



# LMVO

Low Mountain Veterans Organization



Commander – Melvin Harrison

Vice Commander – Christen L. Ben

Recorder – Roger B. George

## LOW MOUNTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (LMVO) REGULAR VETERANS MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 @ 1000 AM

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Melvin Harrison, Commander**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION All in attendance**
- III. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM: Roger B. George, Recorder**
- IV. **REVIEW/ADOPT AGENDA/LEAVE AGENDA OPEN:**
  1. [M] \_\_\_\_\_ [S] \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  1. November 11, 2025, Veterans' Day
  2. November 12, 2025, Veterans' Meeting at 0900 AM
  3. November 13, 2025, LMC Meeting at 1000 AM
  4. November 13, 2025, COVID/Flu Schedule at PUSD 0900 AM – 1400 PM
  5. November 27, 2025, Thanksgiving Day
  6. November 28, 2025, Navajo Nation Family Day
  7. December 04, 2025, COVID/Flu Schedule at Pinon Bashas' Parking Lot 0900 – 1130 AM
- VI. **REPORTS:**
  1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander
  2. Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander
  3. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder
  4. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President
  5. Paula S. Begay, VSO NNVA Central Agency Office
  6. Benjamin Benallie, AMS
  7. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS: (UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
  1. LMVO-2026-02: LMVO Plan of Operation  
[M] \_\_\_\_\_ [S] \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Continuation LMVO-2026-03: LMVO Veterans List – Confidential Matter ???  
[M] \_\_\_\_\_ [S] \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_



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**VIII. NEW BUSINES:**

1. 2026 VTF 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Update Report -
2. Optional Use Chapter Veterans Funds

**IX. OTHERS:** None

**X. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**



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### MEETING MINUTES

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander called the Regular monthly Veterans Meeting to order at 1055 AM.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:** Pledge of Allegiance conducted by all in attendance and Phoebe Begay, Surviving Spouse provided the Invocation.
- III. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** Roger B. George, Recorder conducted the Roll Call as follows;
  1. Christen L. Ben, LMVO Vice Commander
  2. Roselyn White, visitor
  3. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder
  4. Cassandra Attakai, veteran spouse representing
  5. Alexander D. Attakai, veteran represented by Cassandra Attakai above
  6. Harrison Blie, veteran
  7. Brenda James, spouse representing Floyd James, veteran
  8. Evelyn Begay, surviving spouse (Sampson Begay, veteran)
  9. Evelyn Begay, representing son Bradley Chee, veteran
  10. Maggie A Tom, Surviving Spouse (Jimmy Tom, veteran)
  11. Everette Denny, veteran
  12. Robryan R. Wartz, veteran
  13. Laura Wartz, family member
  14. Mary Lena Chee, surviving spouse (David Chee, veteran)
  15. Sylvia Brown, surviving spouse (Randell Brown, veteran)
  16. Phoebe, Begay, surviving spouse (Archie Begay, veteran)
  17. Delphina Tsosie, family member
  18. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander
  19. Leroy Jimmy, veteran
  20. Geneva John, surviving spouse (Ernest John, veteran)
  21. Carmelita Redsteer, surviving spouse (James Redsteer, veteran)
  22. Tina Chee, family member
  23. Elizabeth Yazzie, family member
  24. Elroy Gonnies, veteran
  25. Eric D. Denny, family member
  26. Albert J. Lee Sr., veteran
  27. Martha Bahe, family member
  28. Alberta Deschner, family member
  29. JT, ??



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30. Alexander Sage Sr., veteran

IV. **REVIEW, ADOPT AGENDA & LEAVE AGENDA OPEN:** Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander Read the Agenda and no additions noted. Everette Denny, veteran made a motion to accept As read and second by Elroy Gonnig, Vote: 23/00/01 and motion carried.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander read the Announcements as follows;

1. 11/11/25 Veterans Day
2. 11/12/25 Veterans Meeting this date
3. 11/13/25 LMC Meeting at 1000 AM
4. 11/13/25 COVID/Flu shot schedule at PUSD #4 0900-AM – 1400 PM
5. 11/27/25 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
6. 11/28/25 Navajo Nation Family Day
7. 12/04/25 COVID/Flu schedule at Pinon Bashas' Parking Lot 0900 – 1130 AM

VI. **REPORTS:**

1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander provided his basic CNVO Report Coverage for the LMVO FY 2026 Budgetary & Housing related update status by Category Sections, as follows;

1) **COUNT: VETERANS & SURVIVING SPOUSES**

CHAPTERS	VETERANS				TOTAL	SURVIVING SPOUSE				TOTAL	GOLD STAR PARENT
	UPDATED	NO UPDATE	NEVER FUNDED	LACK OF INFO		UPDATED	NO UPDATE	NEVER FUNDED	LACK OF INFO		
LOW MOUNTAIN	26	10	14	16	66	9	2			11	

2) **VETERANS TRUST FUNDS: FY '2026 ALLOCATION AMOUNT**

CHAPTERS	MALE VET	FEMALE VET	SURVIVING SPOUSE	GOLD STAR	TOTAL	ALLOCATION
LOW MOUNTAIN	34	5	11	0	50	\$81,489

3) **FORM 105'S SUBMITTED TO OOC**

CHAPTERS	SOCIAL	DENIED	HOME IMP.	DENIED	TOTAL
LOW MOUNTAIN	32		1	1	31

4) **LMVO FY 2025 ALLOCATION/SPENT/BALANCE/PERCENTAGE UTILIZED**

CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION	FY 2025 ALLOCATION	SPENT	BALANCE	PERCENTAGE UTILIZED
LOW MOUNTAIN	\$81,489.00	\$29,025.00	\$52,464.00	36%

5) **FUND 16 – CHAPTER VETERANS FUNDS**

CENTRAL AGENCY CHAPTERS			
CHAPTERS	FY'25 CARRY OVER	FY'2026	BALANCE
Low Mountain	\$12,134.71	\$5,000.00	\$17,134.71

**6) VETERANS HOUSING SUMMARY PROGRAM**

	New Construction	Veteran Construction	SSP Renovation	Denied	Closed
MALE	35	29	0	6	257
FEMALE	13	4	11	2	81
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	48	33	11	8	338

\*At any time, numbers are subject to revision based on changes in veteran housing status.

CHAPTERS			
LOW MOUNTAIN	5	1	

**7) CENTRAL AGENCY VETERANS TRUST FUNDS/VTF**

CHAPTER	MALE VETERAN (FY 2025)	MALE VETERAN (FY 2026)	FEMALE VETERAN (FY 2025)	FEMALE VETERAN (FY 2026)	SURVIVING SPOUSE (FY 2025)	SURVIVING SPOUSE (FY 2026)	GOLD STAR (FY 2025)	GOLD STAR (FY 2026)	FY 2025 TOTAL	FY 2026 TOTAL	FY 2025 # OF VETS ASSISTED	FY 2025 VTF BALANCE (9/22/2025)	FY 2025 ALLOCATION	FY 2026 ALLOCATION	DIFFERENCE FROM FY 2025 TO FY 2026	IMPACT ON CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION
LOW MOUNTAIN	50	34	7	5	9	11	0	0	66	50	43	\$225.00	\$43,907	\$81,500	\$37,593	INCREASE

**VI. REPORTS CONTINUED:**

- Christen Ben, LMVO Vice Commander, was asked about making a report and her response back to the Commander, no report.
- Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder, being next to report, my commander sitting on my right side, turning his head toward me questioned saying, "Roger, do you have anything to say?" My response was yes, I want to express my concerns regarding the LMVO's efforts toward putting in place, a definite "Plan of Operation" for the LMVO to utilize as our practical operative, significant or an essential guiding document. It's not that we don't know how to develop a Plan of Operation or the procedures of presenting and ratifying the document, as we all had information or samples at our disposals to develop a feasible Plan of Operation. The problem is, we fail at taking our time repetitively to hold a careful review to examine or study to look over the Plan of Operation materials written to correct or improve to make new versions of all the prior Plan of Operations. We have been doing this on a repeated basis for a year or more not coming to fruition. The LMVO, WE HAVE NO PLAN OF OPERATION, and my hope is the NNVA Central Agency Office continues to carry the LMVO until such time, we implement an approved Plan of Operation to be the primary agenda next meeting date Monday, December 8, 2025, at 0 AM.

4. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President, shared comment regarding the LMVO Plan of Operation and action to be taken at next meeting date 12/8/25, at 1000 AM.
5. Paula S. Begay, VSO NNVA Central Agency Office, not present.
6. Benjamin Benallie, AMS, not present
7. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist, not present but mentioned by LMVO Commander in his report on "Veterans Housing Summary Program."

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: (UNFINISHED BUSINESS)**

1. LMVO-2026-02: LMVO Plan of Operation – Deferred to next meeting Date
2. Continuation LMVO-2026-03: LMVO Veterans List – Confidential Matter – a draft memorandum to follow to NNVA Central Agency Office.

**VIII. NEW BUSINES:**

1. 2026 VTF 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Update Report – Mr. Benjamin Benallie, AMS update received.

**IX. OTHERS:** None

**X. NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, December 8, 2025, at 1000 AM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** LMVO Commander adjourned the meeting approximately