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Class "C" Resolution  
No BIA Action Required.

RESOLUTION OF THE  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Recommending to the Navajo Tribal Council the Creation of a  
Navajo Veterans Commission and the Amendment of the Fiscal  
Year 1982 Navajo Tribal Budget by Appropriating  
\$2,000,000 From Unappropriated Surplus Funds  
for Purposes of Navajo Veterans Programs

WHEREAS:

1. There is no reservation-wide assistance for the Navajo Veteran or his dependents; and
2. The total Navajo Veteran and Navajo Veteran dependent population is numbered in the thousands; and
3. The Navajo Tribal Council recognizes the hardships that Navajo Veterans have encountered in obtaining medical care, secure employment opportunities, many federal benefits, and the status to which they are entitled; and
4. Within the U.S. Government Veterans Administration, there are twelve (12) major benefit programs under the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 38, which assist veterans in the following areas:

Death Pensions	Disability Compensation
Vocational Rehabilitation	Disability Pension
Drug & Alcohol Assistance	Medical & Hospital Care
Educational Assistance	Dependency & Indemnity Comp.
Home Loans	Insurance
Burial Benefits	Assistance in Military Matters
5. The federal government is cutting back on many federally-funded programs which include benefits to veterans, and Navajo Veterans do not have anyone to represent their interests either in Washington, D.C., or locally; and
6. As expressed at various organizational meetings throughout the Navajo Nation, there exists a great need for the coordination and implementation of a program or programs that would concentrate in obtaining more of the benefits that the Navajo Veteran is rightfully entitled to; and
7. There is a need for the Navajo Tribal Council government to

fill the funding void created by the federal budget cuts in many of the U.S. Veterans' Programs, to prioritize those programs where Navajo Tribal funding can be most beneficial, and to identify additional funding sources for Navajo Veterans programs that have been cut; and

8. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Tribal government to create a Veterans Commission and to provide it with a staff, a proposed budget for which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", in order to carry out those objectives set out in paragraph seven above; and

9. A Navajo Nation Veterans Commission should be comprised of Navajo Veterans representing the five (5) agencies of the Navajo Reservation, Navajo Veterans who have served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict, a Navajo Veteran who is currently the Navajo Tribal Council Delegate; and

10. Upon the establishment of a Navajo Veterans Commission, the Commission should have monies in the amount of \$1.8 million available to fund those programs identified by the Commission as most needing funding by the Navajo Tribe as a result of federal budget cuts; and

11. A Plan of Operation for the Navajo Veterans Commission should be drafted and approved by the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council at the earliest possible time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council does hereby recommend to the Navajo Tribal Council, the creation of a Navajo Veterans Commission.

2. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council hereby recommends to the Navajo Tribal Council, the amendment of the Fiscal Year 1982 Navajo Tribal Budget by appropriating \$2 million, \$125,000 of which should be used to fund a staff for the Navajo Veterans Commission pursuant to the budget set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and \$1,875,000 of which should be held in a revolving account for the purpose of funding Navajo Veterans programs, as identified and prioritized by the Navajo Veterans Commission, and for the purpose of identifying additional funding sources for Navajo Veterans programs.

3. The Budget and Finance Committee further recommends that the appropriation set out in paragraph two hereof be continued through the end of Fiscal Year 1982 due to ongoing negotiations with federal agencies with regard to their portions of commitment to Navajo Veterans programs.

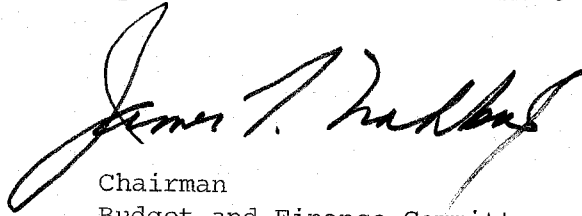
4. The Budget and Finance Committee recommends that a Plan of Operation for the Navajo Veterans Commission be drafted and presented to the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council at the earliest possible time, and that the approved Plan of Operation for the Commission include, at a minimum, the following membership provisions:

- A. Veterans representing each of the five agencies of the Navajo Reservation as follows:

Veterans who have served in World War I, World War II; the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict; a Navajo Veteran who is also a current Navajo Tribal Council Delegate.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Budget and Finance 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 6 in favor and 0 opposed, this 8th day of February, 1982.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Hubbard".

Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee

SEVEN MONTH BUDGET OF  
 VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
 AND NAVAJO VETERANS COMMISSION  
 MARCH 01 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

100 PERSONNEL SERVICES \$68,001

100	Veterans Service Manager	\$10,258
102	Clerk Typist II	5,440
103	Veteran Service Officer II (Shiprock)	8,440
104	Veteran Service Officer II (Chinle)	8,440
105	Veteran Service Officer II (Tuba City)	8,440
106	Veteran Service Officer II (Crownpoint)	8,440
107	Veteran Service Officer II (Ft. Defiance)	8,440
199	Fringe Benefits @ 17.45%	10,103

200 TRAVEL AND PER DIEM \$ 12,600

201	Assigned Vehicle Use (Leasing purposes only-to be used to transport veterans to regional offices. 1 trip per month)	\$ 2,000
202	Personal Travel Expense (\$5,600 for office personnel and \$3,600 for commission members)	9,200
203	Commercial Fares (2 trips to Washington, D.C. @ \$700/trip)	1,400

300 SUPPLIES \$12,686

301	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
302	Postage	1,000
303	Printing	1,000
304	Dues & Subscriptions	519
305	Operating Supplies	6,000
306	Photocopy/Promotion Usage	3,167

400 LEASE/RENTAL/UTILITIES \$ 2,000

404	Building Rental	\$ 2,000
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500 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES/TRANSACTION

\$ 4,800

510	Education & Training	\$ 2,000
550	Stipends	2,800
	(A commission of 5 members	
	\$40/meeting -- 2 meetings per	
	month)	

800 OTHER BUDGET EXPENDITURES

\$15,000

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	(General Assistance to include	
	Burial, Legal Documentation	
	and Representation, Burnout	
	Assistance, Expenses involved in	
	getting the veteran from his	
	home to the appropriate tribal	
	and federal offices to be	
	reviewed and interviewed for	
	determination of eligibility,	
	and in addition, provide	
	assistance for active duty	
	personnel in extreme emergency	
	cases.)	