



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
October 21, 2025
10:00 AM
Baca Chapter House

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
- V. Reports
 - a. Officers
- VI. Old Business
 - a. None
- VII. New Business
 - a. Stipend - Compensate Officials and Agency Meeting (on-going)
 - b. B/PVO General Fund
 - c.
- VIII. Others / Announcements

Oct 24, Fri, Trunk or Treat 4pm
Oct 31, Fri, Halloween
Nov 2, Sun, Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 4, Tue, Election Day
Nov 11, Tue, Veterans Day
- IX. Next Meeting – Nov 18, 2025, at 10:00 am.
- X. Adjournment



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Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2025



- I. **Meeting called to order.** Regular meeting of Baca/Prewitt Veterans Organization (B/PVO) was called to order on October 21, 2025 at 10:10 AM by Commander Hoskie Kee. A quorum was present.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** recited.
- III. **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Was adopted in the order of business presented. Agenda was accepted. Motioned by Mary Gaytan, seconded by Sharon Francisco with a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Sep 24, 2025 minutes was read, accepted and approved. Motioned by Elizabeth Patterson, seconded by Benjamin Tsosie with a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

V. Reports:

Vice Commander: no report.

Ruby Hunter gave report on flu/Covid clinic at Baca Community School and will be open to community today from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Commander Kee: Veterans Agency Council was held at Casamero Lake Chapter and reported on the previous budget and some commanders still had concerns about allocation based on lower veteran count. Meeting is planned for October 23, 2025 and task force will meet at Anthony's restaurant to discuss Veteran trust fund for amendments and other policy changes. The task force is made of volunteers of commanders from CVOs. BPVO voted no changes on the policies from previous meetings. Veterans Affairs Committee met Tuesday at UNM-Gallup including State Senators and State Representatives. American Legion post of Gallup made presentation wanting to increase their members. NN President veteran liaison with veterans administration rep also made presentation on Navajo veterans issues and recommended for a joint powers agreement on veterans services for 40,000 veterans across Navajo. Commander Kee disagreed with the numbers, normally NN only has around 8,000 veterans. Commander Kee presented on local veterans housing needs and authorization of state funding for additional veterans homes. ENA veterans officers were not in attendance. These Senators and Representatives asked a lot of questions and proposed for physician to join the I.H.S. exclusively for veterans.

The election of a mayor is approaching for the city of Gallup and Commander Kee attended candidate forum. Many inquiries were made about homelessness and veterans. Aggressive panhandlings was also discussed. Office of the Speaker in Window Rock had proposed to host a work session with agency veterans to talk about legislation 0168-25 however this is a last-minute plan. It was not on the council summer session agenda but will be on fall session agenda.

Fiscal year '2026 Budget was approved last meeting for \$52,153 and budget was handed out. Balance now is \$19,953. There is no General Funds.

Eastern Agency Council Meeting will be at Counselor in December to request for additional funding. There is a memorandum floating around on the removal of Controller and the appointment of a new controller may cause a delay on some payment processing.

Betty Largo: Has the Crownpoint Office approved my application for help?

Commander Kee: After your application is accepted, it is reconciled with several reviewers, then sent to accounts payable, so it takes time. The FMIS system is being replaced with a new system. It is important to update your information as soon as you have a change in information like address, marriage status, and ID expiration. If you have VA medical card, use it because it has longer time to expire. Funding is still available for Hardship and Energy assistance for \$400 apiece. The only stipulation is the commander be informed. While, other chapters require veterans to attend meetings to receive assistance. This is not so for BPVO.

Vice commander Hebrew Lewis stated that "Commander Kee is the sole notice receiver. Information is being disseminated by Crownpoint Office that the vice commander can also approve. This is not true, Commander is only one listed on request the document that include the date, time, and commander's notification. Be aware of this."

Commander Kee reported that the Color/Honor Guard can use \$3 million dollars in the general fund allocation.

Question was asked if Active Duty Veterans are eligible for funds: Commander Kee says those who are discharged from service receive their DD 214 and when they register with agency and file their documents, then they are eligible to use the funds. They must be released from the military. Active Duty do not qualify per policy.

The Veteran Trust Fund Policy was created and approved during the Jonathan Nez Administration. Other chapters are still interested in making changes. That is why a Task Force is put together to recommend making changes.

Commander Kee reviewed the NN Veterans Trust Fund Financial Assistance Program Policies approved September 29, 2022 per line items as requested by veterans. Baca Chapter will stay with no changes to the policy as approved by membership.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

- a. Stipend : Compensate Officers and Agency Meeting (on going) Approved. Motioned by Benjamin Lewis, seconded by Benjamin Tsosie with a vote of 15 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- b. B/PVO General Fund – \$300 approve for chapter holiday dinner food purchase for recognition activity on December 12, 2025. Motioned by Leonard Pablo, seconded by Benjamin Tsosie with a vote of 16 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

VIII. Others / Announcements:

Refreshments provided by Elizabeth Patterson. Thank you.

Leonard Pablo provided updates on Color Guard and Princess parade entries. Placed 2nd in Chinle, placed 4th in Laguna, and recognition in Alamo. Requesting additional veterans to join the Color Guard.

November 3: NTU resource booths and door prizes

October 24: Trunk or Treat

November 2: Daylight Savings Ends

November 4: State / County Election

November 11: Veterans Day

December 12: Baca Chapter Recognition Dinner at 1pm

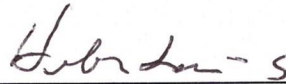
Dec 16: Veterans Christmas Dinner

IX. Next Meeting: November 18, 2025 at 10:00 am.

X. Adjournment: Motioned by Benjamin Lewis, seconded by Mary Ann Gaytan. Adjourned at 12:15pm by voice consensus.



Hoskie Kee, Commander



Hebrew Lewis, Vice Commander



Ruby Hunter, Secretary