



# Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) Training AGENDA

May 17-19, 2016

Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton, OR

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

8:00am–8:30am	<b>Coffee/Tea/Pastries/Fruit - Networking</b>
8:30am–9:15am	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Pacific District (OR,WA,ID,NV,CA,AK) Mitch Sparks, Director, ODVA Statewide Veteran Services Toni Cordell, Veteran Service Representative, CTUIR <b>Post Colors:</b> George St. Denis Post 140, American Legion <b>Invocation:</b> Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman, CTUIR <b>Member Board</b> <b>Of Trustees:</b> Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman, CTUIR
9:15am–9:30am	<b>Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Update – Mitch Sparks</b>
9:30am–10:00am	<b>Walla Walla VA Medical Center Update – Brian Westfield, Director Walla Walla VA</b>
10:00am–10:30am	<b>Introductions/Overview/Goals for Training – Terry Bentley &amp; Mitch Sparks</b>
10:30am-11:00am	<b>Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Program – Ivonne Perez, Loan Guaranty Ofc</b>
11:00am-12:30pm	<b>Module 1 – Gus Bedwell, ODVA Training and Development Specialist</b> - Veteran 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What is a Veteran?</li> <li>o What are county, state and federal VA?</li> <li>o What are the differences and how do they connect?</li> </ul>
11:00am-2:00pm	<b>VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR – OPEN TO PUBLIC</b>
12:30pm-1:30pm	<b>Lunch – on your own</b>
1:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Module 2 – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell</b> - VA Benefits Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are service-connected benefits?</li> <li>o What are non-service connected Pension benefits?</li> </ul>
2:30pm-2:45pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45pm -3:45pm	<b>Module 3 – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell</b> - Survivor Benefits Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation?</li> <li>o What is death pension?</li> <li>o What are burial benefits?</li> </ul>
3:45pm-4:00pm	<b>Break</b>
4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>Role Playing – VA Benefits &amp; Services</b>
4:30pm	<b>Adjourn for Day</b>
5:00pm-6:00pm	<b>Tour of Umatilla Reservation – Toni Cordell</b>



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9:00am–10:00am	<b>SAMHSA &amp; Tribal Behavioral Health</b> – David Dickinson, Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)
10:00am–10:15am	<b>Break</b>
10:15am-10:45am	<b>Readjustment Counseling Services (Vet Centers)</b> - Dave Beebe, Walla Walla Team Leader
10:45am-11:15am	<b>Module 4</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representing the Claimant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Why and how do I protect and share information?</li> <li>o What is a Power of Attorney in the VA?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:15am-12:00noon	<b>Module 5</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing the Medical Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are the legal standards for private records, letters, statements, etc.?</li> <li>o Resources for establishing medical evidence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11:00am-2:00pm</b>	<b>VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR – OPEN TO PUBLIC</b>
12:00pm-1:00pm	<b>Lunch – on your own</b>
1:00pm-2:15pm	<b>Module 6</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VA Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ABC's of VA Decisions</li> <li>o Do I NOD or go get additional evidence?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:15pm-2:30pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30pm-3:30pm	<b>Social Security Administration Benefits</b> – Clay Kelly, Manager SSA Pendleton, OR
3:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Module 6</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Checking in on what we learned</li> </ul>
4:00pm	<b>Adjourn for Day</b>
6:00pm-8:00pm	<b>Reception Dinner – Hosted and Sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)</b> Armand Minthorn, Board of Trustees, CTUIR – Invocation Gary Burke, Board of Trustees Chairman, CTUIR - Remarks Remarks by Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon State Department of Veterans Affairs Remarks by Phillip Houk, Mayor of Pendleton, Oregon Remarks by Robert Fleming, M.D., Chief of Staff, Walla Walla VA Medical Center <b>Umatilla Children - traditional dancing / drumming</b>



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9:00am-10:00am	<b>Student Veterans</b> - William Elfering, Military & Veteran Resource Advisor, Oregon State University
10:00am–10:30am	<b>Women Veteran Benefits</b> - Jeanne Cone, RN, Women Veterans Program Manager for Walla Walla VA and Elizabeth Estabrooks, MSW, Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator
10:30am–11:00am	<b>Portland VBA Regional Office Update</b> - Kevin Kalama, Veterans Service Center Manager/Area West, VA Portland Regional Office
11:00am–11:15am	<b>Break</b>
11:15am-11:45am	<b>Home &amp; Community Based Services (which includes: home based primary care, hospice, caregiver support, palliative care, homemaker/home health aide, purchased skilled home care, respite care, geriatric extended care, adult day care, etc.)</b> – Kris Patterson-Fowler, LICSW, BCD, Chief Home & Community Based Services, Walla Walla VA
11:45am-12:15pm	<b>USDA Grant Opportunities</b> – Holly Hallligan, Community Programs Specialist
12:15am-1:00pm	<b>Lunch – on your own</b>
1:00pm-2:00pm	<b>Module 7</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VA Education Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are the federal VA education benefits?</li> <li>o What are the state VA education benefits?</li> <li>o How do they intermingle?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:00pm-2:15pm	<b>Break</b>
2:15pm-3:15pm	<b>Module 8</b> – Mitch Sparks / Gus Bedwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VA Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are the priority groups?</li> <li>o What is the Choice Program?</li> <li>o How do these help Veterans?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3:15pm-3:30pm	<b>Break</b>
3:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Unanswered Questions?</b> – Mitch Sparks/Gus Bedwell
4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>Training Certificates/Challenge Coins</b> – Terry Bentley / Mitch Sparks/Toni Cordell
4:30pm	<b>Adjourn for Day / Safe Travels Home</b>