

Smith Lake Chapter Veterans Organization



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VETERANS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 11th, 2025 5:00PM
Smith Lake Chapter, Smith Lake, NM

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Commander Aileen Evans

Time: _____

Invocation (Volunteer): _____

Sign-In Sheet: _____ Roll Call: _____

2. Review & Adopt Agenda:

1st Motion: _____

2nd Motion: _____

Vote: _____

3. Review & Adopt Minutes from November 5th, 2025

1st Motion: _____

2nd Motion: _____

Vote: _____

4. REPORTS:

- A. Commander Evans
- B. Auxiliary Team
- C. Chapter Administration

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Veteran's Day Updates
- B. Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization Updates

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. _____

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Next Auxiliary Meeting: _____
- B. Next Veteran Meeting: _____
- C. Next Chapter Meeting: Special Mtg Saturday, December 13th, 2025 at 10AM
Regular Mtg Saturday, December 20th, 2025 @ 10am

8. ADJOURNMENT: Commander Aileen Evans

1st Motion: _____

2nd Motion: _____

Vote: _____

Time: _____



Commander Aileen Evans

Vice Commander Marie Holiday

Secretary Heather Yazzie-Kinlacheeny



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VETERANS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 11th, 2025, 5:00PM
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1. Call the Meeting to Order by Commander Evans

Time: 5:07PM
Invocation (Volunteer): Dorris Tsinnie
Sign-In Sheet: 14 Members
Roll Call: 3 Officials

2. Review & Adopt Agenda

Read by Commander Evans

1st Motion: Kevin Charley

2nd Motion: Jolene Lucero

Vote: 11-0-1

3. Review & Adopt Minutes from November 2025

Did not report. NNVA needs a copy.

4. REPORTS by Commander Evans

A. Vice Commander Holiday on Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Meeting

- i. Eastern NNVA: Lori John reported. Maintain updating. Veterans count. Registration form. Green CIB Surviving Spouse. Educating on policy VA Benefits Housing. 1086 Eastern Veterans. Veterans' Trust Fund. Nothing veterans why they were denied.
- ii. NNVA Financial Assistance Policies: Commanders would like to know more information about the veterans in the community like to reach out directly to veterans to know their contact information, where they are at and live. They were informed that it was a confidentiality issue. They emphasized that it is not in the NNVA policy or those of the CVOs, which is why they want the names of the veterans. If you want your Commander to know your information, you need to meet with the Commander face-to-face. The Privacy Act is between the Commander and veteran community. The Commanders must keep that information confidential as well.
- iii. NNVA Leadership Issues: The Commanders also would like Bobbie Baldwin to be removed from her position because she is making her own policies.
- iv. Requesting Financial Assistance from NNVA:
 1. Read policy regarding the applicants' responsibility to ask CVO for assistance and must attend the meeting.
 2. ENAVO asking CVOs to talk to their veterans about their recommendations and views.

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3. *Commander Evans*: reviewed the Plan of Operations. Requested for SLCVO for support in reviewing what she distributed. Crownpoint did a resolution and are requiring their veterans to do that. Others are not requiring mandatory attendance. They are still bringing it up.
- v. Funding Changes & Veterans Count
 1. Mandatory changes to receive funding. Some are denied to get funding.
 2. SLCVO active veterans is 35 males and 10 females. Total is 30.
 3. SLCVO inactive veterans is 15. Total is 45.
 4. SLCVO surviving spouse active 2 and inactive 2. Total is 4.
 5. Inactive have not updated.
- vi. SLCVO NNVA Funding Expenditures & Balances
 1. SLCVO Total Allocation for FY 2026 is \$39,114 allocated at the beginning of the Fiscal Year.
 2. SLCVO used \$25,238 spend and \$13,876 balance, which is 65% expended.
 3. Nageezi is 100% utilized, which is considered good.
 4. *Commander Evans*: Reminded the membership that the NNVA will not give her information on who received awards and who was denied due to HIPPA regulations. She used to help veterans with their funding but can't do that anymore. However, she can still help if you ask her. She emphasized that they should get date stamped copies when you submit documents to NNVA. Six (6) veterans were denied for self-help. SLCVO has expended all funding for self-help. They will contact them directly on denials. If you were denied, you can reapply.
 5. General Fund: Hardship \$5,613, Energy \$4,813, Self-Help \$0, Stipend \$3,450 (\$150 was not used because Commander did not attend the agency meeting. Funding will be moved later to Hardship or Energy).
 6. General Fund Honor Guard (unsure how it works), Hardship, Burial Assistance, Energy and Self-Help, which is why she said the denied veterans should reapply. SLCVO members got a copy of the funding policy.
 7. What is recommend by Bobbie Baldwin is not effective and not in the policy.
 8. Our Plan of Operations has not changed, and copies were not distributed.
- vii. Returned to NNVA Financial Assistance Policies
 1. Should the veterans be required to sit in the meetings 3 or 4 times? Or how it is by text message or calls?

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2. Membership suggested that they vote on this issue to allow the Vice Commander to report back to the Agency Organization next month.
3. Membership discussed that the veterans have already served and should not be required to drive many miles for assistance.
4. *Commander Evans*: Discussed how many of the issues remain even with the new officers of ENAVO. She agrees that the veterans shouldn't be required to attend meetings. If they want minutes, then they should provide their email.
5. *Secretary Yazzie-Kinlacheeny*: recommended that they do a resolution that supports their decision to allow or not allow them. Officers agree.

B. Auxiliary Team by Commander Evans

- i. We are all the team and don't usually meet.
- ii. Fundraising Balances: \$617 dollars
 1. First Food Sale: \$475
 2. Expended: \$150 on sheep. Total Balance \$325.
 3. 2nd Food Sale: Revenue \$402. Total Balance \$726
 4. Veterans Day - Expended: \$123. Total Balance \$604.
 5. \$14 donation. Total Balance \$617.

iii. T-Shirts

1. Secretary Yazzie-Kinlacheeny was only sent one to the Commander.
2. Ms. House will look into it, but wanted to know which vendors were contacted.
3. Secretary Yazzie-Kinlacheeny explained that 4 quotes were obtained.
4. Listing of the veterans came out to 45.
5. Need to verify size and amounts against the listing for a more accurate quotation. Membership provided their sizes and those representation of family members.

C. Chapter Administration

- i. *CSC June Chavez*: Smith Lake Veterans Building is in the process of renovation and should be completed by December 2026. Some funding that was lost of about \$250,000. This created a shortfall because it was \$800,000. Requested additional funds to the state of NM. Are at the chapter 3-4 times a week and Four Seasons are the contractor.

5. OLD BUSINESS by Commander Evans

- A. Veterans' Day Update: Served 100 people and 47 people that signed in. Only 5 veterans came, but their families came with them. Memorial Day planning will begin in February. Bring your ideas. Vice Commander indicated that the Color Guard comes from Tohatchi. Vice Commander will make contact with them ahead of time. Membership agreed that the food was good. Commander Evans indicted

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that there are some drinks left and will use it at future meetings. \$2,014.65 was for Earls was spent on the food.

B. Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization Update

- i. Vice Commander Holiday provided her report in the reports.
- ii. Commander Evans reiterated the updating their information and reapply for those denied. Spoke individually with members in the room about their status.

6. NEW BUSINESS by Commander Evans

- A. SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICIES REQUIREMENT FOR CHAPTER VETERANS ORGANIZATION COMMANDER TO RECEIVE APPLICANT NOTIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF THE MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Discussion held during the reports.

1st Motion: Adelle House

2nd Motion: Kevin Charley

Vote: 14-0-2

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS by Commander Evans

- A. Next Auxiliary & Veteran Meeting: Sunday, January 11th, 2026 at 2PM

- B. Next Chapter Meeting: Special Mtg Saturday, December 13th, 2025 at 10AM

Regular Mtg Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 10AM

8. ADJOURNMENT by Commander Evans

1st Motion: Jolene Lucero

2nd Motion: Herman Tsinnie

Vote: 13-0-2

Time: 6:18PM

SLCVO Meeting Minutes Completion

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