



LMVO

Low Mountain Veterans Organization



Commander – Melvin Harrison

Vice Commander – Ronald Little

Recorder – Roger B. George

**LOW MOUNTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION (LMVO)
REGULAR VETERANS MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 9th, 2026 @ 1000 AM**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Melvin Harris, LMVO Commander
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:** All Attendance & Voluntary Invocation
- 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. LMVO Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Honor Guard participant's Sign Up.
 2. February 1, 2026, Ground Hog Day
 3. February 4, 2026, LMC Planning Meeting at 0900 AM
 4. February 6, 2026, at 1000 AM LMC CLUPC Meeting
 5. February 6, 2026, Navajo Shoe Game at LM Senior Center 7 pm – 12 am
 6. February 8, 2026, Super Bowl Sunday
 7. February 9, 2026, LMVO Meeting at 10:00 am
 8. February 12, 2026, LMC Regular Meeting at 9:00 am
 9. February 14, 2026, Valentine's Day "Oh Shi-Heart Day"
 10. February 27, CNVO Meeting at Low Mountain Chapter at 1000 AM.
 11. February 16, 2026, President's Day Holiday
- VI. **REPORTS:**
 1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander
 2. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder
 3. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President
 4. Paula S. Begay, VSO NNVA Central Agency Office
 5. Benjamin Benallie, AMS
 6. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Optional use Chapter Veterans Funds (Fund 6): Request Catering Funds (\$500.00) for CNVO Meeting February 27, 2026. NOTE: REQUEST IN WRITING TO REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING 2/09/26.



VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. LMVO-2026-02: Ratify Approving Ronald Little, Veteran as a replacement as the Low Mountain Veterans Organization (LMVO) Vice Commander to serve out the unexpired term of the office of Christen Ben from January 12, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

M _____ S _____

Vote: Favor _____ Oppose _____ Abstain _____

2. LMVO-2026-03 Recommending and Approving the LMVO Hybrid/Virtual Veterans Meetings combining an in-person and remote participation whereby attendees are present together in the Chapter Assembly Room, while others join remotely via conferencing or audio interacting within the discussions of the topical Veterans Meeting Agenda.

M _____ S _____

Vote: Favor Opposed _____ Abstain _____

NOTE: "INCORPORATE INTO PLAN OF OPERATION."

IX. OTHERS: None

X. NEXT MEETING DATE:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:



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MEETING MINUTES

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Melvin Harris, LMVO Commander at 1035 AM
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:** All Attendance & Voluntary Invocation
- III. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** Roger B. George, Recorder conducted Roll Call, Quorum Present per Sign-In Sheet.
- IV. **REVIEW/ADOPT AGENDA/LEAVE AGENDA OPEN:**
 1. Motion by Evelyn Begay, surviving spouse to accept the agenda, second by Ronald Little, veteran. Vote: **13 in Favor** 00 Oppose & 01 Abstention and motion carried.
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- VI. **REPORTS:**
 1. Melvin Harrison, LMVO Commander, provided his report as follows,
 - a. I attended the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) meeting in Window Rock on January 7, 2026, with a few other CNVO members. At this meeting, CNVO Commander Tim Johnson announced that he was resigning as the CNVO Commander due to being selected to be the next OPVP Veteran Liaison. This was a huge surprise to me as the commander for us at LMVO. With that information, the CNVO Vice-Commander Dwayne Lake became the Interim CNVO Commander until a new commander is voted in.
 - b. Interim Commander Dwayne Lake set up a meeting for the CNVO Commanders on January 14, 2026, that I participated in. At this meeting Cottonwood/Tselani Commander Harrison Kee was voted in as the new CNVO Commander.



- c. At this same meeting, the CNVO members discussed appointing or selecting a new CNVO Secretary due to CNVO Secretary Ms. Jane Mitchell resigning in October 2025. The commanders decided it was best to vote-in a new secretary today. With that I was selected and voted in as the new CNVO Secretary beginning that day. It was determined that the two officers were completing the previous officer's term which will end on December 31, 2026.
 - d. I want to share with you the current budget amounts remaining in our current budget while we are in the second cycle of Veteran Trust Fund (VTF) financial assistance. I was emailed this copy today and will provide a copy to Roger George for the minutes. At the CNVO monthly meeting at Many Farms Chapter on January 30, 2026, that I participated in, there was discussion on the possibility of a third cycle of VTF financial assistance for those CVO that have funds remaining after the second cycle is completed. This has been requested to the leadership in Window Rock.
 - e. There was a report provided by the NNVA Deputy Director Leanne Roy that there are several policies they are working on. Some of the policies she mentioned were: Standard Program Operation, VTF, Housing, Home Improvement, etc. She will keep the CNVO of the update status on these policies.
 - f. On January 30, 2026, meeting the Many Farms Veteran Organization Commander Ed Wagner brought a resolution for the CNVO Commanders to consider. There was a discussion on this resolution which was primarily stating the CNVO supports the current NNVA Executive Director be removed. This is a touchy subject as some of the commanders did not know the situation on what the resolution was stating, including myself. After the vote, it passed.
 - g. Lastly, I'd like to request your assistance for the next CNVO meeting which will be here at the Low Mountain Chapter House on February 27, 2026. I asked Ms. E. Begay to submit food quotes to the chapter so we can provide lunch for the CNVO Commanders and those in attendance. Beyond this I'd also like to ask if some of you would be here to set up the room and clean up after the meeting. This meeting is important as it shows that the Low Mountain Veterans Organization is together and makes us visible to the community.
2. Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder: see Commander's Report subsection (d) VTF budget hereby attached.
 3. Ben Gonnig, Chapter President
 4. Paula S. Begay, VSO NNVA Central Agency Office Not Present
 5. Benjamin Benallie, AMS Not Present
 6. Sylvia Preston, Housing Specialist Not Present

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. LMVO-2026-01: Plan of Operation (Unfinished Business) Deferment item discussed and taken up for approval, the Low Mountain Veterans Organization's (LMVO) Plan of Operation. Motion by Calvin Chee, veteran to consider and approve LMVO-2026-01 Plan of Operation, second by Ronald Little, veteran. Vote: 13 in favor, 00 Opposed & 02 abstained and motion carried.

Approved December 8, 2026, Veterans Meeting Old Business Section VII §(1)

2. Optional use Chapter Veterans Funds (Fund 6): Request Catering Funds (\$500.00) for CNVO Meeting February 27, 2026, and Evelyn Begay, surviving Spouse, delegated to work with the Low Mountain Chapter to obtain three (3) vendor price quotations toward food purchases to cater food and drinks for the CNVO meeting attendance. No Chapter Resolution required.
3. LMVO-2026-02: Recommending and Approving Ronald Little, Veteran as a replacement as the Low Mountain Veterans Organization (LMVO) Vice Commander to serve out the unexpired term of the office of Christen Ben from January 12, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

The LMVO did consider and approved this foregoing veterans Resolution at a duly called veterans meeting on January 12, 2026. Motion made by Roger B. George, veteran to approve Ronald Little as the LMVO Commander and second by Alexander Sage, veteran to support the motion to approve Ronald Little for the LMVO Vice Commander. Vote: 08 Favor, 00 Oppose and 01 Abstained and motion carried.

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Motion made by Harrison Blie, veteran and second by Calvin Chee, veteran
Vote: 11 Favor, 01 Opposed and 09 Abstain and motion carried

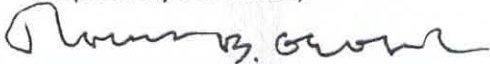
NOTE: Incorporated into LMVO Plan of Operation as an amendment by Christen Ben, former LMVO Vice Commander.

IX. OTHERS: None

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 9, 2026, at 1000 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT: LMVO Commander called adjournment at 1230 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Roger B. George, LMVO Recorder