
VA Office of Tribal Government Relations Newsletter ~ August/September 2018

OTGR Director's Note

Hello and welcome to this early fall edition of the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) newsletter. The leaves are turning and we are looking forward to cool, crisp days and the enjoyable traditions this season brings. I'll begin by sharing information regarding what much of our focus will be in the new fiscal year (2019).

In addition to our ongoing work assisting and supporting VA's tribal consultation, outreach and partnership efforts, we will be working to strengthen relationships and collaborations between the VA and Urban Indian Health Programs. The definition of "strengthen" will likely be determined at the local level and effective service to American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans living in urban areas will drive collaborative priorities. We will also work to strengthen relationships between the VA and programs serving the senior/aging population across Indian Country. Ensuring our senior Veterans have access to the services and benefits available to them through the VA will be incorporated into our OTGR workplan throughout the coming year. We also plan to continue efforts to hold claims events in collaboration with tribal governments and other governmental, Veteran Service Organization and community partners. We wrapped up the 2018 Indian Country claims event campaign: "Your Service, Our Mission: Bringing Benefits Home," which served over 1,000 Veterans and family members in over 20 tribal communities nationwide. The 2018 VA Executive Summary will chronicle and provide data regarding the positive impact of the campaign. Tribal leaders expressed interest in continuing the effort and the 2019 Indian Country claims event schedule looks to be as busy as 2018. These top three areas of focus aren't by any means exhaustive, but provide a little insight to our readers where our energies will be focused in the days ahead.

Turning to upcoming events, out west, on October 20-22, 2018 the Nevada Veterans Advocate Conference will be held in Elko, Nevada. This is a two-day workshop offered in partnership with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. Training will be focused on how to help connect Veterans, active-duty military, guard/reserves and their family members to earned benefits, resources and services. Travel scholarships are available (flyer is attached to the newsletter). On October 22nd, a Nevada Veterans disability compensation claims event will be held, also in Elko. Then on October 24, the Walker River Paiute Tribe will host a disability claims event in Schurtz, Nevada. On November 2nd, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will host a 2018 Veterans Summit (in Warm Springs, OR) which will involve bringing VA benefits and services to Veterans living on the Warm Springs Reservation. Please contact Mrs. Terry Bentley, terry.bentley@va.gov for additional information or questions regarding these or other events in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, California or Nevada.

In the Southwest, VA will have a presence on October 11-12 at the Western Navajo Fair in Tuba City, Arizona. VA, Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe employees will serve on rotational assignments and will be available to provide benefits and services information to Veterans and their families. The Tuba City Regional Health Corporation will also be on hand to support this event. On October 15, VA will be hosting a follow up claims event in Shiprock, NM. The Shiprock claims event held earlier this year drew large crowds which prompted VA to make a commitment to another session (and of course we'll arrange to hold as many events as requested/needed). On October 21-26, VA will sponsor an outreach booth during the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention and Marketplace in Denver, Colorado. VA updates will also be provided during the NCAI Veterans Committee meeting. On October 27, a VA claims event, held in conjunction with the Tohono O'odham Nation Veterans Stand Down, will be held at the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center and Museum located in Topawa, Arizona.

Looking at dates in November, on November 9, the 2018 Native American Veterans Health and Wellness Symposium will be held at the Isleta Hotel and Casino in Isleta, New Mexico from 8 am to 4 pm. This event always draws a large crowd and offers excellent information on a wide range of topics affecting Veterans and their families. If you're in the area, you should really plan to attend if you can (flyer attached to the newsletter). On November 11, Veterans Day, Taos Pueblo will be hosting their Taos Veteran Day Celebration in the Taos Pueblo Plaza. Gourd dancing and a Pow Wow will be held later in the day from 3 pm to 9 pm. For information or questions about these events on the horizon, or other issues involving the Southwest, please email LoRae.Pawiki@va.gov (LoRae a.k.a. 'Homana' is our specialist who works with tribes in AZ; NM, CO and UT). I should also mention that our DC office has 2018 Veterans Day posters available. Just send an email request to: David.Ward@va.gov and he'll make sure they get shipped out right away.

Now, looking over to the Southern Plains and Southeast, Mary Culley has been busy helping to plan the Otoe-Missouria Inter-Tribal Veterans Stand Down in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Over the years we've seen a significant increase in tribes planning and hosting Inter-Tribal Veterans Stand Downs. The Stand Downs have proven to be an effective means of outreach to Native Veterans and engagement of tribal communities. It's been exciting to watch this concept expand across Indian Country. Next week (October 8-11), Mary and Peter Vicaire will be in Niagara Falls, New York to support the United South and Eastern Tribes Veterans Committee, then Mary heads back south to offer VA support to the Kickapoo Tribal Health Fair in McCloud, OK (planned for October 12), participate in the Oklahoma City Mayors Suicide Prevention Challenge meeting and the Oklahoma Governors Veterans Symposium.

In November, Mary is working to engage urban Indian participation in the Dallas/VA Faith-Based job fair to be held in Dallas, Texas (November 8). Mary is also working on a very special engagement with tribal leaders and senior VA officials to be held in Ada, Oklahoma the week after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for more details and a press release announcement regarding that event. If you have questions about any of these events (including location addresses) or other activities planned in the Southern Plains/Southeast areas, please email Mary at: Mary.Culley@va.gov (Mary works with tribes located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi and Florida).

Our editor, Peter Vicaire, has assembled another informative newsletter. If you have suggestions (or requests) regarding content, announcement, photos, art – anything, we welcome your feedback. After USET in Niagara Falls next week, Peter is then off to Penobscot Nation in Maine for a Veterans claims clinic and has just begun planning a November Veterans training summit on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming.

I look forward to catching up with you in the days ahead. Take care, stay warm (or in some locations still, stay cool) and please keep in touch. Happy Reading,



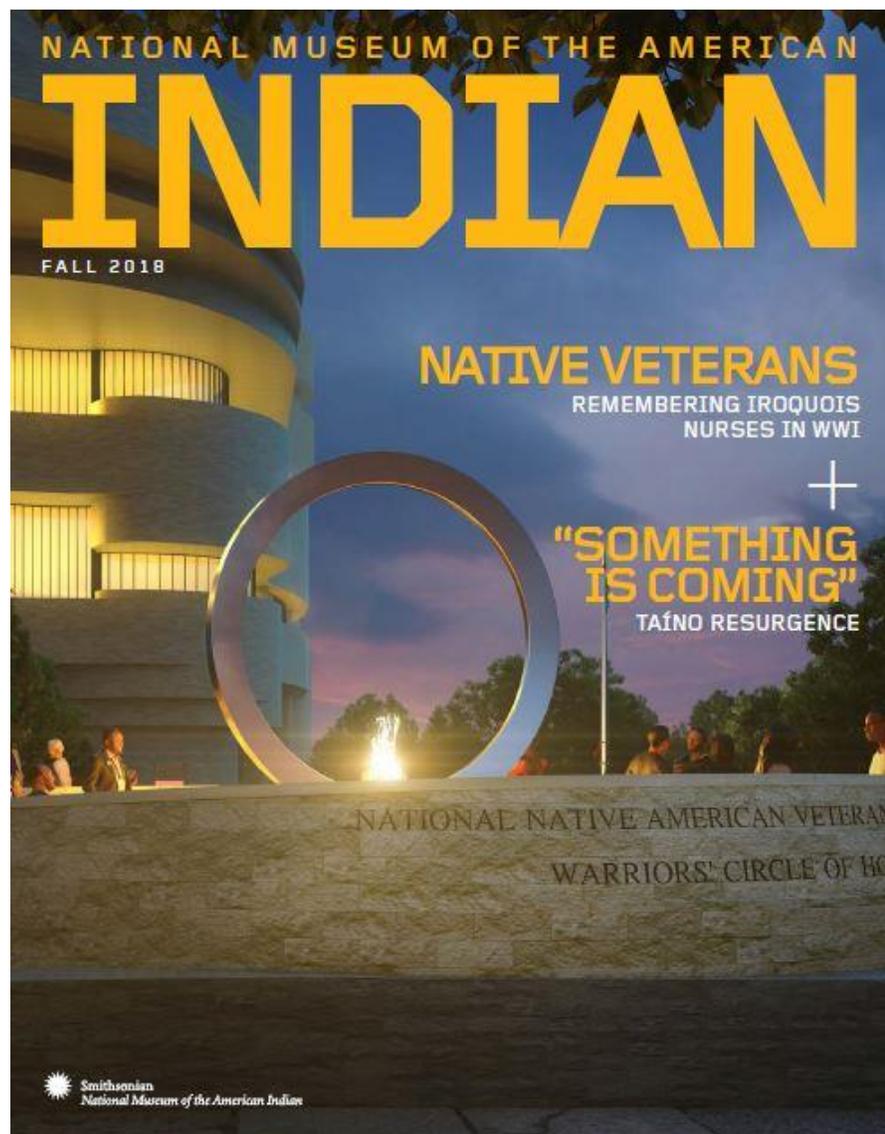
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National Museum of the American Indian: Native Veterans Issue

The National Museum of the American Indian recently published a [magazine](#) which is heavily-focused on Native Veterans. You can access the [magazine online](#) by clicking on the cover image below.

The veterans-related material includes a Director's Letter detailing the background of the memorial designer Harvey Pratt; an article on Iroquois nurses in WWI; as well as coverage of the annual National Gathering of American Indians.



Veterans Claims Clinics Campaign in Indian Country

Throughout much of 2018, VA's [Office of Tribal Government Relations](#) (OTGR) teamed up with VA's Benefits Assistance Service (BAS), 12 VA regional benefit offices and over 20 tribal governments for a pension/presumptive conditions campaign.



Tule River Veterans

The nationwide campaign, titled "[Your Service. Our Mission: Bringing Benefits Home](#)" kicked off on March 21 in Navajo Nation and focused on identifying and assisting eligible Veterans across Indian Country to fill out disability and pension claims. However, any and all claims were covered.



WWII Veteran Jeff Edwards and
OTGR's Terry Bentley

Late last year, OTGR mailed letters to every federally recognized tribe in the nation to alert them of the campaign and provide an opportunity to participate. 20 tribes initially expressed interest in and more were subsequently added.



White Earth Nation
Veterans Building

At one event, a veteran received almost \$21,000 in a retro payment and monthly payments increased from approximately \$600 to \$3600. With still a few more clinics to happen in October, to date, there were just over 1000 veterans who attended these events and were provided an opportunity to file a new claim or get updates on an existing claim.



Siletz Veterans
Tony Molina, Ed Ben, Alan Fish

VA Reimburses over \$82 Million to IHS and Tribal Health Programs



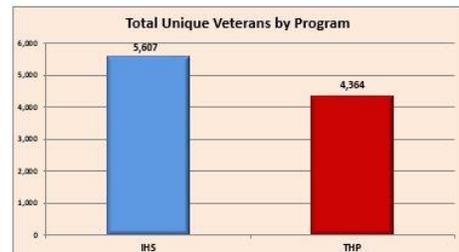
Tribal health clinics interested in entering into a reimbursement agreement with VA for serving veterans should send an initial note of interest to:

tribal.agreements@va.gov

Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program

National Data			
Total Disbursement for IHS/THP Program Agreement Date to FYTD	Total Disbursement by Program - Agreement Date to FYTD		Total Unique Veterans for IHS/THP Program
\$82,622,037.69	Program	Total Disbursed	Total Unique Veterans
	IHS	\$36,302,098.20	5,607
THP	\$46,319,939.49	4,364	

Total Disbursement - Out of System Retropayments (only)	Total Disbursement of Out of System Retropayments (only) - payments included in National Data		Total Unique Veterans - Out of System Retropayments (only)
\$38,427.00	Program	Total Disbursed	Total Unique Veterans
	IHS	\$22,021.00	972
THP	\$16,406.00	410	



Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and Warm Springs Tribes Sign Memorandum of Understanding



Here's a press release from Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.



The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) this week that will enable the tribal government to establish the state's first-ever tribal veteran service office.

Once established, the tribal veteran service office will operate similar to a county veteran service office, providing direct services to tribal veterans under ODVA's power of attorney. Like all county veteran service officers, the tribal veteran service officers will be trained and certified through ODVA.

This is the first state-tribal partnership of this kind in Oregon's history. "This is something we've been working toward for many years," ODVA Acting Director Mitch Sparks said. "The reason we have veteran service offices in each county is that we recognize each county has



their own unique challenges, resources and culture, and we believe veterans are best served in and through their own communities. The same is true, and even more so, for our tribal veterans. “We believe this new partnership will allow tribal veteran service officers in Warm Springs to provide the same level of service as any county veteran service officer, while advocating for their own people.”

Terry Bentley, Pacific District tribal government specialist with the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations, said her agency was excited about the new partnership. “This MOU will enable veterans to receive increased access to services and benefits on the reservation by trusted tribal representatives who are more culturally sensitive,” she said. The announcement was also well-received by Oregon’s elected officials.

“As the daughter of a veteran, I know first-hand how critical the needs are for our service men and women, and their families,” Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said. “I am absolutely thrilled about this new partnership that ensures the veterans of the Warm Springs Tribe will be able to access the vital services and benefits they’ve earned.”

“The memorandum of understanding represents a major accomplishment for veterans everywhere,” Said Rep. Paul Evans, chair of the House Interim Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness. “This approach will be the first of what I hope will be many such partnerships empowering tribal veteran service officers and yielding tremendous benefit to Native American military families and veterans.” ODVA will work closely with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to develop and implement this new office. An anticipated opening date has not yet been set.



Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians Receive Vehicle

On September 11th, 2018, The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, of Red Rock, Oklahoma received a 2018 Ford Explorer. The vehicle was donated by Wounded Warriors Family Support, ensuring Native American Veterans have adequate transportation for their health care needs. The closest Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility is located 80 miles from Red Rock, OK and there are over 90 Native American Veterans there requiring transportation. This will provide a reliable form of transportation for them for years to come.





May 17, 2016

Greetings,

My name is Martin Duarte, Master Gunnery Sergeant, USMC, (Retired). I work for Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) in the programs department. I am the coordinator for Native American Veterans Support, Transition and Respite (NAVSTaR) program. This program ensures that Native American veterans, especially those who are combat wounded, are helped in a meaningful way.

If your Tribe is in need of a vehicle, please provide me with the below requested information so I may vet your request through our administrative process.

1. Location of Tribe so we can find the closes Ford dealership.
2. Closest Veterans Affairs Office, i.e distance (mileage) from the Reservation.
3. Number of Native American Veterans in tribe.
4. Number of Veterans that the tribe transports at one time to their appointments, this will give us and idea on the size of the vehicle.
5. What type of vehicle will meet your requirements (i.e. 4x4 or 4x2).
6. Tribe W9 (Tribe Identification Number and Certification).
7. Tribes major challenges assisting Veterans.

Administrative Note:

Please be advise that if Wounded Warriors Family Support is able to support the request, the tribe will be responsible for titling the vehicle, insurance, gas, and regular maintenance.

WWFS is a national organization that supports and advocates for our nation's Veterans wounded warriors. WWFS has donated many vehicles nation-wide to other tribal veteran-related programs. If any questions or concerns should arise pertaining to this matter, I may be reach via my cell phone at (760) 405-7777 or by e-mail at martin.duarte@wwfs.org.

Sincerely,

Martin Duarte

Martin Duarte
Assistant Program Director/ Outreach

920 S 107th Avenue, Suite 250 Omaha, Nebraska 68114 Phone (402) 932-7036 Fax (402) 916-4399



WWII American Indian Female Veteran Celebrates 108th Birthday

Here's a short article from OTGR's very own Mary Culley.
It ran in [VA Insider](#) on August 27, 2018.

Gene Russell, who serves as VA Secretary Robert Wilkie's official photographer, recently requested assistance from VA's Office of Tribal Government Relations to meet a few American Indian Female Veterans.



*Ms. Julia Kabance is
an American Indian
who served in WWII.*

He wanted to take their photos for the National VA Women Veterans "I Am Not Invisible" campaign. Russell also hoped to include pictures of female veterans who served during WWII.





OTGR Central Region

(IA; MI; MN; MT; ND; NE; SD; WI; WY)



USET VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday October 9th

3 - 5 pm Iroquois Post #1587 Legion Hall
12897 RTE 438 Irving NY 14081

We Come to Discuss National,
Statewide, and Local resources for
Veterans and their families

- Buffalo VAMC
- OTGR Updates

CALL TISHEENA FOR MORE INFO: (716) 532-4900
EMAIL: Tisheena.Jimerson@sni.org

FREE EVENT - USET WELCOMES ALL TO ATTEND



Veterans Day Wacipi

**DAKOTA MAGIC CASINO
NOVEMBER 9-11, 2018**

HOST DRUMS
Dakota Nation
Standing Horse

MASTERS OF CEREMONY
Jerry Dearly, St. Paul, MN
Vince Beyl, USMC, Bemidji, MN

ARENA DIRECTORS
Chaske Heminger, USMC
Chaske LaBlanc

VENDORS
Contact Darell Mireau, US Army
(605) 924-6539

FLAG REGISTRATION
Allen Ellington, US Army
(605) 214-7858

SINGING JUDGES
Mike Greeley, US Army
Gabe Desrosiers

POW WOW TREASURER
Jessie Chanku

HEAD OF SECURITY
Marin Jay Renville

PRINCESS COORDINATOR
Geni Opat (605) 288-0582
Interviews Friday
Dressings Saturday

POW WOW COORDINATOR
Danielle DeCoteau, US Navy
(605) 467-1206
DeWayne Boyd, US Army
(605) 924-1231



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In honor of Willow Eastman
US Navy
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non-placing drums
\$5,000 Drum Split for
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Golden Age 55 yrs & over
Sr Adults 40-55 yrs
Jr Adults 18-39 yrs
Chicken Dance 18 & over
\$500, \$400, \$300, \$200
\$500, \$400, \$300, \$200

Teens 13-17 yrs
\$300, \$200, \$150, \$100
Juniors 8-12 yrs
\$200, \$150, \$100, \$50

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Felix Renville, US Army
Coordinator
Registration @ 10am
Saturday

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OTGR Southern Plains Region

(KS; OK; TX)

OKC CHOCTAW/INTER-TRIBAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION POST 319 & CVA MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: 1ST Saturday of each month

WHERE: Choctaw Alliance Center
5320 S Young's Blvd, OKC OK 73119

TIME: 1000 am – 1200 pm

WHO: All Native Veterans in the surrounding OKC
area

OUR MISSION: To foster camaraderie among native
veterans who served honorably. To serve our veterans
and our communities in any which way we can. To
advocate for all native veterans.

VISON: Ensure that native veterans are respected for
their service, always receive their earned entitlements,
and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved
ones have made on behalf of this great country.

POC: POST COMMANDER-Harold Marris

PHONE: 405-326-2621 or 405-456-4845

EMAIL: chatachafa@live.com



Friday, October 5, 2018

Time: 0900-1500

7 Clans Paradise Casino Event Center
7500 HWY 177, Red Rock, OK

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SURVIVING
SPOUSES
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and any documents
needed for your
claim*



Upcoming Events for Service Members



Date	Event	Contact
October 3rd, 2018 1:00 PM–3:30 PM Tulsa Tech Riverside Campus 801 E 91st Tulsa, Ok	USA JOBS Workshop Free Workshop - Open to Everyone	Call or email to signup 918-796-1209 amie.farinella@oesc.state.ok.us
October 4th, 2018 9:00 AM–2:00 PM 1120 E 8th Street Tulsa 74120	Exclusive Military Veterans ONLY Job Fair	For More Information call 918-348-0567
October 4th-5th, 2018 Cox Business Center in Tulsa	Zarrow Symposium	www.zarrowseminar.com
October 5th, 2018 9:00 AM–3:00 PM 7 Clans Paradise Casino Event Center 7500 HWY 177, Red Rock, Ok	Intertribal Veterans Stand Down Homeless Veterans Prioritized	Mary Culey 405-626-3426 Mary.Culey@va.gov www.va.gov/tribalgovernment
October 7th, 2018 3:00 PM–11:00 PM Westbound Club Tulsa Ok	Marty Animal Annual Birthday Bash And Blue Star Mothers Pre Holiday Fundraiser	www.bobluostar.org
October 11th, 2018 4:00 PM–6:00 PM 5110 South Yale, Ste. 200 Tulsa, Ok	Tulsa VA Dental Clinic Ribbon Cutting OPEN HOUSE	Benita.McClellan@va.gov
October 13th, 2018 10:00 AM–4:00 PM 112 North Main St Broken Arrow, Ok	Military History Through The Ages	Military History Center 918-794-2412 www.okmhc.org/
October 13th, 2018	FW Family Day Event	Connie Hurt 918-833-7732 connie.f.hurt.civ@mail.mil
October 13th, 2018 8:00 AM–12:00 PM New Mannford ramp on Keystone Lake	Heroes on the Water (last event of the year)	Rusty Helms info@heroesonthewater.org
October 14th, 2018	138 Fighter Wing Family Day 2018	Connie Hurt 918-833-7732 or connie.f.hurt.civ@mail.mil
October 20th, 2018 9:00 AM–3:00 PM Jack Graves Sporting Clays Complex 4295 S Garnett Rd Tulsa, Ok 74146	2018 Military Veterans Sporting Clays Shooting Extravaganza!!!	RSVP Required Pete Garcia 918-497-0521 pete.garcia@cox.net
October 25th, 2018 6PM Food & Drinks 7PM Shotgun Start Tulsa Elks Lodge 5335 S Harvard Tulsa	Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament	To Register call Jerry Tinsley 918-705-8308 Tulsa Elks Lodge 918-742-2401



Date	Event	Contact
October 25th, 2018 Dinner 6:30 PM 301 S 9th St Broken Arrow, Ok	Bunco-Rama	Susan Thesenvitz 918-808-0747
October 27th, 2018 8:30 AM—4:00 PM	THFH's 2018 Warrior Partnerships of Eastern Oklahoma BUILD DAY	www.thfh.volunteerhub.com Tabitha Shinn 918-859-6947 tshinn@tulsahabitat.org
October 27th, 2018 12:00 PM—4:00 PM Location TBA	Heroes on the Water Northeast Oklahoma Chapter	nenkia@heroesonthewater.org
October 29th, 2018 The Golf Club of Oklahoma	Soldiers Wish 2nd Annual Golf Tournament	Tony Heineman 918-271-8880 tonyh@soldierswish.org www.soldierswish.org
November 3rd, 2018	DAV 5K Honor Bridge	Register : www.eagleops.org/honorbridge Questions : honorbridge@eagleops.org
November 5th, 2018 6:30 PM—9:30 PM Tulsa Time Paint & Sip Studio	Paint & Sip Fundraiser \$50 per person 38 seats available	Susan Thesenvitz 918-808-0747 Blue Star Mother's Office 918-259-9479 info@tulsapaintsip.com
VETERAN'S DAY November 11th, 2018 2:30 PM Tulsa Performing Arts Center	Benjamin Britten's WAR REQUIEM	918-584-3645 tulsapac.org
November 24th, 2018 TBA	The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricanes SEATS FOR SOLDIERS	Info at 918-631-GoTU (Ext. 1) tulsahurricane.com
November 29th, 2018 10:00 AM—12:00 PM TCC Metro Campus 909 S Boston Tulsa, Ok 74119	Tulsa Community College Student Veteran Resource Fair	John Nelson 918-595-7609 jon.nelson@tulsacc.edu
February 1st-28th, 2019 The Hive—115 South 1st Street Jenks, Oklahoma	Veterans Art Show Entrance fee is \$15/artist	www.coffeebunker.org 918.637.3878



Date	Event	Contact
Mondays Flying Tee	VETERANS & First Responder Mondays	https://www.flyingteegolf.com/responder-mondays/all/
Mondays 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Coffee Bunker	Music for Wellness	Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878 www.coffeebunker.org
Tuesdays Coffee Bunker	Lady Bunker	Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878 www.coffeebunker.org
Tuesdays (all but 2nd of month)	The Community Foodbank of Eastern Oklahoma Mobile Eatery	Jim Lyall jlyall@okfoodbank.org
Wednesdays 9:00 AM Coffee Bunker 6365 E 41st Tulsa, Ok 74135	NEW : Garden Club for Veterans	Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878 www.coffeebunker.org
Wednesdays 3:00 PM—5:00 PM Coffee Bunker	Employment Assistance	Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878 www.coffeebunker.org
Wednesdays 12:30 PM Coffee Bunker	The Community Foodbank of Eastern Oklahoma Mobile Eatery	Jim Lyall jlyall@okfoodbank.org
Wednesdays 6:00 PM Rotating Location	Wednesday Night Walkabouts Rucking and Walking	jennifer.kuntz@teamrwb.org More at: RWB Tulsa's Facebook Page
Thursdays 11:45 AM Tulsa Vet Center	The Community Foodbank of Eastern Oklahoma Mobile Eatery	Jim Lyall jlyall@okfoodbank.org
Thursdays 6:00 PM Rotating Location	Thirsty Thursdays	jennifer.kuntz@teamrwb.org More at: RWB Tulsa's Facebook Page
Thursdays 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Coffee Bunker 6365 E 41st Tulsa, Ok 74135	Warrior Yoga VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	www.coffeebunker.org Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878
Fridays 12:30 PM Coffee Bunker	The Community Foodbank of Eastern Oklahoma Mobile Eatery	Jim Lyall jlyall@okfoodbank.org
Saturdays 8:30 AM Hunter Park	Saturday Morning Walk/Run Group	jennifer.kuntz@teamrwb.org More at: RWB Tulsa's Facebook Page
Saturdays 9:15 AM Whole Foods—91st & Yale in Tulsa	Coffee, Tea, and RWB	jennifer.kuntz@teamrwb.org More at: RWB Tulsa's Facebook Page
Saturdays 12:00 PM—1:00 PM Coffee Bunker	Fighting Addiction	Scott Blackburn 918-637-3878 www.coffeebunker.org



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2nd Monday Each Month 6:30 PM Family Center 6420 S 129th E Ave in BA	Military Order Purple Heart Chapter 589	Mitch Reed mitch@valornet.com
2nd Tuesday Each Month 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Oklahoma Joe's 6175 E 61st St Tulsa	Veterans Gathering	Jim Holman hji@tulsacoymail.com
2nd Wednesday Each Month 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM Tulsa Library (Aaronson Auditorium)	Veterans Job Club	Jeff Fryer 918-682-3364x233 jeff.fryer@oesc.state.ok.us
2nd Thursday Each Month 11:30 AM—1:30 PM CSC Office, 2nd Floor	Warrior Partnerships of Eastern Oklahoma	Peter Luitwieler pluitwieler@rcstulsa.org
2nd Saturday in Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 10:00 AM 1109 E 6th St Tulsa VFW Post 577	Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization Tulsa Chapter 0212	womenvetsulsa@gmail.com
3rd Thursday Each Month 9:00 AM—1:00 PM S Tulsa Community House, 5780 S Peoria	Monthly Veteran's Day Grocery Program: Veterans may get enough groceries to feed their household for 5-7 days.	southtulsacommunityhouse.org 918-742-5597 communityhouse@tulsacoymail.com
3rd Thursday Each Month 2:00 PM VFW Post #577	Mayor of Tulsa Veterans Advisory Council Meeting	Sandy Oxford 918-628-2760 sandra.oxford@va.gov
3rd Saturday Each Month 9:30 AM Golden Corral 21st & Memorial	USMC Northeast Oklahoma Chosen Few	Jim Holman
3rd Saturday Each Month 11:00 AM—12:00 PM American Legion Post 308	USS Tulsa Memorial Fleet Reserve Association Branch 280	Cher Garrett 918-504-0155 www.fra.org
3rd Wednesday Each Month 10:00 AM—12:00 PM OK Workforce 717 S 32nd St in Muskogee	Muskogee USAJOBS Workshop USAJOBS account must be established, Spots Limited, Must RSVP to Attend	Jeff Fryer 918-682-3364x233 jeff.fryer@oesc.state.ok.us amie.farinella@oesc.state.ok.us
4th Wednesday Each Month 10:00 AM—12:00 PM OK Workforce 717 S 32nd St in Muskogee	Muskogee Veterans Job Club	Jeff Fryer 918-682-3364x233 jeff.fryer@oesc.state.ok.us amie.farinella@oesc.state.ok.us
4th Thursday Each Month 9:30 AM Legend at Tulsa Hills 701 W 71st St	All Veterans Assoc., Inc. Meeting	Jim DeLoach 918-298-2882 David Rule 918-698-5395 Jim Holman 918-640-8556
4th Saturday Each Month 9:00 AM VFW Post 577	Tulsa Marine Corps League Schwab Det 857	http://www.mclschwabdet857.com/
4th Saturday Each Month 12:00 PM—4:00 PM Coffee Bunker	Healing for Veterans (Contact for Monday Appointment As Well)	Nancy Scott creekladyhealer@gmail.com
Last Tuesday Each Month 9:00 AM Tapestry at Woodland Hills	Veterans Breakfast (RSVP Requested)	Crystal Nichols 918-893-6177 http://www.tapestrytulsa.com/



Date	Event	Contact
3rd Monday Each Month Norman First United Methodist Church 1950 Beaumont Dr Norman 73071	Native American Combat Veterans Group	Contact Billy Grimes to determine eligibility. 405-456-5184
Military OneSource Affiliate Network	Seeking LPC's as affiliate members to provide care to service members and dependents.	800-397-1630 MOSProviderRelations@militaryonesource.com
Legal Aid OK 8:30 AM—4:00 PM, M-Th	Veterans may apply for free civil legal assistance.	www.legalaidok.org 888-534-5243
Blue Winds Dancing Sanctuary 102 Main St, Indianola OK	Operation Be Alive Veterans Healing through PTSD	www.bluewindsdancing.net 918-470-2056
Online Survey/Study	Stressful Experiences LGBTQ+ Sexual Minority Military Personnel	https://goo.gl/H9c7Ta Rachel Micol 918-631-3976 micol_rachel@gmail.com
Tax Services	Military One Source Tax assistance for eligible service and family members	800-342-9647 militaryonesource.mil
In-Home Assistance	Financial Assistance for In-Home Companion Services	Tulsa 918-749-9933 OKC 405-848-3555 www.interimhealthcare.com
BrightView Landscape Development's "A Gathering Place" project will provide full time work for the next 2-3 years	Now hiring qualified veterans to fulfill positions such as: laborers, lead men, equipment operators, foreman and CDL drivers	Hiring and Training Coordinator 469-435-9212 daniel.sanchez@brightview.com Apply: https://jobs.brightview.com/military
Flu Season All Walgreens Locations	Free Flu Shots for All Veterans Enrolled in VA Healthcare	
Eastern OK VA Healthcare System	Bike Clinic (Contact your Primary Care Provider for referral)	Marlene Diaz 918-577-3699 ext.1326 Meghan Collins 918-577-3874
Ernest Childers VA Outpatient Clinic Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 9322 E 41st St, Tulsa OK 74145	Veteran Claims Officers	khewilt@odva.state.ok.us 918-913-5595 ljordan@odva.state.ok.us 918-628-2566 kxingraham@odva.state.ok.us 918-628-2579
Americom Technologies Group 302 E 5th Ave Ste D, Owasso OK	Eagle Ops Veteran Resource Information	918-401-9404 www.americomto.com
Home-helpers South Tulsa Contracted with VA	Companion, Personal, Alzheimer's & Dementia, and Respite Care Homemaker's Services	Michele Scott 918-884-6022 miscott@Homehelpershomecare.com homehelpershomecare.com/south-Tulsa
Organizations Collaborating on Service Provider Network	Building Healthy Military Communities	www.jointsservicesupport.org/spn For more information contact : debbie.c.rich.ctr@mail.mil
Oklahoma Veterans Club Email List	Ask Questions, Share Insights and Resources, Receive Direct Feedback from Other Members	www.OklahomaVeteransClub.org

OTGR Southwest Region

(AZ; CO; NM; UT)

VETERANS STAND DOWN

SAVE THE DATE

AMERICAN LEGION

CONRADO F. BILDUCIA POST 124 and
O'odham Veterans Celebration Committee



October 6, 2018

08:00 TO 13:00

Guadalupe, Arizona 85283



JOIN US FOR A "YOORI TAEWAI" DAY OF HEALING)

MUST SHOW PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE



All Veterans and their Families,
Veterans Widows and Widowers
are Welcome

Continental Breakfast & Hot Noon Meal



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A Drug and Alcohol Free Event



Funded in Part by Arizona Department of Veterans Services

5/09

4th Annual Veterans Conference



November 1-2, 2018
9:00am to 5:00pm

Everyone Welcome

Red Rock Park
5757 Red Rock Park Drive
Church Rock, NM 87311



For more information call 505-722-9470 or 505-274-1747

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**6th Annual
Veterans
Stand Down &
Hand-Up Project**



✓ Military Surplus
(Homeless Only)

✓ Housing

✓ Employment

✓ Vaccination

✓ Hair Cuts

✓ Lunch

November 2, 2018
0900 to 1700 hrs

ADMISSION:
Military or VA ID or DD214

Red Rock Park
5757 Red Rock Park Drive
Church Rock, NM 87311



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Wellness Symposium - 2018

“Honoring Veterans Service”

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Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service,
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Friday, November 9, 2018 8a - 4p
Isleta Hotel and Casino

Indian Health Service, New Mexico VA Health Care System & AARP NM
Present the

2018 Native American Veterans Health and Wellness Symposium
Friday, November 9, 2018
Isleta Hotel & Casino

"Veteran to Veteran, Honoring Their Service; Providing Them Services"



Pre-Registration

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Dates Served: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Register today! Please return completed form by mail, call or email to:

Grace Baca Grace.Baca@ihs.gov or Emilia Lovato Emilia.Lovato@ihs.gov
(505) 256-6790 (505) 256-6791

Albuquerque Area IHS, 4101 Indian School Road, NE, Suite 225
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Special Hotel Rate: \$93/night; available to participants on Nov. 8 and 9; Code VAE 1118
Call the Isleta Hotel at (505) 724-3800; 11000 Broadway Blvd, SE, Albuquerque



Veteran's Day Pow-Wow



Sunday, November 11, 2018
Taos Pueblo Community Center

Gourd Dancing
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Grand Entry
6:00pm

\$1.00 per person admission

Host Northern Drum
Hail Creek, Taos Pueblo

Head Man Dancer
Terry Pecos, Jemez Pueblo

Host Southern Drum
Southern Slam, Zia Pueblo

Head Lady Dancer
Kimberly Marcus, Taos Pueblo

All Drums Welcome **All Dancers Welcome**

Concession will be available
For more information contact Laquita Cruz - 575-758-6900

Tohono O'odham Veterans Affairs Office

2018

Annual Veterans Stand Down

When: Saturday, October 27th, 2018

Where: Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural
Center & Museum

Located: B.I.A Route 19 and Fresnal Canyon Rd.
in Topawa, Arizona

Time: 10:00 am to 02:00 pm

*Bring DD-214 and/or any other military records you have.

For additional information please contact:

Jessica.Mesa-Saldana@tonation-nsn.gov

Denice.Garcia@tonation-nsn.gov

(520) 383-1900



OTGR Western Region

(AK; CA; ID; NV; OR; WA)

Become a Nevada Veterans Advocate



*** **FREE Workshop in Elko** ***

Nevada Veterans Advocates help connect veterans, active duty military, guard/guard reserves and their family members to earned benefits, resources and services.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21
8:00 am through 5:00 pm each day

WHERE: Red Lion Inn and Casino
2065 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801

REGISTRATION: 775-321-4708 or kingm@veterans.nv.gov
ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE at <http://bit.ly/2NnXQZ3>

- Continental breakfast, afternoon snacks and beverages will be provided each day.
- Travel reimbursement may be available to those who qualify. Must be traveling more than 75 miles from the event.

ALL TRAVEL REQUESTS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED.



Attention Native American Veterans

Monday October 22nd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Native American Veterans have the opportunity for additional claims assistance. Travel reimbursement is available to those who qualify.

Please bring your DD214 at this time.



CONTACT:
McKensie King
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VA WILL BE HOLDING A
**Bringing VA Benefits
Home event** in your
hometown.



During the event, you can:

- ✓ Speak with a VA representative
- ✓ Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions
- ✓ File your claim
- ✓ Get same-day decisions when you share complete information

EVENT DATE & TIME/S:

October 24, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LOCATION:

Walker River Paiute Tribe Community Center
1031B Hospital Road, Shurtz, Nevada 89427

POINT OF CONTACT:

John Lockwood, VFW Commander, Post 6825

PHONE NUMBER:

775-773-2238 office
775-316-0065 cell



RESOURCE TEAMS:

- VA Portland Medical Center
- VA Portland Regional Office
- Native Wellness Institute
- Oregon State Department of Veterans Affairs
- Native Procurement Technical Assistance Center
- Oregon Veteran Home Lebanon The Dalles
- V.E.T.S. Employment & Training Services
- Elizabeth Estabrooks ODVA- Oregon Women Veterans COORD.
- Bend Vet Center
- DOL / SAMSHA / SSA / CMS
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Program
- CHAMP VA



Staff will be available to assist Veterans and family members with Paperwork, Questions & Information.

Please Bring:
DD214
Service Medical Records
Personal Medical Records

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THE INN AT CROSS KEYS
STATION

RESERVATIONS CALL-
(541)475-5800



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Contact: Mitchell DeVaney at mitchell.devaney@ihhs.gov; (541)553-1196 Ext.2120

8th ANNUAL NORTHWEST TRIBAL OPIATE SYMPOSIUM



Presented by Muckleshoot Behavioral Health Program
November 15th 2018
8am to 4pm

Presenters:

- Capt Stephen "Miles" Rudd, MD Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Director, Portland Area IHS
- Marvin D. Seppala, MD (Marv), chief medical officer for Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
- Jeri Jasken, Behavioral Health Director, White Earth Nation

Register via Email: Dan.Cable@muckleshoot-health.com
Include: Name /Title /Organization/ Phone Number
Breakfast and Lunch Provided
6 CEUs available

New Location:
Emerald Queen Convention Center
5700 Pacific Hwy E. Fife, WA 98424

