

# Forest Lake Veteran Organization

## Agenda

Sunday January 04, 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abs \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Read/Accept previous minutes:** ember 07, 2025.  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abs \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Reports:**
  - A. Commander Lake
  - B. Vice Commander Benally
  - C. Secretary Bizahalonie
  - D. Sgt at Arms Bitsui
8. **Old Business**
  - A. Veteran Trust Fund.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
9. **New Business:**
  - A. Resolution Recertification of Officers.
  - B. Approval of FLVO Plan of Operations.
  - C. Resolution to be recognized by Forest Lake Chapter as a subcommittee.
  - D. Resolution for Letterhead, FLVO Veterans.
  - E. Awards.
  - F. Official Complaint regarding Chapter House access for Veterans on monthly meeting date.
  - G. Amos Johnson.
10. **Announcements**
  - A. Veronica Whitehair selling sheep and goats.
  - B. Germaine Simonson.
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
11. **Next Meeting:** February 08, 2026 @10AM.
12. **Adjournment:**  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Abs \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for attending. Have a wonderful day!



**Forest Lake Veteran Organization  
Minutes**

Sunday January 04, 2026 @ 10am  
Forest Lake Chapter

1. **Call to order:** 1035
2. **Roll call:**  
Commander Dwayne Lake – Present.  
Vice Commander Don Benally – Not Present.  
Secretary Melvina Bizahalonie – Present.  
Sgt at Arms Melvin Bitsui – Present.
3. **Invocation:** Tony Yellowhair.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:** All in attendance.
5. **Review and Adopt Agenda:**  
Motion: Betty Redhair. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Veronica Whitehair.  
Vote: Yes 11 No 0 Abs 1
6. **Read/Accept previous minutes:** December 07, 2025.  
Motion: Tyrone Begay. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Veronica Whitehair.  
Vote: Yes 11 No 0 Abs 1
7. **Reports:**
  - A. Commander Lake. Last CNVO Meeting had the best turn out. Speaker Crystalline Curley. Discussed housing. How to apply and be eligible. Trying to help Veterans get housing in Central Agency. Most houses being built in Western and Eastern Agency. Brought four cases of soda, bag of jackets, a couple of boots and shirts.
  - B. Vice Commander Benally. No report.
  - C. Secretary Bizahalonie. No report.
  - D. Sgt at Arms Bitsui. Veteran Housing issues at Tse Nes Tzil on January 11, 2026. Time is unknown. Will update through the group text and need updated phone number listing.
8. **Old Business**
  - A. Veteran Trust Fund. Need to spend the funds by September. Training, seminars, catering, jackets (Carhartt), pay representatives to come out and do assessment on homes built (assist with home improvement better outcome).
  - B. Hardship (\$400), Energy (\$400) and Home Improvement (\$1,000). Commander Lake passed out forms.
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
9. **New Business:**
  - A. Resolution Recertification of Officers – Tabled.  
Motion: Betty Redhair. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tyrone Begay.  
Vote: Yes 11 No 0 Abs 1
  - B. Approval of FLVO Plan of Operations.  
Motion: Betty Redhair. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dennis Jim.  
Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abs 1
  - C. Resolution to be recognized by Forest Lake Chapter as a subcommittee.  
Motion: Veronica Whitehair. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Melvin Bitsui.  
Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abs 1



- D. Resolution for Letterhead, FLVO Veterans.  
 Motion: Veronica Whitehair. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sheldon Delgai.  
 Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abs 0
- E. Awards. Reapproving the meeting minutes on September 28, 2025 on awards. Attach the minutes from September and resubmit packet to the Chapter House.  
 Motion: Tyrone Begay. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shirleen Chischilly.  
 Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abs 1
- F. Official Complaint regarding Chapter House access for Veterans on monthly meeting date.
- G. Amos Johnson, OPVP Housing. His history includes Forest Lake Chapter President for 8 years. During those years, accomplishments like the cell tower, land lines, distant learning center. He also worked at NPL/BIA for 13 years, retired last August. Currently, he assists Vicki Shirley and assigned to Chapter Houses from Cottonwood, Blue Gap, Low Mountain, Pinon, Forest Lake, Hard Rock and Black Mesa.

Veterans Trust Fund, allocated to the Chapter House. As long as you have Bi-laws, minutes and records, there is money. Need a resolution. Present the resolution. Budget needed. For example, someone mentioned Jackets – need quotes, cost for embroidery, sizes. Not every Chapter House has a Veteran Organization. Each veteran has many responsibilities at home; however, the time committed to this meeting makes a difference. Commitment. Message from President Buu Nygren. Attend a lot of meetings. Putting together Chapter profiles – Background and top five issues. Then President Buu Nygren will decide where to go. Forest Lake Chapter House five issues are: 1) Finish road to Peabody 2) New Chapter House – safety issues 3) Repave BIA 41 from here to Pinon 4) Manymules water supply project. Phase one, two, three and four. 5) Reissuance of grazing permits.

Housing – Veterans. Homesite leases, land clearances and utilities. Questions: 1) Tyrone Begay – Built our own homes or buy a house (rent free). Visit old sites of Veterans' homes, see who needs what such as sewer and utilities. Many are old and they need help. There is a restriction on Housing Specialist's travel. Forest Lake Chapter Organization Forum. Housing Assessment. Invite Bobbie A. Baldwin. 2) Melvin Bitsui – Veteran Home Community Agency boundaries. 3) Veronica Whitehair – Solar Panel issues/ The Manymules water supply project was not completed. 4) Tony Yellowhair – Hauling water.

Closing response – Resolutions and Paperwork. Options available. Follow up – How much money do we have. On Tuesday, January 13, 2026 State of Nation Address at Shiprock and will be online as well.

**10. Announcements**

- A. Veronica Whitehair selling sheep and goats.
- B. Germaine Simonson. Happy New Year. Health Education Service (HES) Committee. Bobby A. Baldwin. Two weeks ago, HES Veterans Home (1. Old. 2. ARPA). Why does Central Agency have so many Veterans homes? The answer is that many people have their homesite leases in Central Agency. Veterans who have homes, off or on the Navajo Reservation are not eligible. Questions: 1) Tyrone Begay – Redistribution of Divisions. At the next CNVO meeting the news from Delegate Andy Nez. 2) Melvin Bitsui – Central Agency. Updates and meetings. Dissemination of information is important.

Chapter Meetings can be virtual, Google meet or Zoom meetings. Need people to setup the equipment, make policies regarding attendance and ensure those voting are registered voters.

- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Next Meeting: February 08, 2026 @10AM.**

12. **Adjournment: 1228PM.**

Motion: Betty Redhair.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Shirleen Chischilly.

Vote: Y 13 N 0 Abs 0

Thank you for attending. Have a wonderful day!

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for Group TEXT.

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6. Betty [unclear]
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8. Sheldon Dalgai 928-310-2422
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11. Shuleen Chischilly
12. Tyrone Begay
13. Dennis Jim 928489-8401
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