



CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander: Harrison Kee Vice Commander: Dwayne Lake Secretary: Melvin Harrison

Friday, February 27, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Low Mountain Chapter, Low Mountain, AZ

Agenda

- I. Call Meeting to Order:
- II. Roll Call: Commander Melvin Harrison, Secretary
- III. Introduction of Guests.
- IV. Invocation:
- V. Pledge of Allegiance- A Moment of Silence. Commanders and those in attendance.
- VI. VI. Adopt and accept the agenda.
Motion: Second: Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:
- VII. Reading and accepting Previous Meeting Minutes: January 30, 2026 @ Many Farms Chapter, Many Farms, AZ.
Motion: Second: Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:
- VIII. REPORTS (5 Minutes)
 - a. OP/VP NN President Buu V. Nygren
 1. Delegate Carl Slater
 2. Delegate G. Simonson
 3. Delegate C. Curley
 4. Delegate S. Claw
 5. Office of the Speaker LSA – Arthur Hardy
 - b. NNVA Executive Director-Bobbie Ann Baldwin
 - c. Housing Manager – William Nez
 - d. Veterans Service Officer – Paula Begay
 - e. Deputy Director – Leanne Roy
 - f. Veterans Liaison – Tim Johnson
 - g. Wayne Claw NNHI CEO/David Nez Board
 - h. David Nez/Barton Hosteen Pinon Wellness Center
 - i. CNVO Women Rep – Santana Yazzen



- j. CNVO Commander – Harrison Kee
- k. CNVO Vice-Commander – Dwayne Lake
- l. Other:

ACCEPT REPORTS:

MOTION:

SECOND:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:

IX. Old Business - None

- a.
- b.

X. New Business

- a. Resolution: CNVO 01-26-2
- b. Resolution: CNVO 2-26-1
- c. Codification Update
- d. Housing Policies and CNVO Plan of Operation Work Session
- e. Others

XI. Announcements

- a. Request for Assistance Form
- b. March 2, 2026, Veterans Event in Pinon

XII. Next CNVO Meetings: 1. Cottonwood/Tselani Chapter, March 27, 2026 @ 10:00 Hours
2. Pinon Chapter, April 24, 2026 @ 10:00 Hours
3. Nazlini Chapter, May 29, 2026 @ 10:00 Hours
4. Rock Point Chapter, June 26, 2026 @ 10:00 Hours

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION:

SECOND:

Vote Yeas: Nays: Abstained:



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Meeting minutes

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Commander Harrison Kee called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commander Harrison Kee made roll call.
 - a. 13 Commanders present, there is a quorum to conduct the meeting.
 - d. VOTE: Yeas: 11 Nays: 0 Abstained: 2
- III. **Introduction of Guests.** Low Mountain Chapter President Ben Gonnig provided the Welcome Address for CNVO meeting. He thanked the Commanders for their advocacy for veterans and surviving spouses. He stated the veterans need your help and planning for them to get services. He indicated he attends our veterans meeting here when he can because of his meeting and other tasks in W/R as Chapter President. He stated he was really grateful for the agency veterans meeting in Low Mountain. I would like to tell you we've had some Navajo leaders coming out of here like Mr. Peterson Zah, local relatives that came leader and took the community forward. He also stated he had family members that were leaders here and were veterans too. Just like them, you leaders are thinking about our young veterans, some overseas and some will come back and be leaders too. He stated I'm so proud to be part of this organization, the Commanders, Vice Commanders and Recorder Mr. George. He said Mr. George has been her a long time, been in leadership at the chapter, and showed us many things here. He also stated Mr. George wrote the manuals and other office operation policies for the chapter and the veterans too. In closing he stated, you are where the start of the wild wild west begins. Commander Harrison Kee asked each of the CNVO Commanders that were present to introduce themselves to the attendees.
- IV. **Invocation:** Provided by Commander Melvin Harrison
- V. **Pledge of Allegiance- A Moment of Silence:** Recited by the Commanders and other attendees present.
- VI. **Adopt and accept the agenda.** Commander Harrison Kee read agenda onto the record. Commander Kee asked for any changes or addition. 1. Ms. Sara Josely with PWC & ANVA requested to be added to the agenda under Reports. I. Others, to give her report. 2. Commander Dwayne Lake requested an item on the Role of the Chinle VSO and her communication with the CNVO Commanders. 3. Commander Willis Becenti requested Ms. Jane Mitchell with the Chinle CVO to report on the Ira Hayes activities they attended in Phoenix. This item will be place under Reports. H.



Motion: Commander Barton Hosteen Second: Commander Willis Becenti
Vote Yeas: 11 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1

VII. Reading and accepting Previous Meeting Minutes: January 30, 2026, Many Farms AZ.

Commander Melvin Harrison read the minutes onto the record. After the reading, Commander Harrison stated that if the minutes should be shorter. Commanders present said the minutes was good but the minutes should be emailed out so they could read it before the meeting and wouldn't need to read at the meeting.

Motion: Commander Willis Becenti Second: Commander Paul Jones
Vote Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1

VIII. REPORTS (5 Minutes)

a. OP/VP NN President Buu V. Nygren - Absent

1. Delegate Carl Slater – Absent, however through email he stated he would try to get a written report out to us. No report came in.

2. Delegate G. Simonson - Absent

3. NNC Speaker C. Curley - Absent

4. Delegate S. Claw - Absent

5. Office of the Speaker LDA – Arthur Hardy - Absent

b. NNVA Executive Director - Bobbie Ann Baldwin – Absent. Commander M. Harrison stated as of 9:00 AM this morning, have not received any written report from Ms. Baldwin. Additionally, Commander M. Harrison sent an email to Ms. Baldwin reminding her of our CNVO meeting today at Low Mountain Chapter and to also inform her staff as well. She responded saying that she can't attend because the CNVO passed a resolution indicating No Confidence in her leadership. Commander Harrison will attach the email to these minutes. Attachment #1

c. NNVA Housing Manager – William Nez – Absent, no report provided.

d. Veterans Service Officer – Paula Begay – Absent. Ms. Begay provide a written report via email primarily on the CNVO CVO budgets. Commander Dwayne Lake indicated it was a good report, however, would like to see her itemized it for Hardship, Energy, Self-help, Home Improvement, that way we would know how our budget balance are looking. Commander M. Harrison read the budget balance currently remaining in each Chinle CVOs. Ms. Begay's report is attached. Attachment #2

Commander M. Harrison stated there was discussion of a third round of the VTF assistance. He stated the LMVO supports that idea. The question is, should there be a resolution to make this request to leadership. What the Chinle Agency Office is recommending is moving your remaining funds into Home Improvement so you can expend all your funds. They said you can only move your funds once so move all of it.

Commander Willis Becenti indicated that if there are any carry over funds it will go back into the tribal budget. This year we received an abundant of funds so there is going to be carry overs, and the past couple of years they move the funds back in the tribal budget. Before this change we use to carry over the funds, so we don't know when the policies changed. Good idea to have a resolution because Bobbie Baldwin actually has the authority to authorize this as the NNVA Executive Director.

Commander Melvin Harrison indicated this was brought up with the NNVA Deputy Director at the meeting who was to inform Ms. Baldwin of this situation.

Commander Harrison Kee stated he inform my veterans if they need home improvement, there is \$1000 available for each veteran, so come forward with your numbers so we can transfer that money. He stated to the commanders, you all should transfer the money so we can bring down the balance. He didn't know why they are really pushing us to spend all the money. He continues by saying, on the other hand there is the General Funds which is sitting there too. There are funds in that budget for Hardship and Energy which has been only by a fraction. He again informed the commanders, if you have veterans that need Home Improvement do the numbers and transfer the money. I urge you to do that.

Low Mountain Chapter President Ben Gonnig stated that it's better to have a resolution on what you all are talking about. He said, it's another thing to have it the minutes but it's better to have a resolution for accountability.

- e. Deputy Director – Leanne Roy – Absent, no report provided.
- f. Veterans Liaison – Commander Tim Johnson – Absent, no report provided.
- g. Wayne Claw NNHI CEO/David Nez Board

On the Warriors Home project plan discussion, we received an email from Mr. Wayne Claw, CEO for the Chinle Nursing Home. Commander M. Harrison asked Mr. Nez if he could explain what the Warriors Home Project is. Mr. Nez explained that the Warriors Home is an 80 bed veterans nursing home that's going to be built across from the current Chinle Nursing home on the west side. Mr. Nez went on to state last year working with the federal construction grant program, this was not approved. It sounds that this was more of the Navajo Nation fault, that we didn't submit all the paperwork and all the approval. So, this year this application has been file to begin the process again which is due on April 15, 2026, when the review will begin on the federal VA side. This will begin the time schedule as they did last year with a two-year schedule on the review leading up to the final award. The way its setup is the Navajo Nation has a matching fund of 35 % while the federal VA has a 65 % matching and right now the total package is \$112 million that's the total package amount. The agreement with the Navajo Nation President's office is that the President does signs off and accepts the award from the VA. From there Mr. Claw's plan is to immediately move the money to Chinle to begin the construction. Last year the approval process when through many channels so it got delayed with that. This year they would like to streamline it through Chinle Agency.

Commander Willis Becenti asked if there was an increase from 50 to 80 beds, that means you would need to request more money from the tribe. Has that been processed? Mr. Nez agreed more money would need to be requested to the tribe and that is in the process because Mr. Claw has a package already because he is saying he has \$29 million dollars already and this will increase to \$39 million dollars so that's \$10 to \$11 million he has request to the Navajo Nation. Commander W. Becenti asked if the design has been drawn for the 80 beds? Mr. Nez stated right now it's in the floor plan and once the first phase funding becomes available it will get into the Blueprint Zone.

Low Mountain Chapter Ben Gonnig ask a question if this is a guarantee funding for the Warriors Home, is there a committee that the head steering this project? He requested that each Chinle Agency meetings there should be an update on this project.

Mr. Nez responded by stating that the CNVO has a Warriors Home committee that oversee the project. Also Mr. Claw, CEO of NNHI Nursing Home has been given the project from previous planning so he's overseeing the project. Plus, NNHI has a board of directors that also oversee the project. Additionally, Mr. Tim Johnson from the NN Presidents office also oversees the project from that end. There are lots of leadership involve in overseeing this project. There are meeting on this project weekly through Mr. Tim Johnson's office each week. Mr. Nez indicated for the zoom information, they will request it from the Mr. Johnson and get it out to you.

h. David Nez/Barton Hosteen Pinon Wellness Center

Mr. David Nez and Commander Barton Hosteen will provide an update on this Well Center Project. Mr. Nez stated a couple of weeks ago at a meeting on the Warriors Home, there was discussion on placing the Wellness Center Project into the Warriors Home Project, combining them. Commander M. Harrison asked Mr. Nez to explain what the Pinon Wellness Center Project is. Mr. Nez stated this project is based on Commander B. Hosteen experience and data that has been collected from veterans. There are lots of gaps in veterans' services which is outpatient services, we want to fill these gaps for veterans for wellness services. This means connecting a whole person, a veteran who may be dealing with lots of issues, beginning with service-connected health issues, finance, housing, transportation and other issues and see where we can help addressing these issues. When a veteran is not well it has a lot to do with the way he/she is handling his/her service-connected injury or disabilities. This is what we are going to be looking for and helping with.

Mr. Nez continue saying while combining the Nursing Home and Wellness Center, we received an email from the Federal Construction Grant Program who informed us that they cannot cover the construction cost for the Wellness Center primarily because its outpatient services while the Warriors Home is inpatient services. So, with that, we are no longer covered on the agreement we're going to continue to pursue our project and preparing to present our report and request for the \$30 million dollars for the Wellness Center to the NNC HEHSC committee. One critical item on the report is the feasibility and needs assessment surveys. The committee is requesting these surveys to see for themselves if there is really a need for these services. Another change that has occurred is we turned our group into a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. We feel we have a little more leverage working with other entities for this project. Currently we have our certification and have our officers set up and Board of Directors set up. Next steps will be seeking donation and set plans on how these funds will be used. Also, the DAV donated 4 laptops, printer setup star link and set up all the operations. These will be used to do claims for veterans which will be our first project.

Commander Barton Hosteen gave a closing report on the project. He stated this is a huge project we are undertaking. There are no services like this on the Navajo Nation for veterans. There many challenges veterans are experiencing just like I did. These types of services are only available off the Navajo Nation, so we want to have it here. He stated they have obtained land and ready to begin the work.

Commanders and representative commented the Wellness Center group for this information and the work they are beginning for the veterans.

Commander H. Kee stressed the importance of getting the feasibility surveys completed. He indicated commanders have received copies of the surveys so have your veterans fill them out.

i. CNVO Women Rep – Santana Yazzen

Ms. Yazzen reported she a draft copy of the draft copy of the Code of Conduct that we (NNVAC) have been working on. We'd like your input, your comments. We want to get down to 1 page. Get your input to us by the March 4th, our next AC meeting. We want to get this Code of Conduct and get to the agencies so you can use as a framework. Commander H. Kee and I have been in zoom meeting with NNVAC, trying to meet the deadline of May 6th on the requirement of the legislation. Once we get everything put in place we'll be sending it out so you all can use it as a framework too. One of the Commander is trying to do a resolution for 8% increase for the trust fund. Commander W. Becenti asked if they were working on the Plan of Operation. Ms. Yazzen respond with a yes and trying to get a framework done then pass it out to you to look at and use as a guide. Commander D. Lake asked if there is a code of Conduct or something like ethic, I think something like that need to be included. Does this apply to VSO, other staff because there is lots of bullying, power trip so AC should come up with something. Ms. Yazzen responded by saying this does not apply to them. If you have something get it us and we'll bring up at the next meeting.

j. CNVO Commander – Commander Harrison Kee

Commander H. Kee report there was a meeting in WR on February 19th, pertaining to Missing Indigenous people on the NN. There are many of people that are missing, and many have not been found. Didn't attend this meeting. This discussion included Domestic Violence at our local homes and there has been a huge increase. There are data for the Navajo/Native communities that indicate our statistic is like 10 times above the National average which is alarming. The message is education needs to take place at our chapters, with families and telling them your children should not be out and about by themselves including entertainments. Some factors that include this substance abuse like drugs and alcohol. Commander Kee reported there was discussion on how many women and male veterans in our area and what kind of issues are they dealing with such as transportation for getting to their services like hospitals. Commanders you all should know your veterans and know the issues they are dealing with to help them. At the NNVAC we primarily are working on the advisory council policies like AC Plan of Operation, Code of Conduct not bothering other departments. The CVO are under the NNVAC so when the discussion is about the Plan of Operations, at the chapter level the discussion is should the Plan of Operation be standardized for the CVO so the policies will be all the same. So, your CVO need to look at your Plan of Operation and Code of Conduct, if it needs to be updated, update them. Another discussion is about a liquor license in Lupton that might available and what to do about it. The Navajo Nation and NNVAC want to close the establishment. An outside business might be purchase it which is not good for the us Navajo people. Next Commander Kee also said the discussion around the 8% that Ms. Yazzen brought, it's possible the percentage could be dropped to 6%. What I'm thinking is keeping the Housing at 2% and increase the funds for veterans to 4%, the Housing funds is really needed so keep at that level.

Low Mountain Chapter President Ben Gonnig commented on the Plan of Operation. He stated when agencies come together, should be together with the 110 chapter. I support the one Plan of Operation for the veterans. This way you would know what each CVO are doing. One operation with Plan of Operation.

Commander W. Becenti stated on the Codification is about unifying the 110 chapters. The same with the Trust Fund that we are working on now.

k. CNVO Vice-Commander – Dwayne Lake – Commander Lake began by commending the two gentlemen that initiated the Pinon Wellness Center and Warrior Home, that he has a lot of respect for them for their hard work. He stated no one talks about mental health. He strongly believes that a veteran can help another veteran. Initiate helping a veteran as soon as they get out the service, they will need our help. Want to say thank you to Commander Hosteeh, Mr. Nez, Ms. Josely, Mr. Claw, he's not here but want to thank him. Commander Lake also wanted to say thank you to Commander Tim Johnson for being our leader for CNVO by doing something for him, like a dinner, a gift for him but not just him, his wife too who is always at our meetings. She's always helping doing something to help us. So maybe schedule something at our next meeting. Commander Kee also close Commander Lake's report by stating, please get your immunizations, there is the flu, COVID, RSV still out there. Protect yourselves plus your families.

l. Other: CNVO Secretary - Commander Melvin Harrison

Commander Harrison stated he wanted to thank the ladies who are here, they feeds us and all the other helpers who helped as well. These are the LMVO surviving spouses who are always willing to help at events like today. Let's give them a big hand.

Commander Harrison also stated he is trying his best to get all the information to you but doesn't have all your cell numbers and emails. He stated it take a lot of work to put everything together, even though he has a recording of the meetings.

Ms. Josely of ANVA reported that their organization is a mirror image of the Red Cross. The work hard to get as help as they can to veterans. Their organization began in 2009 and has been operating since then, but don't publicize their organization. She stated Mr. Nez and Commander Hosteen asked her to join their Pinon Wellness Center Project which she did. She is the secretary for the organization now. She provided information on all the services they provide, but overall, all their work they do is for the veterans.

ACCEPT REPORTS:

MOTION: Commander Willis Becenti

SECOND: Commander Dennis Dedman

Vote Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business

- a. Resolution: CNVO 01-26-2 – Commander Melvin Harrison indicated this resolution is the resolution our new Commander (Harrison Kee) indicated he was going to draft and should have been presented at the last meeting. Commander Harrison Kee and I were voted in on January 13, 2026 so this is the resolution for myself as the new Interim Secretary for CNVO. On this resolution, the vote and the motion and second that was taken on January 13, 2026, are on this resolution that the three of us officer would need to sign today.
- b. Resolution: CNVO 02-26-1 – Commander Melvin Harrison indicated this is the resolution that covers the amendment that we discussed at the work session on February 13, 2026, on the financial assistance program policy in the Veterans Trust Fund. If you pass this resolution today, this will be the cover page on top of the VTF to be submitted. Commander Harrison asked if they wanted him to read the amendments on the record today. He indicated the wording in red is the new language you inserted and the green with a line through it are the ones you strike out. Commander Harrison

read onto the record only areas where the amendments were made by the commanders. In this reading there were additional minor changes.

Motion to approve the resolution with the amendments: Commander Willis Becenti Second: Commander Dennis Dedman.

Vote Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1

- c. Codification Update – Commander Harrison reported that at the same work session on February 13, 2026, we made amendments or request for amendment to the law that Dr. Andy Nez got approved. The VTF document I was able to convert into word document to make add the amendments, but when I converted this Navajo Nation Legislation into word document it went all over the place and had some challenges getting into a document we could work with. I've added the amendments to the document, but it was not good enough to pass out to you today. The amendments you changed on the legislation is going to be like the ones made on the VTF, with the red wording to be new language and the green for the strike out language. Commander Harrison stated he will have the document for you at the next meeting and possibly a resolution for the top page. Commander Kee stated the NNVAC is pushing this and want to get it done before the end of March and that there quarterly meeting is coming up the first week in April. They want this complete so they can vote on it before the May 6th deadline. There is timeline for all the amendments and consolidating them before the May 1st. These documents need to be submitted to W/R and to HEHSC on May 6, 2026. There is lots of work to do before then. We will need to have a special meeting.
- d. Housing Policies and CNVO Plan of Operation Work Session – Commander Harrison Kee asked if we could combine the two polices for the work session. Commander Harrison brought up the recommendation from the last meeting that because the Navajo Nation has not come up their policy so due to that we were not going to touch ours until then. Commander Kee stated that each commander was informed about looking at their housing policy so commanders need to come up with a date to have their housing policy work session. Previously, the agency Housing Specialist and AMS used to come to our meeting to give us an update, but they don't do that anymore so know where the housing issues are. Commander Kee stated he brought this up to Ms. Paula Begay, who said this is coming from W/R, they want the staff to work in their office. With that, how are they going to know if the veterans out there are going to be in need of housing or have housing issues. Commander W. Becenti recommended we get a draft copy of the Navajo Nation policy, then we can incorporate that into our policies. Commander Kee asked when do you want to have a work session to work on this housing policy. It was recommended that the Chinle Agency Housing Specialist provide a copy of the draft policy before the work session. Commander Harrison asked about the CNVO Plan of Operation, should be that be included. Commander Kee stated our CNVO Plan of Operation needs to be updated because the current was passed on April 26, 2019. Once we update ours, we can incorporate it with the one the NNVAC is working on. Commander Harrison asked again if we are going to have a work session or not but then said we need to meet on the amendments on the Codification. Commander Dennis Dedman recommended we meet on the Codification first and wait on the other policies until WR come up with theirs. The commander agreed to have a work session on March 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Chinle at the Agency Office. This will be a potluck for the work session. In closing, Commander Kee reminded the commanders they need to attend these work sessions, so they know what is happening and need their help in finalizing the policies.
- e. Others: Chinle VSO Communication with CNVO Commanders.
This was discussed earlier during Commander D. Lake's report.

XI. Announcements

a. Request for Assistance Form.

This is a Navajo Nation form that is being circulated by the Chinle Agency Office. It's a survey that is 2 pages long. Commanders received copies of this form at the last meeting.

b. March 2, 2026, Veterans Event in Pinon presented by Sara Josely.

This is an event at the Pinon CVO office from 9am to 5pm and through zoom too. This is to provide information out to the veterans and if necessary, can help in filing out claims. This event will take place monthly.

c. Event to Honor Comrade Harrison Honie in Black Mesa at the Black Mesa School Gymnasium. The date of the event has been changed from April 15th to 14th. Everyone is invited.

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XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Commander Willis Becenti

SECOND: Commander Edward Wagner, Jr.

Vote Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1

Meeting adjourned at: 2:44 PM



CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Commander: Harrison B. Kee Vice Commander: Dwayne Lake Secretary: Melvin Harrison

RESOLUTION OF THE

CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (02-26-1)

THE CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION CNVO 02-26-1 PROPOSED VETERANS' TRUST FUND POLICY AMENDMENTS.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Title 2 Section (E,M,N,O,R,T) & 1032 (B-S,9,10) The Central Navajo Veterans' Organization (CNVO) is duly authorized by the ACT to Address Veterans' Health issues, and health concerns respond to veterans' needs, to advocate for all eligible Navajo Veterans and their families, and
2. Pursuant to its Plan of Operation, Resolution No. HEHSCN-16-20, The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, (hereinafter "NNVA") may provide financial assistance to qualified Navajo Veterans, surviving spouse, and Gold Star Parent through veterans' programs funded by Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund (hereinafter Veterans Trust Fund), and
3. The 23rd Navajo Nation Council Legislation CJA-3-16, Section One. Findings (E) The Legislation also establishes a Navajo Nation Veterans' Advisory Council to recognize veterans and ensure veterans participation in policy and data system development, and
4. The Central Navajo Veterans' Organization (CNVO) is established to advise the Navajo Nation Advisory Council, Navajo Nation Veterans' Administration, and Chinle Agency Veterans' Administration Office, on policies and procedures that ensure quality, consistency, and just service to all Eligible Navajo Veterans and Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) is comprised of 16 Chapter Veterans Organization, and
5. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization (CNVO) made the following amendments to the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund Policies. (EXHIBIT A)



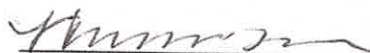
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE CENTRAL NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL, NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION CNVO 02-26-1, VETERANS' TRUST FUND POLICY AMENDMENTS.

CERTIFICATION

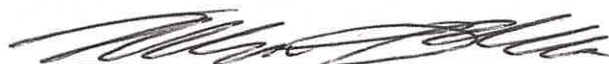
We hereby certify that the foregoing CNVO 02-26-1 resolution was duly considered by the Central Navajo Veterans' Organization at a duly called meeting in Low Mountain Chapter, Low Mountain, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 27th day of February 2026.

Motion by: Commander Willis Becenti
Second by: Commander Dennis Dedman



Harrison B Kee, Commander

Dewayne Lake, Vice-Commander



Melvin Harrison, Secretary

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Re: [EXTERNAL]CNAO Meeting

Reply



Bobbie A. Baldwin



Wed, Feb 25 at 7:19 AM



From: bbaldwin@navajo-nsn.gov

To: mjharrison91@aol.com

Cc: Harrison Kee

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Good evening, thank you for your email, and congratulations on your appointment to your new Agency leadership role. I appreciate the invitation to attend the upcoming Agency meeting.

After careful consideration, I will not be attending in light of the Agency Resolution of No Confidence. However, in the interest of maintaining transparency and ensuring continuity of communication, I will submit a comprehensive written report to the Agency Commander, Agency Vice Commander, and you in advance of the meeting.

This decision reflects my commitment to prioritizing direct service delivery and operational responsibilities. My time will remain focused on meeting with veterans seeking immediate assistance and on ensuring that NNVA resources are deployed efficiently and effectively.

Thank you for your service to our country and for your continued leadership within your community and Agency.

Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Executive Director
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Good morning, Ms. Baldwin:

First I'd like to introduce myself. I'm the new CNVO Secretary for the Central Navajo Veteran Organization. Similarly, I'm also the Commander for the Low Mountain Veteran Organization. In addition, I'm sure you are aware that Commander Harrison Kee is the new CNVO Commander. We both were voted in on January 14, 2026.

As the new CNVO Secretary, I'd like to request that any information that needs

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**Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
Central Navajo Veterans Organization Meeting Report
February 26, 2026
Low Mountain Chapter**

CHINLE AGENCY TEAM: Paula S. Begay, VSO; Raphaela Yazzie, OS; Benjamin Benallie, AMS; LeAntoinette l. Bahe, OA and Sylvia Preston, HS.

ON-GOING PROJECTS, CURRENT FOCUS INCLUDES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Maintaining and updating Veterans files and records, this involves ensuring that all essential documents are current, such as accurately counting Veterans with complete updated documents.
- Registering Navajo Veterans and their Surviving Spouse with all required documents
- Educating Veterans on Trust Fund Policies and Procedures, as well as VA Benefits and Claims, Veterans on NNVHP Housing Policies and Procedures.

VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSE & GOLD STAR PARENT COUNT

CHAPTERS	VET	SS	GSP	TOTAL
Black Mesa	24	2		26
Blue Gap/Tachee	35	4		39
Chinle	137	25	1	163
Cottonwood/Tse	43	7		50
Forest Lake	25	0		25
Hard Rock	31	1		32
Low Mountain	32	9		41
Lukachukai	45	10		55
Many Farms	51	7		58
Nazlini	43	10		53
Pinon	37	5		42
Rock Roint	39	11		50
Rough Rock	22	3		25
Round Rock	32	3		35
Tsaile/WF	43	9		52
Whippoorwill	23	5		28
TOTAL	662	111	1	774

FISCAL YEAR 2026 VETERAN TRUST FUNDS

CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION	FY 2026 ALLOCATION	SPENT	BALANCE	PERCENTAGE UTILIZED
Black Mesa	\$47,263.00	\$36,388.00	\$10,875.00	77%
Blue Gap	\$70,080.00	\$47,490.00	\$22,590.00	68%
Chinle	\$285,210.00	\$230,225.00	\$54,985.00	81%
Cottonwood	\$91,267.00	\$63,400.00	\$27,867.00	69%
Forest Lake	\$55,412.00	\$46,725.00	\$8,687.00	84%
Hard Rock	\$61,931.00	\$59,906.00	\$2,025.00	97%
Lukachukai	\$105,935.00	\$73,600.00	\$32,335.00	69%
Low Mountain	\$81,489.00	\$64,400.00	\$17,089.00	79%
Many Farms	\$112,454.00	\$76,050.00	\$36,404.00	68%
Nazlini	\$81,489.00	\$75,512.00	\$5,977.00	93%
Pinon	\$79,859.00	\$77,759.00	\$2,100.00	97%
Rock Point	\$79,859.00	\$65,725.00	\$14,134.00	82%
Rough Rock	\$40,744.00	\$27,075.00	\$13,669.00	66%
Round Rock	\$68,450.00	\$51,375.00	\$17,075.00	75%
Tsaile/Wheatfields	\$102,676.00	\$73,125.00	\$29,551.00	71%
WhippoOrwill	\$48,893.00	\$43,998.44	\$4,894.56	90%
TOTAL:	\$1,413,011.00	\$1,112,753.44	\$300,257.56	79%

FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUNDS

DISTRIBUTION	FY'2026 ALLOCATION	SPEND	BALANCE
HONOR GUARD	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
COLOR GUARD	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
BURIAL	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
HARDSHIP	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 34,870.00	\$ 85,130.00
ENERGY	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 34,099.00	\$ 85,901.00
SELF-HELP	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 121,469.00	\$ 478,531.00

VETERANS HOUSING SUMMARY

	New Construction	Veteran Home Improvement	SSP Home Improvement
Total Applications	55	26	12

Submitted by the Chinle Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Team, Ahe'hee

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