



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*

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November 7, 2025

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
Office of the Speaker
Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Resolution No. CO-53-25 An action relating to Law and Order Committee, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Act at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1032 through 1036; Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and Veterans Advisory Council; and Establishing Agency Veterans Organizations, and Chapter Veterans Organizations.

Dear Honorable Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

Today, I am honored to sign into law the resolution amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, formally establishing Agency Veterans Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veterans Organizations (CVOs) within Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code. This legislation represents a major milestone in strengthening the voice, representation, and well-being of our Navajo veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star families.

For too long, our veterans have faced challenges in navigating the systems intended to serve them. With this law, the Navajo Nation now provides a clearly defined and structured mechanism for veterans across all five agencies and 110 chapters to communicate their priorities and needs directly to the Navajo Nation government and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA).

The legislation also fortifies the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), ensuring that it operates with accountability and transparency. Under this legislation, administrative and technical support will be provided by the NNVA to ensure these organizations can effectively advocate for benefits, services, and programs. Therefore, Executive Director Bobby Baldwin will assume expanded responsibilities ensuring that the NNVA's mission is carried out efficiently and in alignment with legislative objectives.

This legislation reflects the collective will of our people and of my administration. I extend deep appreciation to OPVP Veterans' Liaison Demetria Simms, NNVA Executive Director Bobby Baldwin and the many veteran organizations, Chapters, veterans, and community members whose resolutions and testimonies helped shape this law. Their advocacy and dedication ensured that the final legislation is inclusive, transparent, and aligned with Navajo values and standards.

By signing this legislation, the Navajo Nation reaffirms its sacred promise: that those who have served our Nation and the United States with honor will be heard, respected, and supported. This law is not only a structural reform—it is an act of gratitude and recognition for generations of Navajo veterans who have defended our freedom and our way of life.

Together, we move forward to strengthen our veterans' voices, uplift their families, and to recognize their service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Buu Nygren.

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ACT AT 2 N.N.C. §§ 1032 THROUGH 1036; RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND ESTABLISHING AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee has the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has the power to review and recommend resolutions relating to veterans and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has the power to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Chapter Veterans Organizations and Agency Veterans Organizations (the "Organizations") are the foundation of the Navajo Nation's veterans network. These organizations support Navajo veterans by allowing them to gather and voice their concerns, and to provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation regarding the needs of Navajo veterans within the Navajo Nation.
- B. Including the Organizations in the Navajo Nation Code provides the Organizations with immediate recognition by other Navajo Nation entities and elevates their advocacy efforts for veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star mothers across the Navajo Nation.

- C. Resolution CJA-3-16 established the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration under the Office of the President and Vice-President to allow for more efficient outreach, as well as effective delivery of services and benefits to veterans.
- D. Resolution CJA-3-16 also established a Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to recognize veterans and ensure veteran participation in policy and data system development.
- E. The Northern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit A**, in support of these amendments to the Navajo Veterans Act.
- F. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit B**, in support of these amendments to the Navajo Veterans Act.
- G. The Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit C**, in support of these amendments to the Navajo Veterans Act.
- H. The Central Navajo Agency Veterans Organization has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit D**, in support of these amendments to the Navajo Veterans Act.
- I. The Fort Defiance Navajo Agency Veterans Organization has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit G**, in support of these amendments to the Navajo Veterans Act.
- J. The Veterans Advisory Council has provided a resolution, attached as **Exhibit E**, in support of these amendments.
- K. The Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has provided a support letter, attached at **Exhibit F**, in support of these amendments.
- L. It is essential to recognize and honor Navajo veterans for their remarkable military service and sacrifice.
- M. Navajo veterans continue to work tirelessly at local levels to provide benefits and services to Navajo veterans.
- N. Navajo veterans deserve to have direct involvement in policy-making decisions regarding veteran's services and benefits.
- O. Despite numerous efforts, there remains an absence of an effective mechanism through which the needs of Navajo veterans

can be captured, clearly organized, and properly represented and advocated for the needs of the Navajo veteran population.

SECTION THREE. AMENDMENTS TO NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ACT AT 2 N.N.C. §§ 1032 THROUGH 1036

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Act. 2 N.N.C. §§ 1032, 1033, 1034, and 1035, as follows:

**TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT
CHAPTER 5. EXECUTIVE BRANCH
SUBCHAPTER 1. Generally**

Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

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§ 1032. Responsibility and Authority

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B. In carrying out its responsibilities the Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to:

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7. Provide administrative support and technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. Provide written reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. These written reports will include demographic data, justifications, and factual determinations to support actions taken by the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. Additionally, written reports are to include any recommendations made by the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration for policy changes before such changes may be formally adopted and enacted.

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Article 4. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

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§ 1033. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Establishment

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (Veterans Advisory Council) is established under the Executive Branch of the

Navajo Nation government within the Office of the President and Vice-President. The Office of the President and Vice-President shall provide administrative support and technical assistance to the Veterans Advisory Council.

- B. The purpose and authority of the Veterans Advisory Council is to provide policy advice and recommendations to the President of the Navajo Nation and the President of the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration regarding veteran issues and concerns, as well as to provide reports to legislative oversight on issues that Navajo veterans are currently experiencing.
- C. The Veterans Advisory Council shall be required to submit written quarterly reports to the Navajo Nation Council that includes a summary of all actions conducted by the Veterans Advisory Council of recommendations made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to address veterans issues and concerns, and activities of the agency and member chapter veterans organizations across the Navajo Nation.
- D. The Veterans Advisory Council shall develop a plan of operation that is approved by legislative oversight, which shall include the selection criteria for appointing members, an outline of the duties and responsibilities of its officers, an enumeration of the responsibilities of its members, and the objectives of the Veterans Advisory Council to assist in providing representation of the Navajo veterans needs on the Navajo Nation.
- E. The Veterans Advisory Council shall internally adopt by-laws and a code of conduct, by the end of the second quarter of FY2026, to govern the conduct of its members, and if necessary, their removal, and the rules used for the conduct of its meetings.
- F. The by-laws and the plan of operation of the Veterans Advisory Council shall be made available to any veteran requesting a copy, and shall be available digitally on the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration website.

GG. Membership, selection, terms of office:

1. A Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council is established consisting of ~~eleven (11)~~ 10 members.
2. The Veterans Advisory Council shall consist of ~~the ten (10) Agency Veteran Commanders, one (1) female and one (1) male~~

selected by each Agency, as the designated voting members with the Administration Executive Director acting as a non-voting member. 2 representatives from each agency veterans organization, 1 male and 1 female.

- a) The representatives shall be from the pool of agency veterans organization officers and chapter veteran officers. Representatives shall be registered at a chapter within the respective agency as well as members of a chapter veterans organization within the respective agency.
 - b) Each representative must be nominated by an agency resolution, and such resolution must outline the qualifications and highlights for selected individuals to fill the position.
 - c) Representatives must provide an original copy of their DD214s for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration to make a copy, documenting their honorable service, and completion of a full term service for verification and confirmation. A full term of service shall be defined as not being less than 23 months of honorable service.
 - d) Representatives failing to perform their responsibilities may be removed from their position by a 2/3 vote of their respective veteran agency organization, or by 2/3 vote of the members of the Advisory Council. Either of which can act independently to remove a representative. If a removal is done, that respective agency should be promptly notified and a new representative should be nominated and selected in accordance to G(2)(A-C) at the next regular or special agency meeting.
3. The Veterans Advisory Council shall select from its members a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary.
 - a. Officers shall be elected at the beginning of a fiscal year, and shall serve a 3 year term.
 - b. Representatives to the Veterans Advisory Council shall serve a term of 4 years, and may be nominated to serve a second term for a maximum of 4 years.
 4. Meeting quorum shall be defined as at least 6 members present with at least one representative from each of the

five agencies. No formal actions shall be taken without all agencies being properly represented.

- ~~4. Designated members shall be veterans selected and/or removed by the respective Chapter Veteran Organizations.~~
- ~~5. The Council shall meet on a quarterly basis and as necessary. Voting members shall receive meeting stipends and travel expense reimbursement pursuant Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures and budget.~~

H. Reports

1. The agency representatives of the Veterans Advisory Council shall provide quarterly written reports to the full membership of the Veterans Advisory Council on the actions taken by their respective agency to assist veterans, and the issues veterans within their respective agency are experiencing, as well as recommendations and proposed resolutions to address those issues.
2. Veterans Advisory Council representatives shall provide written reports and in person summaries to the respective agency at the first meeting after quarterly NNVA meetings to provide updates to the agency for dissemination to the veterans to chapter veterans organizations.
3. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director shall be required to attend Veterans Advisory Council meetings and shall provide a quarterly written report and an in person summary on the operational effectiveness of Navajo Nation Veterans Administration programs, drafts of policy revisions to address program shortfalls in meeting, veterans needs, and the availability of state and federal veterans programs. If the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is unable to attend in person, the Executive Director shall appoint a representee to attend the meeting.
4. All written reports shall be in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 1032(B)(7).

I. Stipends

1. The Veterans Advisory Council shall meet at a minimum on a quarterly basis and may meet as necessary.

2. Voting members shall receive meeting stipends and travel expense reimbursement pursuant to Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures and available funding within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration budget.
3. Eligibility for meeting stipends must be defined in the plan of operation approved by legislative oversight, and shall include at a minimum, attendance for the entirety of scheduled meetings.

§ 1034. Navajo Nation Agency Veterans Organization and Chapter Veterans Organization Establishment

- A. Agency Veterans Organizations ("AVOs") and Chapter Veterans Organizations ("CVOs") are hereby established.
- B. The purpose of agency veterans organizations and chapter veterans organizations shall be to provide a mechanism for Navajo veterans to effectively communicate their unmet needs of veterans living on or off the Navajo Nation, as well as recommendations for the Navajo Nation government and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration) to meet those needs and to assist their veterans by effectively and efficiently passing information to Navajo veterans as to the availability of potential resources.
- C. There shall be 5 AVOs with one recognized per agency of the Navajo Nation, with Plans of Operation that shall be submitted to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and be acknowledged in its plan of operation.
- D. There shall be 110 CVOs with only one recognized per chapter of the Navajo Nation. Only organizations from each chapter calling themselves "Chapter Veterans Organization" shall be recognized as a Navajo Nation approved CVO.
- E. Membership and Officers.
 1. The membership of each AVO shall consist of CVOs based on the chapters within each agency as recognized by the Agency Councils.
 - a. Each CVO shall have a plan of operation approved by the respective chapter veterans organization membership at a regularly scheduled chapter veterans organization meeting, consisting of the member veterans residing within the chapter. All plans of operation shall

- contain reasonable provisions and conform to Navajo Nation standards.
- b. Approved plans of operation shall be on file with the chapter, the agency veterans organization, and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, and shall be available to any veteran requesting to review or receive a copy. Digital copies shall be posted on the website for online viewing.
2. The officers of the AVO shall be selected by the member CVOs from the veteran population of the respective agency.
- a. Each AVO shall have at a minimum a Commander, a Vice Commander, and a Secretary.
- b. AVO Officers shall be elected by popular vote from the veteran population of the agency and may not be an officer of a CVO.
- c. CVOs shall be formally represented at all AVO meetings by either the Commander or Vice Commander of the member CVOs.
- d. Each CVO shall only have one vote on any issue that comes before the body, to include election of officers.
- e. Officers must possess an honorable discharge, and must have completed a full term of service of not less than 23 months.
3. The officers of the CVO shall be selected by the member veterans from the veteran population of the respective chapter.
- a. Each CVO shall have at a minimum a Commander, a Vice Commander, and a Secretary. Only the Commander and Vice Commander position are required to be filled by veterans.
- b. Officers must possess an honorable discharge, and must have completed a full term of service of not less than 23 months.
4. Officers of the AVO and CVOs shall not be selected based solely on gender. However, in accordance with Navajo Nation law no veteran shall be discriminated, in accordance with the Navajo Nation Bill of Rights, 1 N.N.C. §§ 1-9.

5. All CVO meetings shall be held on scheduled dates according to their respective plans of operation, and shall hold at least six meetings and no more than 12 meetings with at least 2 special meetings per fiscal year.

F. Reports

1. The officers of the AVO shall provide written reports and verbal summary of the activities undertaken by the AVO during the previous quarter.
2. Veterans Advisory Council members shall provide written reports and in person summaries on the actions and activities of the Veterans Advisory Council, and recommendations made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, Executive Director, as well as any information passed to the Veterans Advisory Council by the Executive Director.
3. AVOs shall provide a quarterly written report to the Veterans Advisory Council and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director.

§ 1034 1035. Oversight

The Navajo Nation authorizes the establishment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, ~~and the Veterans Advisory Council, the Navajo Agency Veterans Organizations, and the Navajo Chapter Veterans Organizations.~~ Legislative oversight shall be provided by the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council

§ ~~1035~~ 1036. Amendments

This Article may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

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SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

The 5 AVOs shall submit their plans of operation to the oversight committee within 180 days from the date of approval of this resolution.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION

The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION SEVEN. SAVING CLAUSE

Should any provision(s) of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in Favor, and 06 Opposed, on this 21st day of October 2025.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

10/30/2025

Date

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James
Second: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 7 day of NOVEMBER, 2025.



Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this _____ day of _____, 2025 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation



NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION



Commander: Demetria Simms
Commander: Lloyd Begaye
Vice Commander: Nelson Begay
Secretary: Amanda Sandoval

NNVO-JUN-25-001

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C., SUBSECTIONS 1032, 1033, 1034, AND 1035 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY ESTABLISHING NAVAJO AGENCY VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS (AVOs AND CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (CVOs)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section One. Findings paragraph D. Establish a Veteran's Administration under the Office of the President and Vice-President, which effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services, and benefits to Veterans; and,**
- 2. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph E. The Legislation established the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, to recognize Veterans and ensure participation in policies and data system development; and,**
- 3. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph M. There is a need to ensure that Navajo Nation Veterans have direct involvement in policy-making decisions regarding Navajo Nation Veterans services and benefits; and,**

- 4. The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization (NNVO) supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., subsections 1032, 1033, 1034 and 1035 to support the formal recognition of Navajo Veterans Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veterans Organizations (CVOs); and**
- 5. The formal recognition will codify AVOs and CVOs in the Navajo Nation Code to further the advocacy and respect to all Navajo Nation Veterans Organizations; and**
- 6. That Subsection 1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC); and**
- 7. Subsection 1033, recommends the Navajo Nation Advisory Council (NNVAC) be adopted within the Office of President and Vice President (OPVP) to receive further technical assistance and funding support; and**
- 8. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, oversight committee, and with recommendations by the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), and the inclusion of activities from the AVOs and CVOs; and**
- 9. Amending Subsection 1033, continues, and proposes that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will have an established Plan of Operations, adopted by - laws, and will maintain their membership and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration will be required to assist with technical advises and attend meetings; and**
- 10. Conducting Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council meetings and receiving stipends will remain relatively the same, and the budget will include mileage and for attending Veteran related Conferences, Workshops and Patriotic Events.**

- 11. Representation, duties and conduct while on the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council will be a high priority , and may include but not limited to possessing a DD214, adhering to military code of conducts on behavior and productivity, reporting protocols, chain of command, including other relative codes of conduct relevant to a person's delivery of service; and**
- 12. The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization (NNVO) strongly encourages the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) to support the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C. subsection 1035. Amendments; and**
- 13. Now, in Subsection 1034, the AVOs and CVOs will be formally recognized; and**
- 14. The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization (NNVO) supports that this formal recognition will help communicate their needs and provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation government , the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and**
- 15. Each AVO and CVO will have their Plan of Operations and is made available at the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and**
- 16. AVO and CVO officials would remain as it is designated currently, i.e., Commanders (2), a Vice Commander and a Secretary for the AVOs, a Commander, a Vice Commander and a Secretary for the CVOs; and**
- 17. A new subsection 1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communications between the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) to their Legislative oversight.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT:

The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization (NNVO) supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., Subsections 1032, 1033, 1034 and 1035 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, for the benefit of formally establishing Navajo Veterans Agency Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veterans Organizations (AVOs).

Motioned by: Cmdr. Clara Pierce, Burnham CVO

2nd to the Motion by: Cmdr. Ernest Reed, San Juan CVO

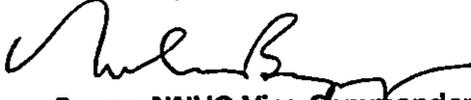
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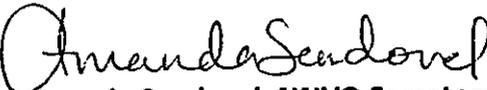
We, the undersigned hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was considered at a Duly called meeting at the Teecnospos Chapterhouse in Teecnospos, AZ, and that the same was approved by a vote of 08 in favor, 05 opposing, and 01 abstention, on this 13th day of June 2025.


Lloyd Begaye, NNVO Commander

(Absent)

Demetria Simms, NNVO Commander


Nelson Begay, NNVO Vice-Commander


Amanda Sandoval, NNVO Secretary



**RESOLUTION OF THE EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C, SUBSECTIONS 1032,
1033, 1034, AND 1035 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO
NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY
ESTABLISHING NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS (AVOs) AND
CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (CVOs)**

WHEREAS:

1. Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization (ENAVO) is recognized as one of the five Navajo Nation Agency resource organization that advocates for Program Services, Veterans Benefits, and Financial Assistance for all Navajo Veterans, Gold Star Parents, and Surviving Spouses of Deceased Veterans; and
2. The ENAVO supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., subsections 1032, 1033, 1034, and 1035 to support the formal recognition of Navajo Agency Veterans Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVO); and
3. That Subsection 1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNAC), and
4. Subsection 1033, recommends the Navajo Veterans Advisory Council(NVAC) be adopted within the Office of President and Vice President for further technical assistance and funding support; and
5. The NNVAC provides written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, oversight committee, with recommendations by the NNVA Executive Director, and inclusive of activities from the AVOs and CVOs; and
6. The NNVAC will establish a Plan of Operations, adopt by-laws, and membership remains the same except the NNVA Director is now removed from the NN Veterans Advisory Council but still required to attend meetings; and
7. Meetings and stipends remain relatively the same except will be from the OPVP budget instead of the NNVA; and
8. Representation, duties, and conduct will be a high priority, which includes a DD214, following military code of conducts, reporting, including other relative codes of conduct; and
9. The ENAVO strongly encourages the NNVAC to support the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C subsection 1035. Amendments; and

10. Subsection 1034, the AVOs and CVOs will be formally recognized; and
11. ENAVO supports that this formal recognition will help communicate their unmet needs and to provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation government and NNVA; and
12. Each AVO and CVO will establish their Plan of Operations (AVOs and CVOs), and will be passed by its respective members, and available at NNVA, Agencies, and Chapters; and
13. CVO officials would remain as it is designed currently, i.e., Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, AVO votes, etc.; and
14. New subsection 1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communication between NNVA and NVAC to their legislative oversight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

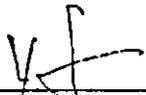
The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., Subsections 1032, 1033, 1034, and 1035 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, Article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, for the benefit of formally establishing Navajo Agency Veteran's Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs)

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting in Red Rock Chapter, Gallup, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained, this 11th day of June 2025.



Hoskie Kee, Commander



Young/Jeff Tom, Vice-Commander

Motion: Patrick Tom, Chichiltah Cmdr
Second: Peter Benally, Red Rock Cmdr



Jerry Whiterock, Secretary

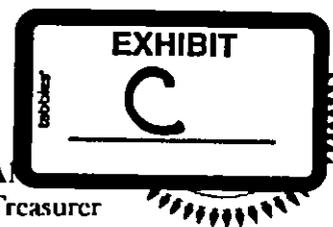


WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION

LESLIE DELE
Commander

LATANYA M. WILLIAMS
Vice-Commander

VACANT
Secretary/Treasurer



RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION RESOLUTION NO.: WNAVO-2025-06-1704

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C., § 1032, §1033, §1034, AND §1035 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY ESTABLISHING NAVAJO AGENCY VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION (AVO) AND CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATION (CVO)

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization (WNAVO) is established to advocate for eighteen (18) Chapter Veterans Organizations (CVO) within the Western Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation and is charged with the responsibilities of representing these CVOs; and
2. Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization (WNAVO), supports the proposed amendment to 2 N.N.C. §1032, §1033, §1034, and §1035 to support formally recognizing the five Agency Veteran Organizations (AVOs) and the 110 Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs); and
3. The formal recognition will codify all AVO's and CVO's in the Navajo Nation Code to further the advocacy and respect of the Navajo Nation, Chapter Veteran Organization; and
4. That §1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council (NNVAC); and
5. §1033, recommends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) be adopted within the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President to receive further technical assistance, legal assistance and funding support; and
6. The Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council (NNVAC) will provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, Oversight Committee, with recommendations by the Navajo Nation Veteran Administration (NNVA) Executive Director, and inclusive of activities from the AVO's and CVO's; and
7. Amending §1033 continues, and proposes that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will establish a Plan of Operation, adopt their by-laws, and will keep their membership, except the Navajo Nation Veteran Administration (NNVA) Executive Director is exempt from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), but we still require to attend meetings; and
8. Conduct meetings and receive stipends as part of the Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council (NNVAC) will remain relatively the same, which will come from the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President budget instead of the Navajo Nation Veteran Administration; and

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9. Representation, duties, and conduct while on the Navajo Nation Advisory Council (NNVAC) will be a high priority, and may include, but not limited to, possessing a DD-214, a hearing to military code of conduct on behavior and productivity, reporting protocols, including other relative codes of conduct, relevant to a person's delivery of service; and
10. The Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization strongly encourages the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisor Council (NNVAC) to support the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C. §1035 amendments; and
11. Now, and §1034, the AVO's and CVO's will formally be recognized by the Navajo Nation; and
12. The Western Navajo Agency Veteran Organization (WNAVO), supports that this formal recognition will help communicate their unmet needs, and to provide recommendation to the Navajo Nation government and NNVA; and
13. Each AVO and CVO will establish their Plan of Operation which will be passed by its respective members and available at NNVA, Agencies, and Chapters for filling, and/or request; and
14. Establishing CVO officials would remain as it is designated currently, i.e., Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, their voting during AVO meetings, etc.; and
15. A new §1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communication between the NNVA and NNVAC to their legislative oversight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT:

They Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization (WNAVO) supports the proposed amendment to 2 N.N.C., §1032, §1033, §1034, and §1035 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, Article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), for the benefit of formally establishing five Navajo Nation Agency Veterans Organization (AVO), for each Agency and 110 Chapter Veteran Organization (CVO) within the Navajo Nation.

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Inscription House – Kaibeto – Kayenta – Lechee – Leupp – Navajo Mountain – Oljato – Shonto
Tolani Lake – Tonalea – Tubo City*



WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION



LESLIE DELE
Commander

LATANYA M. WILLIAMS
Vice-Commander

VACANT
Secretary/Treasurer

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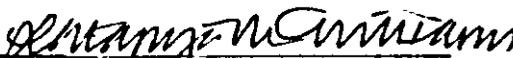
The Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization hereby certifies the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Western Navajo Agency Veterans Organization at Pure Heart Church, Kaibeto, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed, and 1 Abstained, on this 17th day of June 2025.
Motion by: Wayne Curley, Second motion by: Billy Goodman, Jr.

CONCURRENCE:



LESLIE DELE (Tonalea)

WNAVO/Commander, NNVAC/Western Representative



LATANYA M. WILLIAMS (Tonalea)

WNAVO/Vice-Commander, NNVAC/Western Representative



DELPHINA CLITSO-GOODMAN (Inscription House)
WNAVO Secretary Pro-Temp

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Tolani Lake – Tonalea – Tuba City*



CHINLE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander: Tim Johnson Vice Commander: Dwayne Lake Secretary:

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RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

CNVO -06-25-01

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C, SUBSECTIONS 1032 THROUGH 1036 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY ESTBALISHING NAVAJO AGENCY VETERAN’S ORGANIZATIONS (AVOs) AND CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (CVOs)

WHEREAS:

1. The Central Navajo Agency Veterans Organization is comprised of 16 Central Navajo Veterans Organizations; and
2. Chinle Navajo Veteran Organization (CNVO), supports the proposed amendment to 2 N.N.C. §1032, §1033, §1034, §1035, and §1036 to support the formal recognition of Agency Veteran Organizations (AVOs) and the Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs); and,
3. The formal recognition will codify AVOs and CVOs in Navajo Nation Code to further the advocacy and respect to all Navajo Nation Veteran Organizations; and
4. That §1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and
5. §1033, recommends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) be adopted within the Office of President and Vice President (OPVP) to receive further technical assistance and funding support; and
6. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, oversight committee, with recommendations by the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), and inclusive of activities from the AVOs and CVOs; and
7. Amending §1033 continues, and proposes that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will establish a Plan of Operations, adopt their by-laws, and will maintain their



CHINLE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander: Tim Johnson Vice Commander: Dwayne Lake Secretary:

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membership except the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Director is exempt from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council but will still be required to attend meetings; and

- 8. Conducting meetings and receiving stipends as part of the Navajo Nation Advisory Council will remain relatively the same except it will come from the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) budget instead of the NNVA; and
- 9. Representation, duties, and conduct while on the Navajo Nation Advisory Council will be a high priority, and may include but not limited to, possessing a DD214, adhering to military code of conducts on behavior and productivity, reporting protocols, including other relative codes of conduct relevant to a person's delivery of service; and
- 10. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNAVO) strongly encourages the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) to support the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C subsection 1035. Amendments; and
- 11. Now, in Subsection 1034, the AVOs and CVOs will be formally recognized; and
- 12. Central Navajo Agency Veterans Organization (CNAVO) supports that this formal recognition will help communicate their unmet needs and to provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation government, the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and
- 13. Each AVO and CVO will establish their Plan of Operations, passed by its respective members, and available at NNVA, Agencies, and Chapters for filing and/or requests; and
- 14. Establishing CVO officials would remain as it is designed currently, i.e., Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, their votes during AVO meetings, etc.; and
- 15. A new subsection 1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communication between NNVA and NVAC to their legislative oversight.

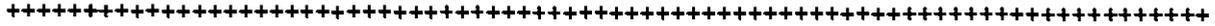
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., Subsections 1032 through 1036 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, Article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, for the benefit of formally establishing Navajo Agency Veteran's Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs)



CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander: Tim Johnson Vice Commander: Dwayne Lake Secretary: Jayne Mitchell



We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Central Navajo Agency Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting in Chinle, Arizona, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained, this 27th day of June 2025.

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Motion

Barton Hosteen

2nd Motion

[Signature]

CNVO Commander,

[Signature]

CNVO Vice Commander,

Jayne Mitchell

CNVO Secretary,



NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tim Johnson, Chairperson Sherilynn Juan, Vice-Chairperson Demetria Simms Secretary

Bobbie Ann Baldwin, NNVA Executive Director

EASTERN AGENCY WESTERN AGENCY CHINLE AGENCY FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY NORTHERN AGENCY

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

NNVAC-06-26-25-01

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C, SUBSECTIONS 1032 THROUGH 1036 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY ESTBALISHING FIVE (5) NAVAJO AGENCY VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS (AVOs) AND 110 CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (CVOs)

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, CJA-3-16, Section One. E. "The legislation also establishes a Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council (NNVAC) to recognize veterans and ensure veteran participation in policy and date system development, and;
2. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, CJA-3-16, Article 3, §1032, Section B. "In carrying out its responsibilities the Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to: Assist individuals in presenting, providing, and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under Navajo, federal, state or local law, and;
3. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., subsections 1032 through 1036 to support the formal recognition of Navajo Agency Veterans Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs); and
4. The formal recognition will codify AVOs and CVOs in Navajo Nation Code to further the advocacy and respect to all Navajo Nation Veteran Organizations; and

5. That Subsection 1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and

6. Subsection 1033, recommends that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) be adopted within the Office of President and Vice President (OPVP) to receive further technical assistance and funding support, such as those for travel; and

7. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, oversight committee, and with recommendations by the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), and inclusive of activities from the AVOs and CVOs; and

8. Amending Subsection 1033 continues, and proposes that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will establish a Plan of Operations, adopt their by-laws, and will maintain their membership except that the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Director is exempt from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council but will still be required to attend meetings; and

9. Conducting meetings and receiving stipends and mileage as part of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will remain relatively the same except it will come from the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) budget instead of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and

10. Representation, duties, and conduct while on the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will be a high priority, and may include but not limited to, possessing a DD214, adhering to military code of conducts on behavior and productivity, reporting protocols, chain of command, including other relative codes of conduct relevant to a person's delivery of service; and

11. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) Navajo Agency Veterans Organization recognizes the support from Navajo Agency Veterans Organizations on the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C subsection 1035. Amendments; and

12. Now, in Subsection 1034, the AVOs and CVOs will be formally recognized; and

13. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) supports that this formal recognition will help communicate AVO/CVO unmet needs and to provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation government, the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and

14. Each AVO and CVO will establish their Plan of Operations, which will be passed by its respective members, and available at the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), Agencies, and Chapters for filing and/or requests; and

15. Establishing AVO and CVO officials would remain as it is designed currently, i.e., Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, their votes during AVO meetings, etc.; and

16. A new subsection 1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communication between the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) to their legislative oversight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., Subsections 1032 through 1036 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, Article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, for the benefit of formally establishing Navajo Agency Veteran's Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs)

CERTIFICATION

The Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council hereby certifies the foregoing resolution that was considered at a duly called meeting of the Navajo Nation Veteran Advisory Council at Window Rock, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 Abstain, this the 26nd day of June, 2025.

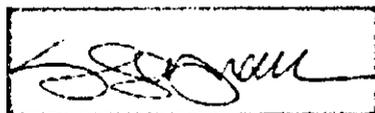
Toni Mina
Motion by

Demetria Simms
Second Motion by

CONCURRENCE



Tim Johnson, NNVAC Chair



Sherilynne Juan, NNVAC Vice Chair



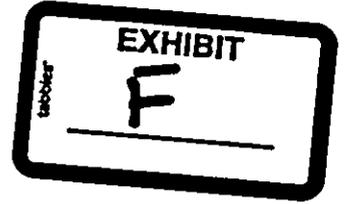
Demetria Simms, NNVAC Secretary



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Dr. Andy Nez, Council Delegate
25th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Bobbie Ann Baldwin
Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Executive Director
Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President

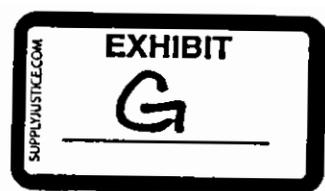
DATE: June 26, 2025

RE: Codification of Chapter Veterans Organizations into Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code

Please allow this memo to serve as a support for the codification of the chapter Veterans Organization into title two of the Navajo Nation code. This legislation will help many chapter veterans organizations to be recognized, honored and respected for the efforts that they put towards their community and helping each and every 1 of their veterans surviving spouses and gold star mothers. Additionally, this legislation will help chapters to understand the importance of veterans in their communities and to work with them in all projects and events.

For many years this divide has caused confusion, resentment and misunderstandings towards our Navajo Nation Veterans. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration looks forward to these upcoming changes to help to improve our communities and their members. Dr. Nez, thank you for all the work and dedication you have displayed towards our Veteran communities. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 928-871-7307.

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FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (FDAVO)

Kyle Lewis,
Commander NNVAC Rep.

Toni Mima
Co-Commander/ NNVAC Rep.

Tom White, Jr.
Vice-Commander

Lois Wall
Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS' ORGANIZATION FDAVO-07-11-25-01

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C, SUBSECTIONS 1032 THROUGH 1036 OF THE NAVAJO NATION TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF FORMALLY ESTBALISHING NAVAJO AGENCY VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS (AVOs) AND CHAPTER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (CVOs)

WHEREAS:

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization (FDVO) is established as one of the five Navajo Nation Agency resource organization that advocates for Program Services, Veteran's Benefits, and Financial Assistance for all Navajo Veterans, Gold Star Mothers, and Surviving Spouses of Deceased Veterans; and
2. The Fort Defiance Veteran Organization is established and acknowledged within the Navajo Nation Veterans Act to participate in policy making and provide administrative and technical recommendations to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), Navajo Nation Government, State, and Federal Agencies and Agency Commanders are sanctioned as voting members of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC); and
3. The Fort Defiance Veteran Organization is comprised of twenty-six (26) Chapter Veterans Organization (CVO) Commanders, Vice Commanders, and Secretaries from within the Fort Defiance Agency wherein CVOs are certified local Veteran Organization pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act and other Navajo Nation Laws, which are vested with authority to review and coordinate the functions of its local Veterans Organizations; and
4. The formal recognition will codify AVOs and CVOs in Navajo Nation Code to further the advocacy and respect to all Navajo Nation Veteran Organizations; and
5. That §1032, Responsibility and Authority, now requests the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and
6. §1033, recommends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) be adopted within the Office of President and Vice President (OPVP) to receive further technical assistance and funding support; and
7. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will provide written and thorough reports to the Navajo Nation Council, oversight committee, with recommendations by the Executive Director of the

Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA), and inclusive of activities from the AVOs and CVOs; and

8. Amending §1033 continues, and proposes that the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) will establish a Plan of Operations, adopt their by-laws, and will maintain their membership except the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Director is exempt from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council but will still be required to attend meetings; and
9. Conducting meetings and receiving stipends as part of the Navajo Nation Advisory Council will remain relatively the same except it will come from the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) budget instead of the NNVA; and
10. Representation, duties, and conduct while on the Navajo Nation Advisory Council will be a high priority, and may include but not limited to, possessing a DD214, adhering to military code of conducts on behavior and productivity, reporting protocols, including other relative codes of conduct relevant to a person's delivery of service; and
11. The Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization (FDAVO) strongly encourages the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) to support the proposed amendments per 2 N.N.C subsection 1035. Amendments; and
12. Now, in Subsection 1034, the AVOs and CVOs will be formally recognized; and
13. Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization (FDAVO) supports that this formal recognition will help communicate their unmet needs and to provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation government, the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA); and
14. Each AVO and CVO will establish their Plan of Operations, passed by its respective members, and available at NNVA, Agencies, and Chapters for filing and/or requests; and
15. Establishing CVO officials would remain as it is designed currently, i.e., Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, their votes during AVO meetings, etc.; and
16. A new subsection 1035 (if enacted), will give greater transparency and communication between NNVA and NVAC to their legislative oversight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

The Fort Defiance Agency Navajo Veterans Organization supports the proposed amendments to 2 N.N.C., Subsections 1032 through 1036 of the Navajo Nation Title 2, Article 3, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, for the benefit of formally establishing Navajo Agency Veteran's Organizations (AVOs) and Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVOs)

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization at a duly called meeting in Fort Defiance Chapter House, Fort Defiance Navajo Nation (Arizona),

at which a quorum was present and same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained. this 11th day of July, 2025.

Motion: Linda One Salt

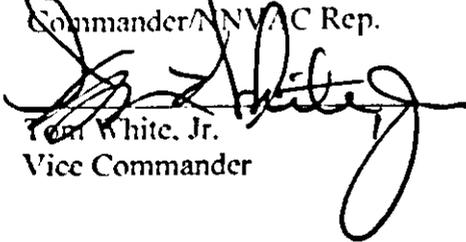
Second: Thank Good Luck



Kyle Lewis.
Commander/NNVAC Rep.



Toni Mina
Co-Commander/NNVAC Rep.



Tom White, Jr.
Vice Commander



Lois Watts
Secretary

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10/21/2025

Navajo Nation Council 2025 Fall Session

04:54:59 PM

Amd# to Amd#

New Business: Item D. (MAIN)

PASSED

MOT James, V

Legislation #0168-25: Amending

SEC Yanito, C

the Navajo Nation Veterans Act
at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1032...(2/3)

Yeas : 17

Nays : 6

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 17

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James, V

Nez, A

Simonson, G

Charles-Newton, E

Jesus, B

Nez, R

Yanito, C

Claw, S

Johnson, C

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Yazzie, C

Crotty, A

Mitchell, A

Parrish, S

Yazzie, L

Daniels, H

Nay : 6

Arviso, S

Simpson, D

Tolth, G

Tso, O

Begay, N

Slater, C

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C