



**EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
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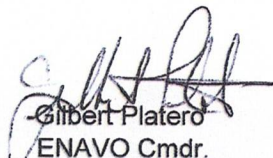
**Meeting Agenda
November 12, 2025 // 9:00am
Watson Gibson Sr. Memorial Building
Thoreau, New Mexico**



1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials
4. Review and Adopt Agenda
5. Reading / Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. New Business
 - A. Update ENAVO Plan of Operation
 - B. Update ENAVO Veterans Trust Fund
7. Reports / Presentation(s)
 - A. NN Council Delegates
 - B. Sherilynne Juan, NNVAC Representative
 - C. Lori John, VSO, Eastern Agency
 - D. Sean Begaye
8. Old Business
 - A. Code of Conduct
 - B. General Funds
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment



Hubert Smith
ENAVO Vice-Commander
Manuelito


Gilbert Platero
ENAVO Commander
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Sherilynne Juan
ENAVO Co-Commander
Ojo Encino

Gilbert Yazzie
ENAVO Secretary
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CVO's	1 st	2 nd	CVO's	1 st	2 nd	CVO's	1 st	2 nd
Alamo			Iyanbito	X	X	Ramah		
Baca	X	X	Lake Valley			Red Rock	X	X
Becenti			Littlewater	X	X	Rocksprings	X	X
Baahaali	X	X	Manuelito	X	X	Smith Lake		
Casamero Lake	X	X	Marino Lake	X		Thoreau	X	X
Chichiltah			Nahodishgish			Torreón		
Church Rock	X	X	Nageezi			To'Hajilee	X	X
Counselor			Ojo Encino			Tseyatoh	X	X
Crownpoint	X	X	Pinedale	X	X	Tse'ii'ahi		
Huerfano			Pueblo Pintado			Whitehorse Lake	X	X
						Whiterock	X	X

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:30am

2. ROLL CALL: 16 CVO's Present 2nd ROLL CALL: _____ CVO'S Present

3. INVOCATION // RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

4. REVIEW / ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION: Lester Emerson SECOND: Joe Ramone
 VOTE: IN FAVOR: 15 OPPOSE: 00 ABSTAIN: 03 NO VOTE: 00

5. REVIEW / ADOPT MEETING MINUTES FROM – October 8, 2025, Casamero Lake Chapter, New Mexico

Meeting accepted "As is."
 MOTION: Peter Benally SECOND: Kirk Sandoval
 VOTE: IN FAVOR: 15 OPPOSE: 00 ABSTAIN: 03 NO VOTE: 00

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update ENAVO Plan of Operation
 MOTION: Lester Emerson SECOND: Eugene Marshall
 VOTE: IN FAVOR: 13 OPPOSE: 02 ABSTAIN: 04 NO VOTE: 00

Motion was made to discuss and update the ENAVO Plan of Operation. The proposed recommended changes/updates were read into the record. Following the discussion a vote was taken, motion passed. ENAVO Plan of Operation has been updated.

- Commanders were asked to provide recommended changes. No recommendations submitted.
- Do CVO Plans of Operation / By-Laws remain, or must they be re-written? – CVO Plans of Operation / By-Laws will remain without change. These documents can be updated by majority vote of the CVO membership.
- It was recommended that all ENAVO commanders, as well as attendees, be informed that the ENAVO meeting is being recorded. This notification ensures transparency and allows participants to be aware that audio documentation of the proceedings is taking place.



- Question of commanders receiving notices via email and commanders not having email addresses were mentioned. ENAVO Commanders have email addresses for all CVO Commanders. It has been requested that commanders provide updated contact information at previous meetings.

B. Update ENAVO Veterans Trust Fund

MOTION: Joe Ramone

SECOND: Peter Benally

VOTE: IN FAVOR: 16 OPPOSE: 00 ABSTAIN: 03 NO VOTE: 00

A motion was proposed to postpone further discussion of the VTF Policy revisions until the next ENAVO meeting, as greater participation from CVO Commanders is required.

- Work Session held in Gallup with ENAVO Commanders to provide recommended changes / updates to the VTF Policy.
- Commanders were asked to provide recommended changes. No recommendations submitted.
- Recommended changes / updates were not compiled in one document for review.

7. REPORTS / PRESENTATION(S)

A. NN Council Delegates

- George Tolth - Audio recordings. What is their purpose? – To keep notes for the purpose of recording accurate meeting minutes. Are audio recordings required to be submitted to the agency office? – There is no policy that governs the use of audio recordings. Does the NNVA or agency offices have a means of storing and maintaining audio recordings? – No.
- Requesting for documentation of concerns to present to the NNVA Director.
- Mr. Zwerlein created a memo to allow Veterans to apply for assistance on-line or by fax.
- Lester Yazzie - Legislation 168-25 was signed into law on November 7, 2025, and is now recognized as CO-53-25. The only way to recommend changes is through amendments.
- Some CVO's may have used up all the funding awarded to CVOs through Fund 16.
- With CO-53-25, there needs to be more attention shown to the "Grassroot Veterans" so the voice of Veterans can be heard.
- Question is the General Funds in place to be used? – The General Funds are logged into the agency office are being utilized.
- A form was provided by Hubert Smith to commanders to annotate the number of new Veterans or purged Veterans updated their file. This information will be used to determine additional funding needed to cover new Veterans or Purged Veterans to include Gold Star Parents and Spouses of Deceased Veterans.
- CVO members not getting full amount as requested. Veterans and agency staff not notifying commanders of request being submitted at the agency office.
- Directives need to be provided for the use of funds, and for the use of chapter facilities. Chapter officials are not notified in writing and CVO Commanders are having difficulties advocating for their Veterans. Conditions of expenditures need to be provided for guidelines towards CVO's and chapters.
- NNVA Director testified before standing committees and stated, "due to the results of this audit, the Eastern Agency Veterans Count was dropped," there is nothing within the audit that justifies that action. A corrective action plan should have followed this audit, that document needs to be presented.

B. Sherilynne Juan, NNVAC Representative – Excused.

C. Lori John, VSO, Eastern Agency – Excused.

D. Sean Begaye – Navajo Nation Presidential candidate. Campaign speech.

