



Tribal Veteran Representative Training



VA Office of Tribal Government Relations in collaboration with the Oregon State Department of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring a 3-day Tribal Veteran Representative Training to be held on September 22-24, 2015 in Salem, Oregon.

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2015

- **WHO:** Tribal Veteran Representatives (TVR), Tribal Veteran Service Officers (TVSO) within Tribal Communities
- **WHAT:** Tribal Veteran Representative – 3-day training course
- **WHERE:** Oregon State Department of Veterans Affairs Building, 700 Summer Street, NE, Salem, Oregon
- **WHEN:** September 22 – 24, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. all three days
- **WHY:** To offer training assistance to those TVR's within tribal communities who are helping Veterans and their family members with VA benefits and services.
- **COST:** Free of charge – priority of participants – 1) Appointed TVR's or TVSO's by Tribe either as a paid or volunteer position; 2) Tribes within Western Region (OR, WA, ID, NV, CA, AK); 3) Open to other TVR's or TVSO's across the U.S.

TO REGISTER: Please email Mrs. Terry Bentley at terry.bentley@va.gov or call 541-440-1271.

Please provide your name, title, tribe, email, and phone.

This training will accommodate up to 50 participants.

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Proposed Training Outline:

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Topic

1.

Veteran Service Officer Basics:

- VSO Responsibilities
- VA Law 101
- VA Structure Overview
- Veteran Status
- Types of Discharges
- Discharge Upgrades and VA Character of Service Inquiries
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Power of Attorney

2.

Service Connected Benefits:

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- Service-Connection
 - a. Direct
 - b. Secondary
 - c. Aggravation
 - d. Presumptive
 - e. 1151
 - Calculating Combined Ratings
 - f. Calculating Bilateral Factor in Combined Ratings
- Special Claims
 - g. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - h. Hearing Loss
 - i. Individual Un-employability
 - j. Special Monthly Compensation

3.

Income Based Benefits:

- Non-service Connected Pension
- Special Monthly Pension

4.

Survivor Benefits:

- Dependency Indemnity Compensation
- Death (Survivors) Pension
- Accrued Benefits
- Substitution of Claimant
- Burial Benefits

5.

VA Healthcare:

6.

Education: