

Forest Lake Veteran Organization
Agenda
Sunday, February 08, 2026 @ 10am
Forest Lake Chapter

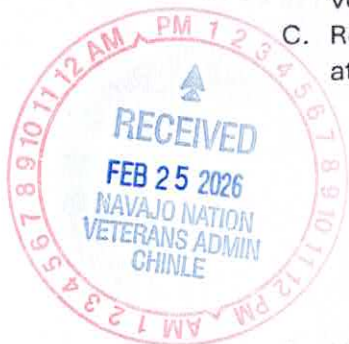
1. Call to order:
2. Roll call:
Commander Dwayne Lake
Vice Commander Don Benally
Secretary Melvina Bizahalonie
Sgt at Arms Melvin Bitsui
3. Invocation:
4. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:
5. Review and Adopt Agenda:
Motion: _____ 2nd:
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abs _____
6. Read/Accept previous minutes: January 04, 2026
Motion: _____ 2nd:
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abs _____
7. Reports:
 - A. Commander Dwayne Lake
 - B. Vice Commander Don Benally
 - C. Secretary Melvina James
 - D. Sgt at Arms Melvin Bitsui
8. **Old Business**
 - A. Resolution Recertification of Officers.
 - B. Approval of FLVO Plan of Operations.
 - C. Resolution for Letterhead F.L.V.O.
 - D. Veteran Trust Fund - \$12,312.00
9. **New Business:**
 - A. OPVP Survey on Veteran Mental Health and Counseling.
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
10. Announcements
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
11. Next Meeting, Sunday, _____ at 10am Forest Lake Chapter.
12. Adjournment:
Motion: _____ 2nd:
Vote: Y _____ N _____ Abs _____



Thank you for attending. Have a wonderful day.

Forest Lake Veteran Organization
Minutes
Sunday, February 08, 2026 @ 10am
Forest Lake Chapter

1. Call to order: 1010
2. Roll call:
Commander Dwayne Lake – Present.
Vice Commander Don Benally – Present.
Secretary Melvina Bizahalonie – Present.
Sgt at Arms Melvin Bitsui – Not Present.
3. Invocation: Tony Yellowhair.
4. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence: All in Attendance.
5. Review and Adopt Agenda:
Motion: Paul C. Yazzie. 2nd: Dennis Jim.
Vote: Yes 8 No 0 Abs 1
6. Read/Accept previous minutes: January 04, 2026 – Agreed to Differ.
Motion: Betty Redhair. 2nd: Tony Yellowhair.
Vote: Yes 8 No 0 Abs 1
7. Reports:
 - A. Commander Dwayne Lake – Did not attend the CNVO meeting. Conflicting schedule and could not make it. He will put out a mass text that anyone may represent FLVO at the CNVO meeting. The New Commander as of January 14, 2026 (12 Commanders showed up) is Harrison Kee. Pete Tsinnijini and Harrison Kee were nominated. H. Kee is from Tselani/Cottonwood and an Army Veteran.
 - B. Vice Commander Don Benally – No report. Just work and always traveling.
 - C. Secretary Melvina Bizahalonie – No report.
 - D. Sgt at Arms Melvin Bitsui – Not Present.
8. **Old Business**
 - A. Resolution Recertification of Officers. This was passed on October 12, 2025. The resolution needs to be presented to the Chapter meeting in March.
 - B. Approval of FLVO Plan of Operations.
Motion: Paul C. Yazzie. 2nd: Dennis Jim.
Vote: Yes 9 No 0 Abs 0
 - C. Resolution for Letterhead F.L.V.O. Example provided by Commander D. Lake to all in attendance. The CNVO letterhead.



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Commander _____ Vice-Commander _____ Secretary _____

Motion: Dennis Jim. 2nd: Tony Yellowhair.
Vote: Yes 8 No 0 Abs 1

- D. Veteran Trust Fund - \$12,912.00 / Chapter Fund \$13,064.83. – TABLED until next meeting.
\$1500 for stipend. Need to spend this money. Sheldon had an idea for catering. How can we spend this money.

- Pendleton for each Veteran – Tabled.
- Hardship Applications. Dennis Etsitty and Kee Yonnie for Energy and Hardship. Give them a phone call to let them know they have applications.

9. New Business:

- A. OPVP Survey on Veteran Mental Health and Counseling. Secretary Bizahalonie read the questions from the email sent out by the VSO. There are forms available at the Chinle office and it is submitted anonymously. Veterans asked what the purpose was for the surveys.
- B. VSO Flyer Veterans' Assistance. FLVO has their own way of accountability for Financial Assistance (Sign-in sheets and attend meetings). The flyer is misleading and veterans get turned away. Apply for hardship and energy twice. Home Improvement once. Veterans spend time and money on travel just to get turned away when Veterans do not meet the qualifications. The Chinle VA Office use to send Benjamin or Sylvia to our meetings in regard to budget and it should be like that again. Betty Redhair figured the announcement was legitimate after calling Benjamin, therefore she extended help to Lesley and Interpreter. Paul C. Yazzie said to wait until the actual meetings for clarifications when those kinds of announcements are posted on social media.
- C. Post Public Notice to all Forest Lake Veterans. Who are all of Veterans? Paul C. Yazzie says that even if contact is made, always the same group that show up at each meeting. A suggestion was made that letter written by the Veteran to allow a family member to represent the Veteran when he/she cannot attend. Amos Johnson recommended a survey. What do the Veterans need? Medical. Homes. Put a disclaimer on the survey.
- D. Dennis Jim – Sponsorship request of \$300 - \$500 on June 6, 2026 for AJ Memorial Bull Riding. Present this at the Planning meeting on March 1, 2026 at 12pm.
- E. Easter Run. Betty Redhair is planning for this and all veterans should assist. Amos Johnson would like to help. More information to follow next meeting.

10. Announcements

- A. Commander Lake showed the check of \$1250.58 for the gifts.
- B. Housing Application drive February 12, 2026. Tuba City for all Veterans and Surviving Spouses.
- C. _____

11. Next Meeting, Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 10am Forest Lake Chapter.

12. Adjournment: 1200.

Motion: Paul C. Yazzie.

2nd: Tony Yellowhair.

Vote: Y__10__ N__0__ Abs__0__

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FOREST LAKE CHAPTER MEETING REPORT FORM 'FY 2026'

VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING

SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: February 8th, 2026

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| 1. COMMANDER: <u>Arwyn Cole</u> | 33. _____ |
| 2. VICE COMMANDER: <u>Don Benally</u> | 34. _____ |
| 3. SECRETARY: <u>Melvina Brzabhalovic</u> | 35. _____ |
| 4. <u>Paul C Yazzie</u> | 36. _____ |
| 5. <u>Jefferson Biggs for Matthew Henson</u> | 37. _____ |
| 6. <u>Billy Bodkali</u> | 38. _____ |
| 7. <u>Francine Dalgari for Sheldon Dalgari</u> | 39. _____ |
| 8. <u>Don Benally</u> | 40. _____ |
| 9. <u>Dennis Jim</u> | 41. _____ |
| 10. <u>A.L. Yazzie</u> | 42. _____ |
| 11. <u>Tony Yellowhair</u> | 43. _____ |
| 12. <u>AMOS J. HENSON</u> | 44. _____ |
| 13. <u>Chester Lang - Thomasita Lang</u> | 45. _____ |
| 14. <u>Dr. Charlton Lang (480) 740-0611 / clang547180@gmail.com</u> | 46. _____ |
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