12-0-1

**X. Report: CVO Officers, American Legion:** Commander said he gave his report in the Announcement section.

**XI. Announcements:** 1. April 22, 2026 Earth Day, Community Cleanup Day

**XII. Benediction:**

XII. Adjournment of Meeting & Next Meeting on May 30, 2026 with program starting at 9:00 am.

Majority vote was made to adjourn, V: 9-0-1. Time: 2:32 pm.