



# Baca/Prewitt Veterans Organization

Hoskie Kee, Commander  
Hebrew Lewis, Vice Commander  
Ruby Hunter, Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Buu Nygren  
President

Richelle Montoya  
Vice-President

Regular Meeting Agenda  
February 17, 2026  
10:00 AM  
Baca Chapter House

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- V. Reports
  - a. Harry Garcia, Candidate Dist 69
  - b. Officers
- VI. Old Business
  - a. None
- VII. New Business
  - a. Stipend - Compensate Officials and Agency Meeting (on-going)
  - b. B/PVO General Fund
  - c. Replenish Veterans TF
  - d. ARPA Veterans Hardship
- VIII. Others / Announcements

Feb 16, Mon, President's Day (offices closed)  
Mar 2, Mon, Read Across America Day  
Mar 8, Sun, Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Mar 17, Tue, St Patrick's Day
- IX. Next Meeting – Mar 17, 2026, at 10:00 am.
- X. Adjournment



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**Baca/Prewitt Veterans Organization**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**



- I. **Meeting called to order:** Regular meeting of B/PVO was called to order at 10:35am, February 17, 2026, by Commander Hoskie Kee, A quorum was present.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** was recited by members.
- III. **Order of business:** Accepted agenda as presented. Agenda adopted. Motioned by Herman Begay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Gaytan with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions
- IV. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Meeting of January 20, 2026, minutes was read and approved. Motion by Mary Gaytan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melton Martinez. Approved with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions.

**V. Reports:**

**Harry Garcia:** Stated that he is candidate for NM House of Representative District 69. Claim that there is no representation of veterans at state level where there is only one representative in the House that is a Veteran. State needs to be more involved with Navajo Nation, especially mental health of veterans and housing needs. I would appreciate support this coming June and I will have an open-door policy. When he was there, he was Chair of Veterans Committee. Brought refreshments.

**Financial reports:** Commander handed out written financial report as of February 12, 2026. (report attached) The Trust Fund has program funds available for usage. General Fund has a balance of \$4,139.14. Form 105 and annual registration form can also be emailed. Chapter fund16 is available for catering and awards.

Newly amended Veterans Act recognizing CVO and Agency Organization states that there shall be one vote per CVO at Agency meetings. Also, Director is not a member of the advisory council but must attend advisory meetings and do a report. The advisory is now charged with advising the director and the President.

The Agency Council of Chapter officers held a special meeting at Iyanbito Saturday where NN Controller stated that there are a lot of ARPA funds that are still available. There is about \$700M that was not encumbered but \$512M had been funded with the Revenue Replacement Reserve Fund. Controller also stated that about \$550M may be available for hardship assistance but not all will receive that assistance due to new

requirements from federal. The new requirement is that individuals must qualify for assistance and NN is still working on the policy.

Priority may be for low-income families, elderly, and hopefully veterans. Lori John, VSO is a certified VSO with the ability to help any veteran to submit for benefits and compensation. Schedule a time to speak with her or to update your application.

Motioned to accept reports by Mary Gaytan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melton Martinez by with a vote 8-0-3.

**VI. Old Business: None**

**VII. New Business**

- A. **Stipend-** Compensate Officials and Agency Meeting (on-going)

Motioned by Herman Begay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Benjamin Lewis with a vote of 9-0-1

- B. **B/PVO General Fund** - no action

- C. **Replenish VTF** - Requesting Budget / Finance Committee and the NN Council to replenish Veterans Trust Fund from the Revenue Replacement Reserve Funds.

Motioned by Melton Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herman Begay with a vote of 9-0-1.

- D. **ARPA Veterans Hardship** - Requesting Budget / Finance Committee and the NN Council to implement hardship assistance to Veterans from the unused/reverted ARPA funds. Motioned by Melton Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Gaytan with a vote 9-0-1.

**VIII. Others/ Announcements:**

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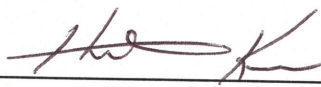
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**Next Meeting:** March 17, 2026, at 10:00am

**Adjournment:** Motion by Benjamin Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herman Begay, adjourned by voice consensus at 12:06 p.m.

  
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