

ACJY-167-87 *ACMA-36-88*

Class "C" Resolution
No BIA Action Required.

RESOLUTION OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Adopting a Plan of Operation for the Office of
Navajo Veterans Affairs and Rescinding Resolution ACAU-104-84

WHEREAS:

1. The Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council is authorized to approve Plans of Operation for all tribal entities pursuant to Resolution CJA-1-81; and

2. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs was established by Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CMA-25-71 and a Plan of Operation for said office was adopted by Advisory Committee Resolution ACJY-91-82; Resolution ACJY-91-82 was rescinded by Advisory Committee Resolution ACAU-104-84 along with the Plan of Operation of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs; and

3. The Plan of Operation approved pursuant to Resolution ACAU-104-84 combined the duties of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs with those of the Navajo Veterans Commission; and

4. The Navajo Veterans Commission by Resolution VAJ-16-87 (Exhibit "A" attached hereto) has recommended re-enactment of separate and coordinated Plans of Operation for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs and the Navajo Veterans Commission; and

5. It is in the best interests of Navajo Veterans that separate and coordinated Plans of Operation be approved by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs and the Navajo Veterans Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council hereby rescinds Resolution ACAU-104-84.

2. The Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council further approves the Plan of Operation for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 14 in favor and 0 opposed, this 28th day of July, 1987.


Vice Chairman
Navajo Tribal Council

RESOLUTION OF THE
 NAVAJO VETERANS COMMISSION
 OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Recommending to the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council to Adopt Separate Coordinated Plans of Operation for the Navajo Veterans Commission and Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Respectively, and, to Rescind Resolution ACAU-104-84.

WHEREAS:

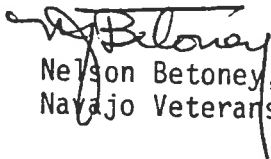
1. The Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council is authorized to approve plans of operation for all tribal entities pursuant to Resolution CJA-1-81; and
2. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs was established by Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CMA-25-71 and a Plan of Operation for said office was adopted by Advisory Committee Resolution ACJY-91-82; and
3. The Navajo Veterans Commission was established by Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CF-14-82 and a Plan of Operation for said Commission was adopted by Advisory Committee Resolution ACAU-104-84, which further rescinded Advisory Committee Resolution ACJY-91-82 and the previous Plan of Operation of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs; and
4. The Plan of Operation approved pursuant to ACAU-104-84 combined the duties of the Navajo Veterans Commission with those of the staff and employees; and
5. It is in the best interest of Navajo Veterans that the attached separate and coordinated Plans of Operation be approved and re-enacted by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council for the Navajo Veterans Commission and the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Veterans Commission hereby recommends that the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council rescind Resolution ACAU-104-84; and
2. The Navajo Veterans Commission further recommends that the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council approve and re-enact the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Veterans Commission attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and
3. The Navajo Veterans Commission further recommends that the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council approve and re-enact the Plan of Operation for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Veterans Commission at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 09 in favor and 00 opposed, this 15th day of June.


 Nelson Betoney, Chairman
 Navajo Veterans Commission

PLAN OF OPERATION
OF THE
OFFICE OF NAVAJO VETERANS AFFAIRS

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PLAN OF OPERATION
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ARTICLE I
Establishment

The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs was established within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Tribal Government by Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CMA-25-71. An initial Plan of Operation adopted for the Office by Advisory Committee Resolution ACJY-91-82, was rescinded by Advisory Committee Resolution ACAU-104-84. The Office of Navajo Veteran Affairs is hereby establish as a Navajo Tribal Office within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

The purposes of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs shall be to determine and provide program services for the needs of Navajo Veterans and to implement and assist in carrying out the purposes, duties and authority as set forth in the Plan of Operation of the Navajo Veterans Commission and as otherwise authorized hereunder, for implementation of programs for the benefit of Navajo veterans.

ARTICLE III
Authorities, Duties and Responsibilities

The Executive Director shall:

1. Serve as ex officio member of the Navajo Veterans Commission and perform the duties authorized and directed under the Commission's Plan of Operation.
2. Direct and coordinate the functions of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs with the Navajo Veterans Commission and other veterans' programs and organizations as further authorized under the provisions of this Plan of Operation for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs.
3. Carry out authorized policies and directives as promulgated by virtue of the Plan of Operation of the Navajo Veterans Commission, including, but not limited to:
 - A. Represent the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs as directed by the Navajo Veterans Commission and/or Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council in dealing with the public and representatives of other organizations.
 - B. Determine, evaluate and advocate for the needs of Navajo Veterans.
 - C. Recommend and provide authorized coordination for implementation of federal, state and tribal programs for the benefit of Navajo veterans.

- D. Serve as a liason to seek and identify additional state, federal, and tribal sources to insure the maximum return for tribal general funds and private matching funds.
- E. Recommend negotiation and appropriation of available funds for use for Navajo veterans' programs to the Navajo Veterans Commission for recommendation for approval by appropriate Navajo Tribal Council committees.
- F. Oversee program monetary assistance and/or services to all eligible Navajo veterans, and eligible spouses, widows and dependent children of deceased Navajo veterans.
- G. Recommend necessary professional and/or technical positions and services as needed to carry out the duties and responsibilities set forth herein.
- H. With the coordination and assistance of appropriate tribal offices, provide and present training and technical assistance to members of the Navajo Veterans Commission consistent with their authority and responsibilities.
- I. Develop, recommend and implement policies and procedures for the administration of the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs.
- J. Cooperate in providing office facilities, including available staff, personnel, technical and secretarial assistance for the Navajo Veterans Commission.

ARTICLE IV Objectives

The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for carrying out the following objectives on behalf of Navajo veterans:

1. Advocate and provide administrative oversight and coordination for needed services for Navajo veterans in such areas as housing, education, vocational and other special training; legal, medical and small business development assistance; compensation and pensions, memorial affairs and other related veterans' benefits.
2. Promote utilization of benefits available pursuant to Title 38 U.S. Code and other related federal laws and regulations.
3. Promote utilization of benefits available pursuant to Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and other applicable state laws pertaining to veterans.
4. Promote utilization of benefits available pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation.
5. Identify, prioritize and advocate for program services to assist special needs of Navajo veterans.
6. Advocate for the preferential treatment of veterans in employment.

7. Report from time to time and as requested to the Navajo Veterans Commission and to the Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council on the status of Navajo Veterans Affairs.

ARTICLE V
Organization

- A. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs shall be administratively responsible within the Executive Branch of the Navajo tribal government, to the Office of the Chairman/Vice-Chairman.
- B. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs shall have a central office located in Window Rock and suboffices in each agency and satellite areas.
- C. The organizational chart for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs is attached and incorporated as "Exhibit 1" herein.

ARTICLE VI
Personnel

- A. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs shall be supervised by an Executive Director who shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council, in consultation with the Navajo Veterans Commission.
- B. The Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs staff shall be employed, supervised and terminated by the Executive Director, pursuant to and in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures and all other laws, regulations and benefits applicable to employees of the Navajo Nation.

ARTICLE VII
Amendments

This Plan of Operation for the Office of Navajo Veterans Affairs may be amended from time to time by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council by recommendation of the Navajo Veterans Commission.

OFFICE OF NAVAJO VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

ORGANIZATION CHART

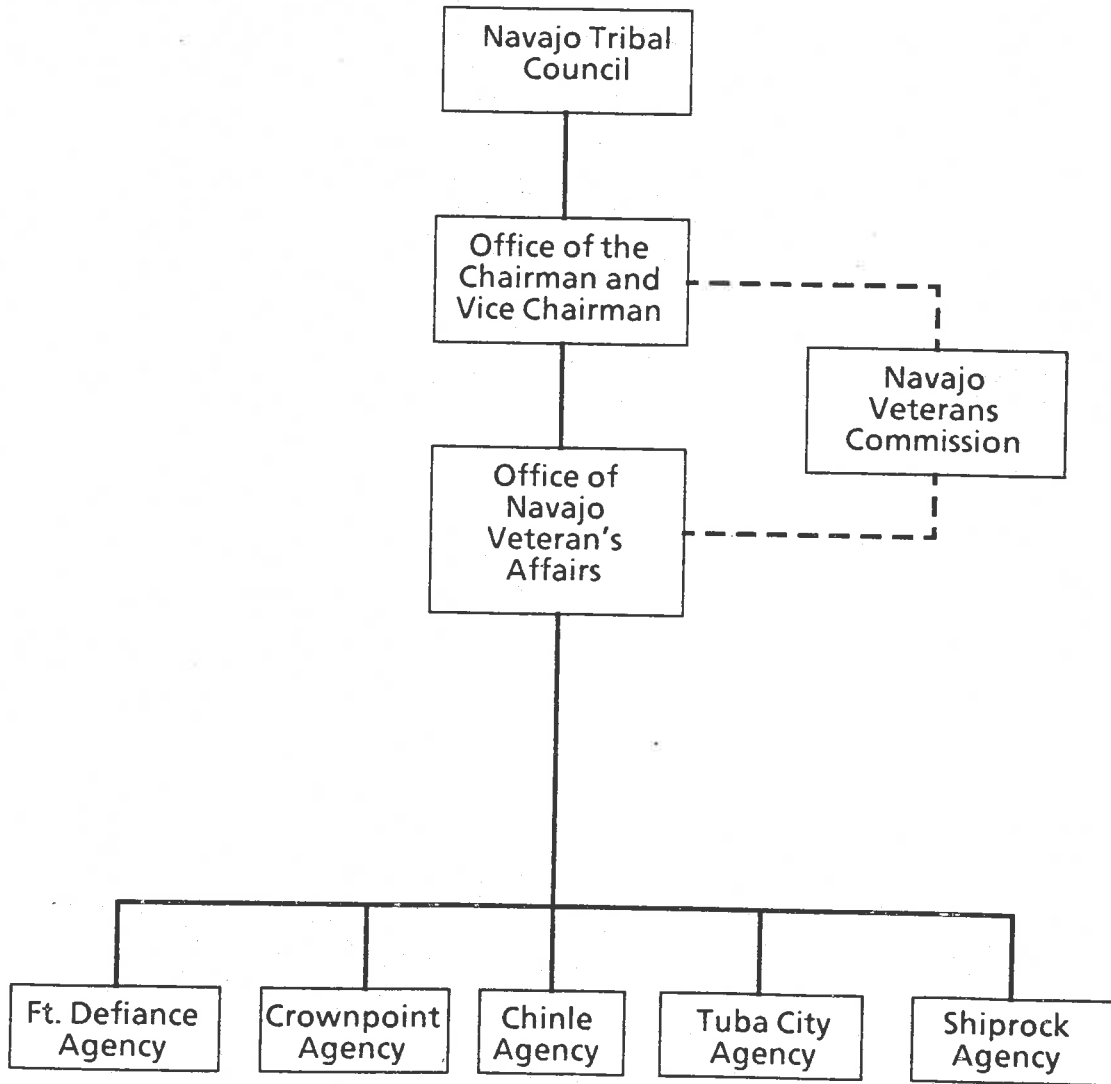


Exhibit 1