

# NAKAIBETO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

**Tikeshia Echeverria**  
Commander

**Rachel Garrett**  
Vice Commander

**Carol Bowman Muskett**  
Secretary/Recorder

**Minutes**  
January 18, 2026  
1:00 PM



## I. Preliminaries:

- a. Call Meeting to Order: **Commander Echeverria called meeting to order at 1:25 PM**
- b. Roll Call: **Commander Tikeshia Echeverria [ P ]**  
**Vice Commander Rachel Garrett [ P ]**  
**Secretary/Treasurer Carol B Muskett [ P ]**
- c. Invocation: **Carol Bowman Muskett, NVO Secretary/Recorder**
- d. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence for "MIA-POW & KIA": **Observed by NVO Committee**
- e. Review and Adopt **Agenda: Commander Echeverria read Agenda to Committee. Motion was made by Alfonzo Dawes to Accept and Approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samuel Benallie, Vote: 16, 0, 1**
- f. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: To be read and reviewed at next Regular Meeting.

## II. New Business: (Resolutions)

- a. Resolution No. NVO-2026-01-001 – **MEXICAN SPRINGS CHAPTER REQUEST FOR A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,243.58. – Commander Echeverria – this is currently what we have at the Chapter. We need to make sure it is budgeted in the right line items. We will be placing \$1,000.00 in Purchase of food, \$3,000.00 for Gifts and awards, and the remaining amount in \$5,243.58 in Catering Expense. Mexican Spring Chapter is hosting**

Veterans Agency Meeting coming up in April. Friday April 3, 2026. We want to have it catered so we need to let the chapter know where to place these funds for our event. Are there any questions? If No We need a Motion. Motion to Accept and Approve Resolution NVO-2026-01-002 made by Eddie Yazzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calvin Birsie, Vote: 15, 0, 1

- b. resolution No. NVO-2026-01-002 - AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE INITIAL \$314.00 FUNDING CAP AND RESTORING THE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE AMOUNT TO \$400.00 FOR HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. – Commander Echeverria read the resolution to committee. Remember we did our budget and we did \$314.00 for hardship and energy. I just received word that they have not completely used the general fund, so we will be going in for a second round, I want to remove that \$314.00 and move it back to \$400.00 so you won't get cheated out of some money. So, if you filed for second round, you will get the \$400.00. So you will get the full \$800.00 for second quarter. There were no questions asked. Motion to accept and Approve Resolution NVO-2026-01-002 made by Edward Bitsie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samuel Benallie, Vote: 17, 0, 1

### III. Reports:

#### 1. Commander Echeverria

- Veterans Fund at the Chapter \$9,243.58 – we talked about this already. In the above resolution.
- Fund Raiser \$649.32 – our Wells Fargo account, we have \$649.32 from our fund raisers.
- Trust Fund \$351.00 - our Veterans Trust Fund through Fort Defiance we have \$351.00 in that account. One of the applicants need to reapply for the \$314.00 the Office

is trying to get a hold of him/her to reapply. The remaining amount is \$37.00 I will put in a stipend for that amount so it can get zeroed out. All of the 105 forms we turn in today, that will be coming from the general fund, thru the Veterans Trust Fund. There is still money available, even after the disbursement from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, they only used about 24%, so there is still a lot out there.

- Veterans Agency Meeting April 3, 2026 @ Mexican Springs Chapter – we hosting this meeting, all the Veterans commanders will be in attendance. There are 26 Veterans commanders, some will bring their vice or other members in their group. We were told to prepare for at least 100 people. I am looking into catering this event. We will need door prizes, and breakfast items. I am putting it out there know. But by next months meeting I will have more concrete ideas and information. Any ideas what we should take into consideration? This is the Friday right before Easter Sunday. So, we need door prizes.
2. Vice Commander Garrett – I don't really have a whole lot. The only thing I saw is that Mexican Springs made the list for Sou Dog Rescue on April 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>. This is for Spay/Neuter of your animals. So, bring all of your animals. There is really no cost to it. They are asking for \$20.00 in donation. But you can bring as many dogs/cats.
  3. Secretary Muskett – I am going to be the bad guy here. Our commander put together a wonderful event for our Veterans. Our Thanksgiving Dinner. This is what you asked for, and our attendance was very low. We had it at the Casino at your request. Just said to see there we could not get full attendance. I will be voting no for next year. We all need to be united and support these events. We have Chapter

meetings, I don't see any of the Veterans coming to the Chapter meetings. We have a meeting coming up in February, February, 17, 2026. Your attendance is requested.

**IV. Next NVO Mtg: February 15, 2026 1 PM**

**V. Announcements:**

1. January 19, 2026: HOLIDAY, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, chapter will be closed
2. January 30, 2026: FDAVO 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mtg. at Oak Springs Chapter at 10:00am
3. February 2, 2026: CLUPC meeting at 10:00am
4. February 2, 2026: Chapter PLANNING meeting at 1:00pm
5. February 4, 2026: District 14 Grazing Committee meeting at 9:00am Twin Lakes Chapter
6. February 16, 2026: HOLIDAY, President's Day, chapter will be closed
7. February 17, 2026: REGULAR Chapter meeting at 1:00pm
8. April 3, 2026: Agency Veterans Organization meeting at Mexican Springs Chapter time is at 9:00 am.

**VI. Adjourn: 2:35pm**

Minutes Prepared By:



Carol Bowman Muskett  
NVO Secretary/Recorder