

Updated as of July 19, 2022

PROPOSED LEGISLATIONS RELATING TO VETERANS

0021-22

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0024-22

Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr.

Timeline

- **October 14, 2021 – Request Legislation Development**
- **November 10, 2021 - Memo sent to NVAC request for Work Session**
- **December 14, 2021 - Meeting with NVAC in Chinle, AZ**
- **January 27-28, 2022 - Legislations 0021-22, 0022-22, and 0024-22 introduced for Public Comment**
- **February 8, 2022 – Meeting with NVAC at Coyote Canyon Chapter**
- **February 22, 2022 – Meeting with NVAC at Coyote Canyon Chapter**
- **March 10, 2022 – Northern Veterans Organization – San Juan College**
- **March 21, 2022 – Radio KGAK – One Hour**
- **March 22, 2022 – Eastern Veterans Organization – Fire Rock**
- **March 28, 2022 – KGAK at 1 pm and KTNN at 3 pm**
- **May 27, 2022 – Central Veterans Organization – Tsaile / Wheatfield Chapter**
- ****Fort Defiance Veterans Organization** February 2, 2022 – Didn't attend**
- ****Western Veterans Organization** Was invited but it was before official Posting**

Timeline – Legislations Introduction to NNC Committee

Legislation 0021-22

Committee	Vote	Date
HEHS	3-0	May 18
LOC	3-0	June 14
NABI	20-0	July 14

Legislation 0022-22

Committee	Vote	Date
HEHS	3-0	May 18
LOC	3-0	June 14
NABI	21-0	July 14

Legislation 0024-22

Committee	Vote	Date
RDC	4-0	Feb 25
HEHS	4-0	May 18
B&F	4-0	June 7
LOC	4-0	June 14
NABI	21-0	July 14



MEMORANDUM

TO: Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Members

FROM: Kee Allen Begay Jr., Delegate
24th Navajo Nation Council

DATE: November 10, 2021

SUBJECT: **SCHEDULING WORK SESSION TO REVIEW PROPOSE SEVERAL POLICY CHANGES**

I am requesting for a work session on several policy change that are being develop by the Legislative Counsel.

Navajo Nation Code Title 2 at Section 1036 specify that any Amendment to Veterans Policy need to have a recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

Five legislations being develop are.

1. Change Veterans Director Appointment Process
2. Establish a Housing Program Manager
3. Changing the title, "Advisory" to "Commission."
4. Mandating Trust Fund allocated to local Chapter Veterans Organization
5. Recognizing the Local Veterans Organization Plan of Operation

Can you please provide a day to have the Work Session to review these propose legislation.

Thank you.

cc: HESE Committee, Speaker Damon, OPVP, and Veterans Administration

Notices to NVAC



MEMORANDUM

TO: Tim Johnson, Chairperson
Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory

FROM: Kee Allen Begay Jr., Delegate
24th Navajo Nation Council

DATE: January 29, 2022

SUBJECT: **WORK-SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSE VETERAN'S LEGISLATIONS**

Legislation Number 0021-22, 0022-22, and 0024-22 are currently posted for five day's comment period. There will be another legislation ready sometimes next week to be posted.

I am requesting for two separate work-session with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory to continue review the proposed legislation and initiate developing amendment if necessary. Further, I will be requesting for supporting resolution from the Advisory Council including Agency supporting resolution. And possibly local chapter Veterans Organization support.

Attach memorandum is sent to the Speaker and Committee leadership. I've request that these propose legislation not be put on committee agenda until I have fulfilled the 4 task that are outlined.

Challenges and setback are anticipated but I will move forward with these legislations, and I do request for your support.

Please let me know when we can schedule the work session. Thank you.

Cc: NVAC Membership, 24th NNC, OPVP, NN Veterans Administration, and Local Veterans Organization

Legislation No. 0021-22 (Part One)

Selection Process of the NNVA Executive Director

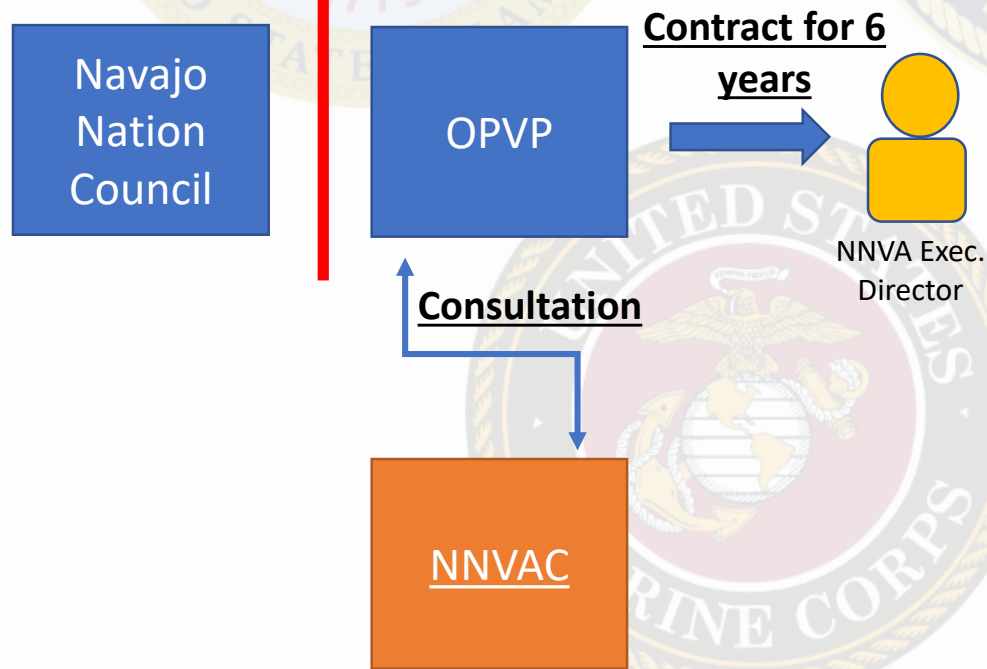
- **Current Process**

- NN President, after consultation with Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC), selects a candidate for the Executive Director position and hires him/her under a 6-year contract.

- **Proposed Process**

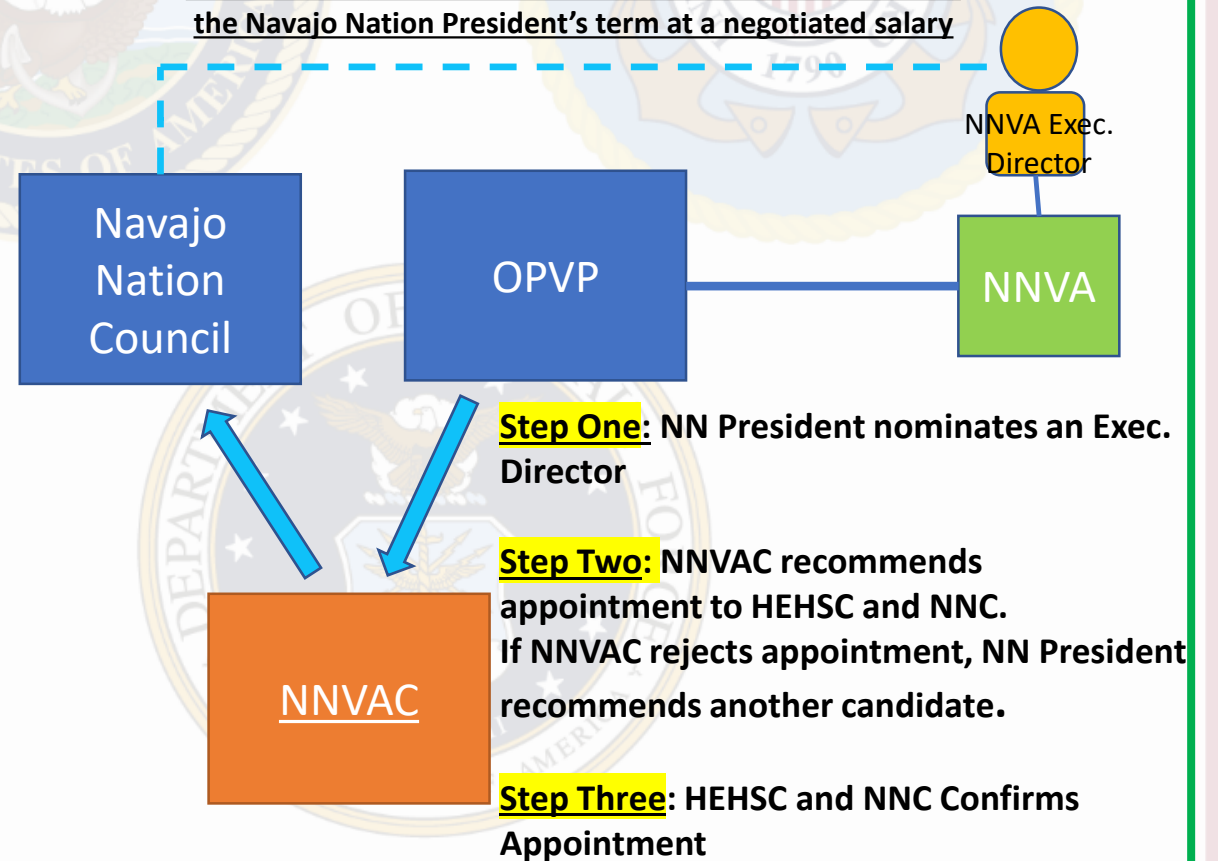
- NN President recommends the Executive Director candidate to the Navajo Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC).
 - Candidate shall be an enrolled member of the NN and U.S. Armed Forces veteran.
- If NNVAC supports, candidate is presented to the HEHSC and NNC for confirmation
- If NNVAC does not support, NN President will nominate another candidate.
- If confirmed, the Executive Director will serve at the pleasure of the NNC, instead of the 6-year contract.

Current process under 2 N.N.C. § 1031(A)



Amended process 2 N.N.C. § 1031(B)

Serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council during the Navajo Nation President's term at a negotiated salary

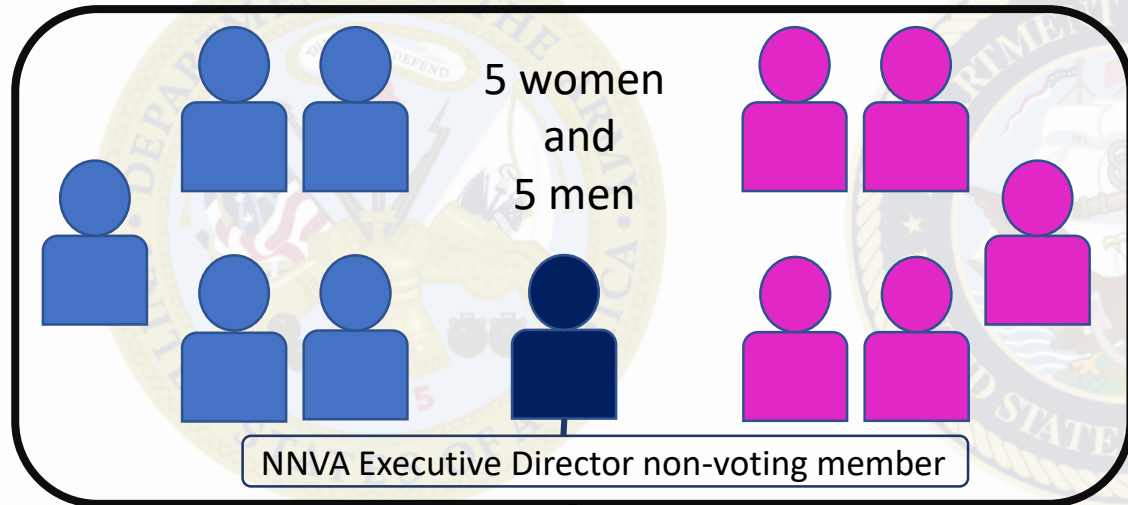


Legislation 0021-22 (Part Two)

AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council will now become the “Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.”
- 10 members, 2 from each Agency with (1) Male and (1) Female.
 - Or veterans selected from their respective agency.
- Ex-officio member selected from a Blue Star or Gold Star Family.
- Appointment process to serve on the NN Veterans Board of Commissioners.
 - Appointment of ex-officio member confirmed by NN Veterans Board of Commissioners
- 2-year term
- Meet bi-monthly – Recommended amendment twice a month.
- NNVA Exec. Director is no longer a non-voting member of the NNVAC, but will function as an advisor.
- Authority continued on slide 10.

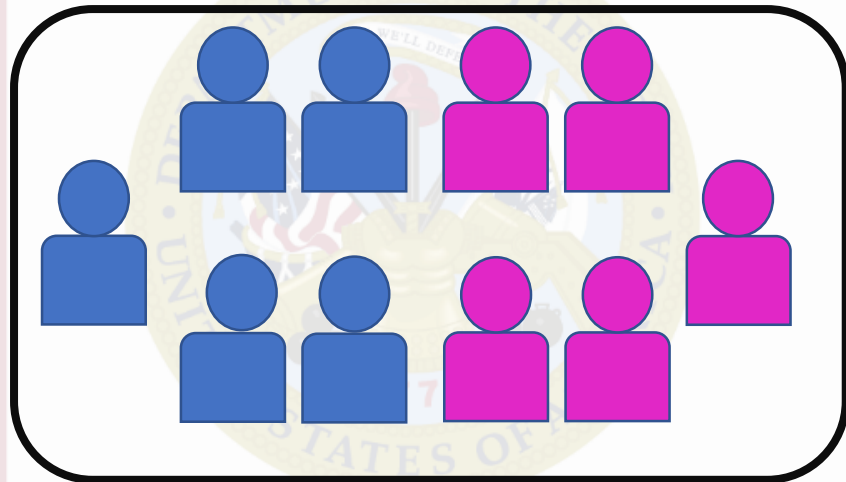
Current Process NNVAC Membership pursuant to CJA-3-16



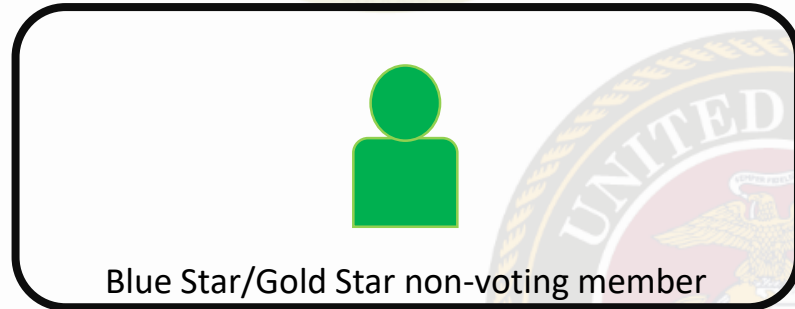
- Designate members shall be Veterans selected and/or removed by the respective Chapter Veteran Organizations?
- Agency Veteran Commanders automatically serve on the NNVAC
- **NNVAC Purpose/Authority: is to provide policy advice to the President of the NN regarding veteran issues and concerns.**



Amended process for NNVAC membership per 0021-22



- 10 veterans:5 male and 5 female
- Agency Commander or a veteran selected by their respective Agency Veterans Organization through resolution.
- Confirmation by Health, Education and Human Services Committee.



- **Ex-Officio**
- 1 member selected from Blue Star/Gold Star family member.
- Confirmed through resolution by the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.
- Non-voting member.

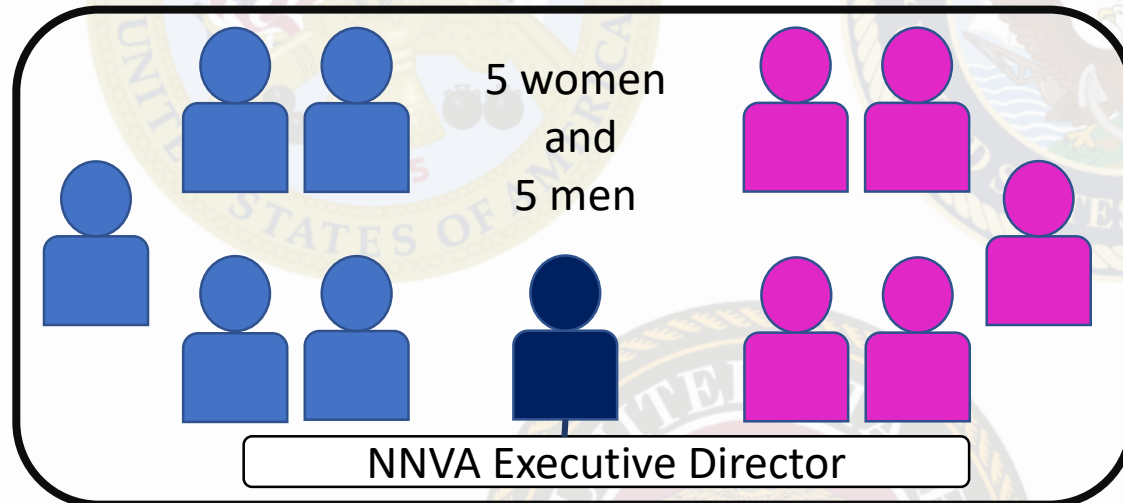


- Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director → advisor to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.

Continued... Authority of NN Veterans Board of Commissioners

- Recommends Appointment of NNVA Exec. Director to NNC and HEHSC.
- Recommends termination of NNVA Exec. Director to NNC and HEHSC with notice given to the NN President.
- Recommends to the HEHSC approval of rules, policies, and procedures for the Board of Commissioners and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, in accordance with the laws of the Navajo Nation.
- Recommends policy revisions/modifications/ concerns relating to veterans and veteran services, with notice provided to the Navajo Nation President.
- To review and make recommendations for funding and budget matters of the Board of Commissioners and the NNVA.

Current Authority of NNVAC pursuant to CJA-3-16.

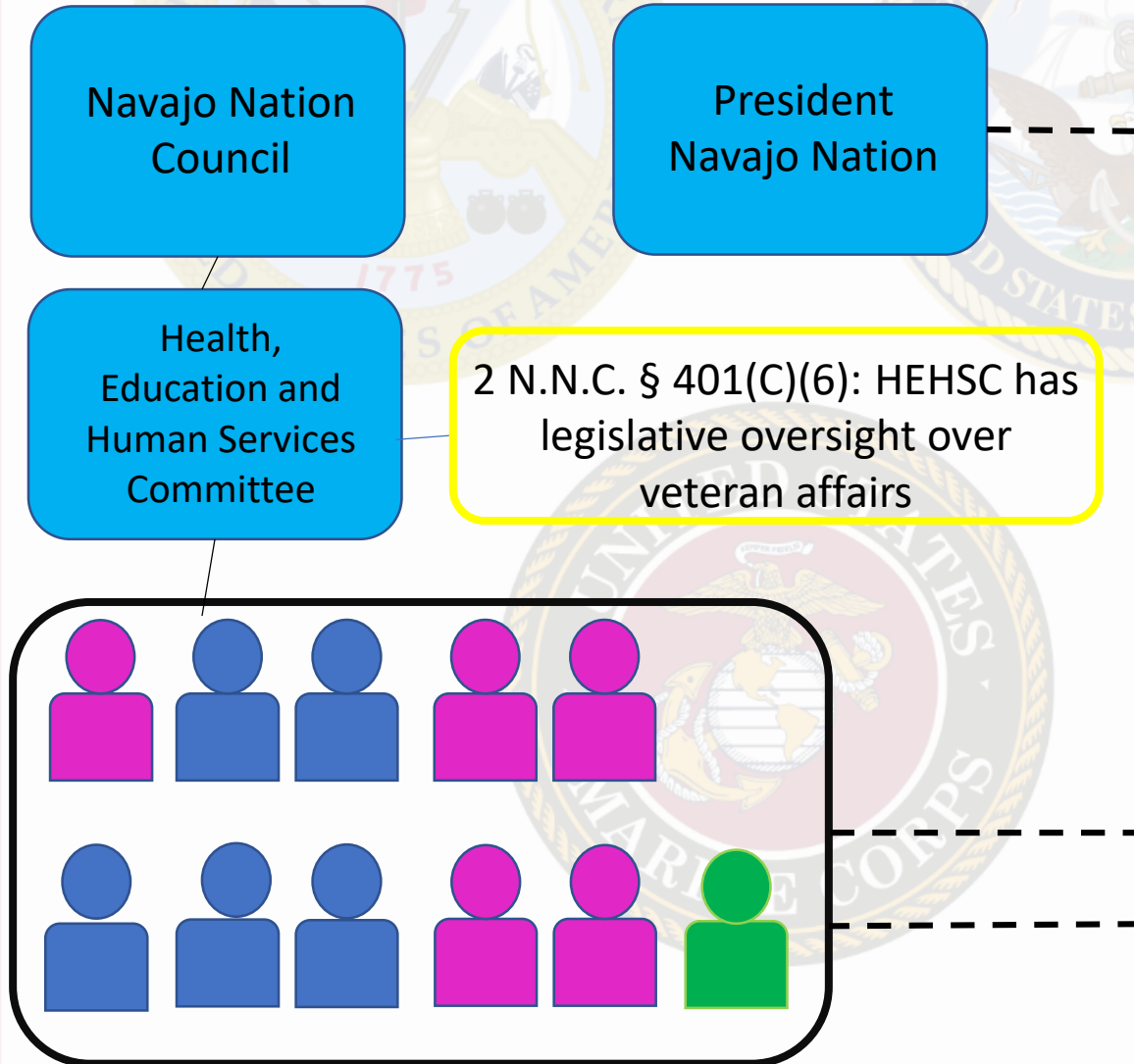


Authority: to provide policy advice to the President of the Navajo Nation regarding veteran issues and concerns

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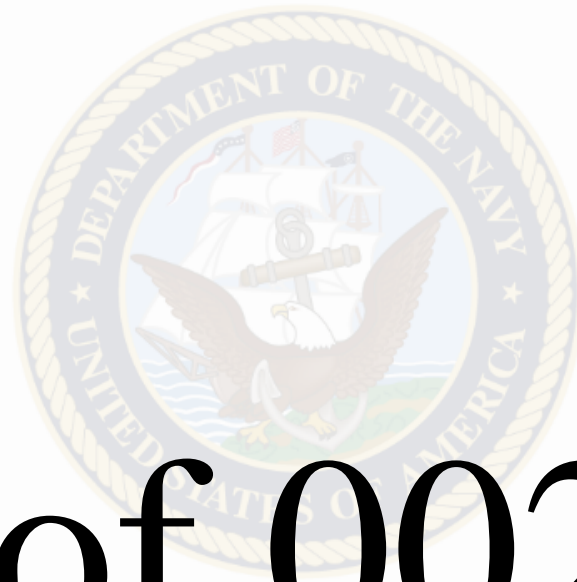
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NNVA-Executive Dir.
Advisor



END of 0021-22





Legislation No. 0022-22

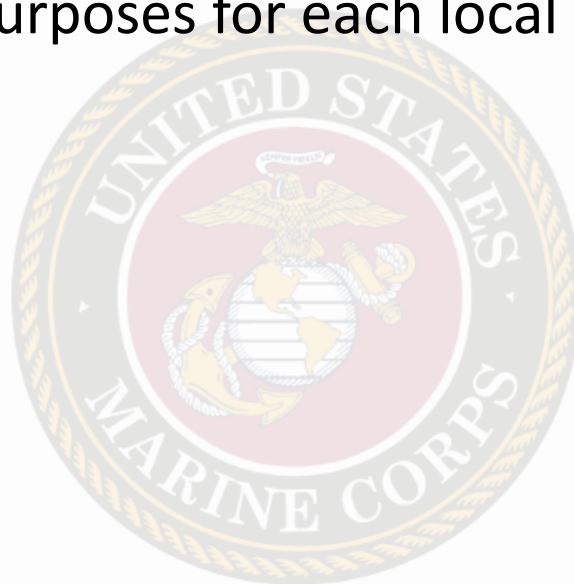
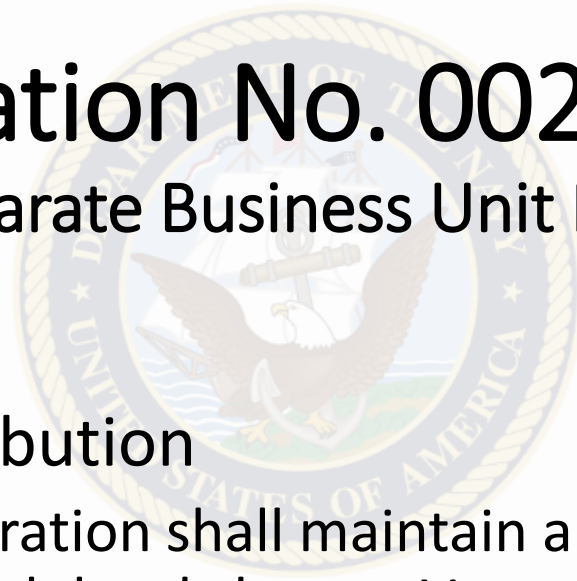
Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1033, Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program

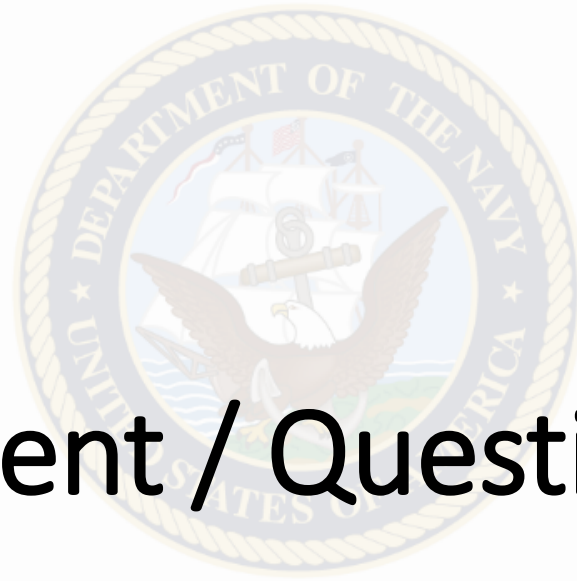
- Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program
 - This legislation establishes a Housing Program Manager to administer the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program.

Legislation No. 0024-22

Create Separate Business Unit Numbers

- Veterans Trust Fund Distribution
 - The NN Veterans Administration shall maintain a separate business unit for budgeting purposes for each local chapter Veteran's organization





Comment / Question(s)



Thank you.