
Office of Tribal Government Relations Newsletter ~ January 2015

Note from the Director

Greetings and welcome to the January edition of the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) newsletter. We hope 2015 is off to a good start for our readers. The regional tribal government relations specialists are hitting the ground running, as usual. Over in the Northwest, Terry Bentley is meeting with tribal leaders and Veterans during the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI) winter session. In the Southwest, Homana Pawiki began the year making site visits to Ft. Mojave and the Colorado River Indian Tribes. In the Eastern Region, Mary Culley made recent site visits with representatives from Catawba Nation, Eastern Band Cherokee and the Lumbee Tribe. Peter Vicaire is planning site visits moving into the spring. The purpose of these intergovernmental site visits is to facilitate meetings between VA and tribal officials, offering briefings on VA services and benefits and obtaining a better mutual understanding of what the needs, challenges and best practices are in place as tribes seek to meet the needs of Veterans across Indian Country; while also informing VA as to how to effectively and collaboratively work with tribal governments.

Here in Washington D.C. we've been busy crafting the report compilation of responses to the Choice Act Section 102 (c) Tribal Consultation. A report summary should be forthcoming by early March. Next week VA officials will be briefing the Veterans Committee during the United and Southeastern Tribes (USET) meeting which will be held in the DC area. We've also been busy meeting with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as HUD initiated Tribal Consultation regarding implementation options for HUD VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) in Indian Country. We are very excited about this program opening up to tribal government participation and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for Veterans struggling with homelessness.

In January, we also kicked off a series of regional calls with the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal Health Programs (THP) and our VA colleagues to encourage information sharing and technical assistance focused on implementation of the Reimbursement Agreements across Indian Country. To date, VA has reimbursed over \$15 million for care provided to Veterans by IHS and THP sites and we anticipate that number will grow much higher in the days ahead. If you would like to ask questions or initiate discussions about establishing a Reimbursement Agreement with the VA, please email: tribal.agreements@va.gov and one of our VA colleagues should respond within the week.

The specialists will post the Veterans Training Summit location and dates information in the days ahead and updates will also be posted to the VA tribal government website at www.va.gov/tribalgovernment. The website is refreshed regularly so please check in often for updates or information. If you have suggestions for content or if there is something you would like to hear more about, please don't hesitate to send your suggestions to us at the following address tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov. We look forward to visiting with you on the phone and during our upcoming travels.

Happy Reading – Stephanie





HUD-VASH Program To Be Made Available in Indian Country



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

January 26, 2015

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking your input on the design of a demonstration program that will provide critical housing assistance and supportive services to Native American Veterans living on or near tribal lands.

Over the last seven years, HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have jointly administered the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. The program combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance with VA case management and clinical services, home for Veterans experiencing homelessness. VA services are provided at VA medical centers, VA community-based outreach clinics, VA community partner agencies, and in the Veteran's home. HUD-VASH, along with other VA homeless programs, has been a critical component in the Administration's efforts to end homelessness among Veterans.

Unfortunately, certain statutory limitations have prevented Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) from being eligible to administer these vouchers to assist Native American Veterans on tribal lands. However, with the recently enacted Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015, the Department is authorized for the first time to set aside funding for HUD-VASH in Indian Country. Funding under the program must be awarded based on need, administrative capacity, and other funding criteria established by the Department.

The law also directs HUD to coordinate with Indian tribes, TDHEs, and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to Native American Veterans. Finally, it also authorizes HUD to make appropriate adjustments to the HUD-VASH model, and to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that it administers. HUD may issue these waivers or alternative requirements if it finds that they are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of rental assistance under the program.

In accordance with HUD's Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation Policy, the Department, with this letter, is seeking your input on this program. Please consider the following issues as you form your response:

1. As prescribed by law, this funding will be awarded based on need. HUD is considering using data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Census Bureau to determine need. Are there other data sets to consider in determining need?



2. HUD may establish other criteria for awarding funds. What other funding criteria should HUD consider when making awards?
3. How should tenant-based rental assistance be used in this program? How should project-based rental assistance be used in this program?
4. How can HUD target assistance under this program in a way that encourages the creation of new housing?
5. What rent structure should be used for rental units assisted by HUD-VASH: local fair market rents, (FMR), unit operating costs, or other indicators of rent?
6. Does your tribe currently work together with local VA Medical Centers (and, if so, in what ways)? Are there obstacles that Veterans in your community face in getting treatment or care?
7. What role can the Indian Health Service (IHS), IHS-funded hospitals and clinics, and tribally funded hospitals play in assisting the VA in providing supportive services to Native Veterans?
8. What other medical providers exist in your community that currently or could potentially care for Veterans?
9. Does your tribe currently have a way to estimate the number of homeless persons (including persons at risk of being homeless) and/or Veterans in your community? If so, please provide any relevant additional information that may be helpful to the Department.

10. HUD is required by law to track HUD-VASH assistance and how it is used. How can the Department work with Indian tribes and TDHEs to track and report on this assistance?
11. What, if any, statutory and regulatory waivers should HUD issue to ensure the effective delivery and administration of assistance under this program? Are there any alternative requirements that HUD should consider? Please note that funding under this program will generally be subject to NAHASDA requirements.
12. Please outline any other challenges or opportunities you identify with a tribal HUD-VASH program.



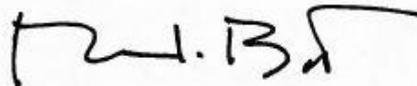
Please submit your comments within 30 days from the date of this letter to tribalhudvashcomments@hud.gov or by postal mail to:

Nick Zolkowski
HUD - Office of Native American Programs
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4126
Washington, DC 20410

After receiving all comments, HUD will consider them and begin working with the VA on the design of the program. Tribal stakeholders will be kept informed, and HUD will continue its collaboration with you throughout the process. HUD is required by law to publish, by June 14, 2015, a notice in the *Federal Register* that establishes program requirements, and announces how Indian tribes and TDHEs can apply for funding.

HUD looks forward to receiving your comments. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Rodger J. Boyd
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs



Department of Labor: Tribal Grants Open

Here's an article that originally ran in Indianz.com



Secretary Thomas Perez meets with 15-year-old Ki Fredeen at Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Fab Lab on Monday, July 21, 2014. Fredeen was showing the Secretary how he uses a 3-D printer to produce small art pieces. Photo by U.S. Department of Labor

[Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez](#) announces tribal consultation sessions for changes in employment and training grant policy:

I'm proud of the work we've done at the Department of Labor for tribal communities. This summer, I had the chance to visit the Cook Inlet Tribal Council in Anchorage, Alaska. They're using grant funding awarded through the Department's Workforce Investment Act – Indian and Native American Program to develop a “Fab Lab,” where students are using the latest advanced manufacturing tools – including a 3-D printer – to gain the skills and training they need to excel in today's workforce. The department has provided similar funding this year to 180 other tribal nations and Native American organizations, to support innovative job training and youth programs. I've also been touring the country visiting winners of our Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) competitive grant program. These grants support partnerships between community colleges and employers to ensure that job seekers are getting the skills they need for in-demand jobs in industries like technology, health care, energy, and advanced manufacturing. And we've awarded more than \$38 million in TAACCCT funding to tribal colleges, including \$5.1 million in the latest round of funding Vice President Biden announced in September. I look forward to visiting one of the winners next year.



Social Security Administration Expands Hours

Thursday, January 22, 2015
For Immediate Release



LaVenja J. LaVelle, Press Officer
press.office@ssa.gov

News Release

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security to Expand Field Office Hours Nationwide

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 Allows Agency to Restore Some Service Hours

Social Security announces as a result of Congress' approval of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the agency will expand its hours nationwide and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, effective March 16, 2015. A field office that is usually open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will remain open until 4:00 p.m. Offices will continue to close to the public at noon every Wednesday so employees have time to complete current work and reduce backlogs.

"This expansion of office hours reaffirms our commitment to providing the people we serve the option of top-notch, face-to-face assistance in field offices even as we work to expand online services for those who prefer that flexibility," said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "The public expects and deserves world-class customer service and thanks to approved funding, I am pleased we will continue our tradition of exceptional service."

In recent years, Social Security reduced public office hours due to congressional budget cuts, growing backlogs and staffing losses. The agency began recovery in fiscal year 2014 by replacing some field office staffing losses and providing overtime support to process critical work. With the commitment of resources in fiscal year 2015, the agency is able to restore some service hours to the public.

Most Social Security business does not require a visit to a local field office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits, creating a my Social Security account, replacing a Medicare card, or reporting a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available anytime at www.socialsecurity.gov. Social Security also offers assistance via a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (Voice) and 1-800-325-0778 (TTY). Representatives are available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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VA/Tribal Health/IHS Reimbursement Program Reimburses More Than \$15.2 Million

Tribal health clinics interested in entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with VA should send an email: tribal.agreements@va.gov

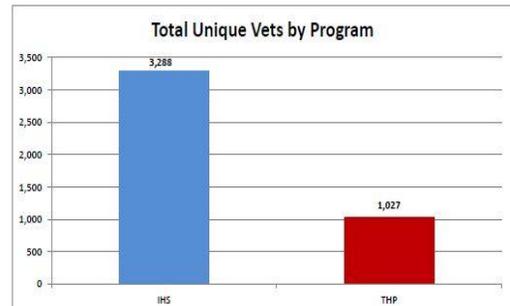
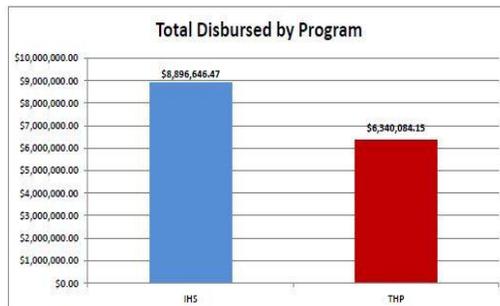
CBO Purchased Care, Program Oversight and Informatics
Department of Informatics (10N3B)

Indian Health / Tribal Health Program

Transaction through: 11/30/2014
Last Updated: 12/16/2014
Extracted by: Jenaya Lee

Purpose of Report
The purpose of the report is to capture the total amount disbursed, total unique Veterans, total billed charge, total VA amount Paid, and total number of claims using the Central Fee Files & Fee Basis Claims System (FBCS) for the Indian Health & Tribal Health Program

National Data				
Total Disbursement for entire IHS/THP Program - Agmt Date to FYTD	Total Disbursement by Program - Agmt Date to FYTD			Total Unique Veterans for entire IHS/THP Program - Agmt Date to FYTD
\$15,236,730.62	Program	Total Disbursed	Total Unique Vets	4,301
	IHS	\$8,896,646.47	3,288	
	THP	\$6,340,084.15	1,027	
Total Disbursement - Out of System Ret repayments (only)	Total Disbursement of Out of System Ret repayments (only) - payments are included in above totals			Total Unique Veterans - Out of System Ret repayments (only)
\$7,535.00	Program	Total Disbursed	Total Unique Vets	258
	IHS	\$3,228.00	175	
	THP	\$4,307.00	83	





Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Opportunity for Substance Abuse Treatment/Veterans Courts

Here's a grant opportunity for tribes and tribal courts to expand substance abuse treatment capacity, including treatment of veterans. **The deadline is March 27, 2015.** The 47 page Request for Application can be found here on the [SAMHSA website](#). Below are some excerpts from that document.

“Eligible applicants are tribal, state and local governments with direct involvement with the drug court, such as the Tribal Court Administrator, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Single State Agency for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the designated State Drug Court Coordinator, or local governmental unit such as county or city agency, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations, individual adult treatment drug courts, and family dependency treatment drug courts. For the purposes of this RFA, eligible adult drug court models include Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Courts, Co-Occurring Drug and Mental Health Treatment Courts, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Municipal Drug Courts that adhere to the drug court 10 key components.

Eligible Family Drug Court Programs provide services to parents with substance use disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues. The programs should provide services to the children of the parents in the program as well as to the parents.

Over two million men and women have been deployed to serve in support of overseas contingency operations, including Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Individuals returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are at increased risk for suffering post-traumatic stress and other related disorders. Experts estimate that up to one-third of returning veterans will need mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and related services. In addition, the family members of returning veterans have an increased need for related support services. To address these concerns, SAMHSA strongly encourages all applicants to consider the unique needs of returning veterans and their families in developing their proposed project and consider prioritizing this population for services where appropriate.”



VA DIRECT HOME LOANS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING ON TRUST LAND

Helping You Use the Benefits You've Earned



How to Apply for a Loan

- Check whether your tribal organization has a Memorandum of Understanding with VA to participate in the program.
- Log on to www.eBenefits.va.gov to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility or submit a paper application (VA Form 26-1880) to the Atlanta Eligibility Center.
- Contact your local VA Regional Loan Center to learn more.
- Find a home and sign a purchase agreement or contract with a homebuilder.

NADL Program Benefits

- No downpayment
- No private mortgage insurance
- Low fixed interest rate
- Low closing costs
- Up to \$417,000 in most areas, more in high-cost areas such as Alaska and Hawaii
- Reusable benefit



For more information, visit
www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp
or call 1-877-827-3702.



Army Creates Webpage to Upgrade “Bad Paper” Discharges

Here’s an article by Kevin C. Miller which originally ran in [Swords to Plowshares](#)

The Army Review Board Agency (ARBA) has launched a special webpage to assist veterans seeking to upgrade a [“Bad Paper” Discharge](#) related to behavior problems caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Instead of being treated for their PTSD, many servicemembers are wrongfully discharged as a result of minor infractions or “misconduct” resulting from mental health issues. When a servicemember receives a less-than-honorable discharge, the results can be devastating. Servicemembers with [other than honorable](#) (OTH) discharges are ineligible to receive healthcare at the VA and therefore unable to seek treatment. Nor can they access VA disability compensation and pension, education benefits, or homeless services.

In 1979, [Swords to Plowshares](#) won its first case on PTSD. Since then, we have tirelessly advocated that justice should be restored for all former servicemembers who suffer from this affliction. The ARBA webpage provides information and applications on how to seek an upgrade to a discharge from military service. It can be found [here](#). This resource is available only to individuals who have a discharge status of “other than honorable” and have served in the U.S. Army. Due to the number of applications and complexity of the cases, it may take up to 12 months to receive notification of a decision.

If you’re an Army veteran with an “other than honorable” discharge, we recommend that you take a look at our [Self-Help Materials on Upgrading your Discharge](#) or contact a VA-accredited attorney that specializes in discharge upgrades to help guide you through the process.



Native American Fitness Council ~ Exercise Trainer Certification

Pages 1- 3 are Registration Forms for NAFC 2015 Certifications for those paying.
Page 4 is the Scholarship Application for NAFC 2015 Certifications for those applying for assistance.
Complete registration, agenda & travel info can be downloaded at <http://www.nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com/trainings.html>.

Registration Form

Functional Exercise Trainer

March 12th & 13th, 2015 - Flagstaff, Arizona





Registration & Payment
To register, you must complete both of the following:
- send in this form with complete, accurate information
- include credit card information or a check payable to:

Institute for Sports, Health & Fitness
PO Box K, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
EIN 93-1335474 DUNS#788872039

Registrant Information

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ State _____

Phone Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Choose Shirt Size S M L XL

Payment - due March 2nd, 2015. A late fee of \$35 will be added for each individual making payment after the above date.

\$445.00 - Functional Exercise Trainer Certification - March 12th & 13th

Payment (We do not accept Purchase Orders)
 VISA MC Check Money Order (payable to: Institute for Sports, Health & Fitness)

Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Expiration Date _____ CC Zip Code _____ Total Payment _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Cancellation Policy: To cancel and receive a refund, you must give written cancellation notice 2 weeks prior to the start of the event date. You will receive a refund payment minus a \$55.00 processing fee. Cancellations after that date & no shows will receive a full credit towards future NAFC trainings. NAFC reserves the right to cancel this event at any time and a full refund for registration fees only will be returned.

Native American Fitness Council
 phone 928 774 3048 fax 928 774 3049
 email info@nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com website www.nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com



Native American Fitness Council ~ Exercise Trainer Certification

Registration Form

Native Fitness Week - Spring 2015

April 27th - May 1st, 2015 - Flagstaff, Arizona



Registration & Payment

To register, you must complete both of the following:
- send in this form with complete, accurate information
- include credit card information or a check payable to:

Institute for Sports, Health & Fitness
PO Box K, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
EIN 93-1335474 DUNS#788872039

Registrant Information

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ State _____

Phone Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Choose Shirt Size S M L XL

Payment - due April 15th, 2015. A late fee of \$35 will be added for each individual making payment after the above date.

Save by purchasing the All Access Pass (both certifications) or select individual certification.

- \$925.00 - All Access Pass Native Fitness Week - April 27th - May 1st
- \$445.00 - Native Youth Fitness Leader Certification (2 days) - April 27th & 28th
- \$595.00 - Personal Trainer Certification (3 days) - April 29th - May 1st

Payment (We do not accept Purchase Orders)

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Native American Fitness Council ~ Exercise Trainer Certification

Registration Form

Group Fitness Instructor Certification

June 18th & 19th, 2015 - Flagstaff, Arizona



Registration & Payment

To register, you must complete both of the following:
 - send in this form with complete, accurate information
 - include credit card information or a check payable to:

Institute for Sports, Health & Fitness
 PO Box K, Flagstaff, AZ 86002
 EIN 93-1335474 DUNS#788872039

Registrant Information

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ State _____

Phone Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Choose Shirt Size S M L XL

Payment - due June 1st, 2015. A late fee of \$35 will be added for each individual making payment after the above date.

\$445.00 - Group Fitness Instructor Certification - June 18th & 19th

Payment (We do not accept Purchase Orders)

VISA MC Check Money Order (payable to: Institute for Sports, Health & Fitness)

Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Expiration Date _____ CC Zip Code _____ Total Payment _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Native American Fitness Council ~ Exercise Trainer Certification



Scholarship Application NAFC Fitness Instructor Certifications 2015

Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff, Arizona

The Native American Fitness Council is offering scholarships for Fitness Trainers In Need to attend upcoming certifications in 2015. This is made possible through the generosity of Northern Arizona University in hosting this event. Two scholarship recipients will receive complimentary enrollment for each of the certifications listed below. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be 18+ years of age
- have the ability to fund travel
- submit the scholarship application by the due date.

To apply, submit this completed form via email to the NAFC Office by the due date and include a written (100 words or less) Statement of Community Need & Commitment to Implement Fitness. Scholarships will be awarded the day after applications are due and all applicants & recipients will be notified.

Applying for:

- Functional Exercise Trainer Certification** - March 12th & 13th, 2015
* due date for scholarship application **February 2nd, 2015**
- Native Youth Fitness Leader Certification** - April 27th & 28th, 2015
* due date for scholarship application **March 20th, 2015**
- Personal Trainer Certification** - April 29th - May 1st, 2015
* due date for scholarship application **March 20th, 2015**
- Group Fitness Instructor Certification** - June 18th & 19th, 2015
* due date for scholarship application **May 15th, 2015**

NAME _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Submit this completed form & your
Statement of Community Need & Commitment to Implement Fitness
via email to the Native American Fitness Council by the appropriate due date per above.

Email: john@nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com
www.nativeamericanfitnesscouncil.com

928 774 3048



Father Mentoring Grant

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OMB No. 1121-0329
Approval Expires 07/31/2016



The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) is seeking applications for the Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children Reentry Mentoring Project. This program furthers the Department's mission by supporting efforts to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for young fathers returning to their families and communities.

OJJDP FY 2015 Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community nonprofit organizations) and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Applicants must submit letters of support or memoranda of understanding with juvenile justice or adult correctional agencies that oversee the reentry process for young fathers (younger than 25 years old). Applicants may choose to partner with other community-based agencies to provide some reentry services, including the mentoring component. However, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as subrecipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire project. OJJDP will consider only one application per lead applicant; however, subrecipients may be part of multiple proposals.

OJJDP may elect to make awards for applications submitted under this solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

For additional eligibility information, see Section [C. Eligibility Information](#).

Deadline

Applicants must register with [Grants.gov](#) prior to submitting an application. OJP encourages applicants to **register several weeks before** the application submission deadline. In addition, OJP urges applicants to **submit applications 72 hours** prior to the application due date. All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 2, 2015.

All applicants are encouraged to read this [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#).



For additional information, see [How To Apply](#) in section D. Application and Submission Information.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, or via e-mail to support@grants.gov. Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except federal holidays.

Applicants who experience unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond their control that prevent them from submitting their application by the deadline must e-mail the OJJDP contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** and request approval to submit their application. Additional information on reporting technical issues is found under "Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues" in the [How To Apply](#) section.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420, by e-mail at responsecenter@ncjrs.gov, or by Web Chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>.

Grants.gov number assigned to this announcement: OJJDP-2015-4053

Release date: December 31, 2014

OTGR Western Region

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



Save the Date

April 15-16, 2015 for the *Registration: \$125*

10th Annual

Native Caring Conference

A conference to learn, connect, and share

**Three Rivers Casino and Resort
Florence, Oregon**

Co-hosted by the Oregon Indian Tribes of the:



- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Coquille Indian Tribe, The Klamath Tribes
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- with additional support from AARP

Topics:

Caregiver Mind, Body and Spirit Well-being • Nutrition • Healthy Family Communication • Home Safety and Accident Prevention • Medication Management • Caregiver Hands-on • Health Issues and Concerns for Children Raised by Grandparents • Fall Prevention • Social Security Questions and Answers • Elder Abuse • Medication Management • Mental Health • Communicating Effectively with Healthcare Providers • Consumer Protection and Fraud Prevention for Elders and Caregivers

Please look for the final registration announcement by February 2015

If you have questions, please contact any one of the following:
Wilson Wewa, *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs* (541) 553-3313
Michelle Carson, *The Klamath Tribes* (541) 783-2219 x 122
Doug Morrison, *Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians* (541) 997-6685; (866) 313-9913



VETERANS 2015 SUMMIT - SERVICE FOR VETERANS
APRIL 17-18
09:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
SWINOMISH CONFERENCE CENTER
12885 CASINO DRIVE, ANACORTES, WA 98221

**FREE EVENT
OPEN TO ALL VETS**

Resource Teams:

- VA Medical Outreach
- Blind Rehab
- Tacoma Vet Center
- WDVA Team
- Veterans Services Officers



Please Bring:
DD214
Service medical records
Personal medical records

Reservations: 855-794-6563

Lodge: 360-588-3800

Directions: <http://www.swinomishcasinoandlodge.com/form/contact-us>





OTGR Southwest Region

(AZ; CO; NM; UT)

Arizona is home to more than **625,000** service members, veterans & their families.

How do we ensure there is no wrong door and no wrong person for them to connect to resources?



Arizona's Military/Veteran Resource Navigators!

"The Resource Connection Guide is the best tool I have ever seen for helping service members, veterans & families."

"This training is exactly what we need for our community."

"I've worked in this field for a long time, and I learned so many new things today."

-Navigation Training Participants

Resource Navigators are members of our community who are trained to connect service members, veterans & family members to the array of available resources. Navigator training includes:

- How to use the Resource Connection Guide.
- Key factors that may affect a person or family's access to resources.
- Navigation strategies.
- How to link into the military/veteran community to find resources to address a range of issues, including:



Resource Navigation training is 4 or 8 hours long. Navigators are trained on the guide and the process, and also connected into Arizona's Military/Veteran Resource Network.

Who can become a Resource Navigator? Anyone who wants to be a part of ensuring *no wrong door and no wrong person* for Arizona's service members, veterans & families!

View the statewide schedule of upcoming trainings:

www.ArizonaCoalition.org/events

Contact us to schedule a training for your organization, group or community!

Questions? Email events@arizonacoalition.org or call 602-753-8802

Special thanks to the Arizona Coalition for Military Families' partners that make this training possible, including the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, the Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families, Arizona Department of Health Services, Newman's Own Foundation and other public and private sector partners.

The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a public/private partnership focused on building Arizona's statewide capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities.

To learn more, visit: www.ArizonaCoalition.org



We humbly invite you to join us,
Arizona State University, for the

Spring of 2015

Welcome Home Ceremony

For all the veterans who served our country and
families in the Vietnam War.

Veterans will be greeted at
the La Sala Ballrooms
ASU's West Campus
on February 20th at 7:00 pm

A reception complete with food and drink
will kick off the event .

RSVP required at this link :
<http://goo.gl/forms/KXxgTGT8L>



Each Vietnam Veteran will receive a
token of appreciation at the event.



HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS



VIETNAM 50TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

MARCH 20 & 21, 2015



Tempe American Legion Post 2
2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85282



Hosted by: VFW Post 3632 & American Legion Post 2

For dinner reservations call 480-941-5258 Vendor, Displays and general info call 480-390-5638



"A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is the personal message to each veteran, civilian, family member, and all who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War

Friday March 20, 2015:

No host cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinner served at 7:00 pm followed by ceremony

Sit down dinner \$20.00 Person (for reservations call 480-941-5258)

Saturday March 21, 2015 (All day activities starting at 10:00am)

Military Displays • Veteran Informational Booth • Venders

Vietnam Displays • Entertainment • Food • Drinks • Much More

End Saturday Evening with a Spaghetti Welcome Home Dinner, Music & Dance @ 6:00pm

Sunday March 22, 2015 There will be cooked to order Breakfast at 10:00 am

*A block of rooms have been reserved at the Ramada Tempe for your convenience.
Just mention code "VFW". More lodging choices in the area listed below.*

Ramada Tempe At Arizona Mills Mall 1701 W Baseline Rd. Tempe, AZ 85283 480-413-1188 2.4 miles to Post 2	Phoenix Airport InnSuites 1651 W. Baseline Rd. Tempe, AZ 85283 480-897-7900 2.3 miles to Post 2	Doubletree by Hilton 2100 South Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282 480-967-1441 1/2 mile to Post 2	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 1520 W Baseline Rd Tempe, AZ 85283 480-831-9800 2.3 miles to Post 2	Best Western Plus Tempe by the Mall 5300 South Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283 480-820-7500 2.3 miles to Post 2
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VENDOR INFO

All Vendor Inquires are to be directed to:

Mike Ferguson
1340 S. Valley Dr.
Apache Junction, AZ 85120
480-390-5638



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Vendors Application:

Name of Business _____
Type of Vendor (Food, Sales, Info etc...) _____
Size of Space Needed _____
Contact Name _____
Address (City, State, Zip) _____
Phone _____ Email _____

10 x10 Space - \$35
All spaces are outside
No supplied Electric

If you have a Veterans in-formation table (no sales), it will be located inside and it is free of charge.

There are a limited number of spaces & tables available. First paid gets them.

****Booth set-up time is 7:00 - 9:00 am Saturday March 21, 2015**

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SAVE THE DATE
HOPI CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION DAY
APRIL 23, 2015
HOPI VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER
KYKOTSMOVI, ARIZONA
AZ HIGHWAY 264 MILE POST 375
VETERANS, MILITARY AND THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO
COME JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT. FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT HOPI VETERANS SERVICES AT
(928) 734-3461 OR E-MAIL ETalas@hopi.nsn.us.





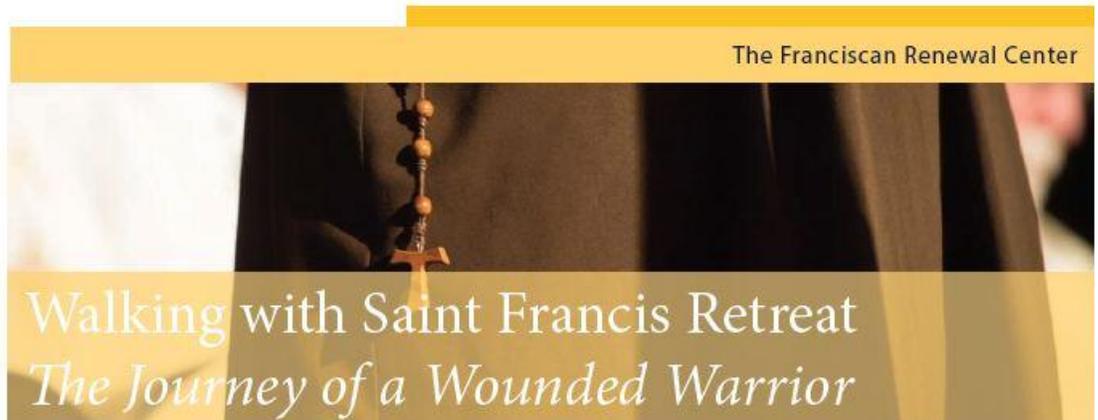
70th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising

**Military Parade and
Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM.
Ceremonies to follow at the
Mathew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes
Veterans Memorial Park in
Sacaton, AZ.**

All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome.

Feb. 21 2015

Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peters Church and School. Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186, Sacaton, AZ, 85147 / Phone: 520.562.8484 / Fax: 520.562.3297 / Email: ihpost84@gilanet.net
Web: www.iraheyesp84.org



For Veterans and Active Duty Service Members

Friday - Sunday, February 6 - 8, 2015

This retreat for veterans is designed to offer healing insights from one of the most beloved but misunderstood saints. Most people don't know that St. Francis was a prisoner of war who faced a number of hardships and challenges before having a profound religious experience. In untangling the paradox of his life, we will explore how the call of the warrior intersects with the call of spirituality.

We will examine, from a different perspective, challenges confronting veterans from the life of a saint who rose from the ashes of combat to become an icon of peace. With this goal in mind, we will look at the life of St. Francis through the eyes of Joseph Campbell's *The Hero's Journey* and Harry Moody's *Five Stages of the Soul*.

Fee per person: \$125, includes meals, program, lodging, double occupancy. (The retreat is subsidized by donations.)
Check-in Friday, 5:00-6:00 pm; Dinner, 6:00 pm. Retreat concludes Sunday, 1:00 pm after lunch.



Fr. Conrad A. Targonski, O.F.M., CAPT, CHC, USN (retired) is presently the chaplain at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He retired in 2010 from the Marine Corps Combat Center in 29 Palms, California where he completed his last assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff for Religious Ministries. On March 1, 2011, he accepted the position as Chaplain at Viterbo University where he continues his passion for the care and "re-setting" of returning Warriors and veterans and their families in the La Crosse area.



Greg Masiello, PhD is a psychologist at the Albany Veterans Center, New York. Since 1998 he has assisted combat veterans with their reintegration to civilian life which includes: adjustment issues, family/marital distress, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Greg served with the 42nd Aviation Brigade as a Liaison Officer in Iraq in 2005. He also served 23 years in the New York Army National Guard as a pilot, training officer, and psychologist.



Sister Kathleen Osbelt, O.S.F. is a member of Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. Sr. Kathleen lives in a Franciscan Hermitage with three other sisters in Fayetteville, New York. Their lifestyle is a contemporary adaptation of the Document on Solitude written by St. Francis of Assisi. She is founder and Past Executive Director of Francis House (housing for terminally ill) and currently Project Director for Franciscan Villa Construction.

Be the change you want to see in the world!
To register for this Faith in Action Program, call 480.948.7460 or visit thecasa.org



SAVE THE DATE



9th Annual Salt River Veterans Recognition Weekend

March 27-29, 2015

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, AZ.

All Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve Personnel, Families
of Veterans, Veterans Organizations, Veterans and those that
support Veterans are welcome to participate and/or attend.

Friday Evening, March 27

Odham/Piipaash Social, Chiyer (Bird) Singing and Dance Contest

Salt River Ballfield

Saturday Morning, March 28

Veterans Recognition Parade

SR Two Waters Complex to SR Community Building

Saturday, March, 27—Sunday, March, 29

SRPMIC Veterans Recognition Pow-Wow

Salt River Ballfield

Pow-Wow info. email pacer.reina@srpmic-nsn.gov
Parade information email RedMountainRiders@yahoo.com



OTGR Central Region

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

Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association



Oneida Chapter

Breakfast Fundraiser

February 14th

7:00 am – 11:00 am

All you can eat breakfast

\$7.00 Adults

Children 10 and under \$4.00

*Treat your special Valentine to a great breakfast to
start the day; the best thing is no dishes to do.*

*Oneida Nation Veterans Building, 134
Riverdale Dr. 50-50, raffle, come on over for a
good time.*



All US Armed Forces Veterans, Spouses, and Dependents are welcome and invited to attend!!

Wanáħma Wóglakapi

(Talking to hide things-Code Talkers)

Omniceye

(Meeting)

February 12 and 13, 2015
Prairie Knights Casino
Cannon Ball, ND
701/854-7777

For Information:

Manaja Hill, VSO 701/854-8527
Jennifer Martel, SBC 701/854-8125
Kyle Claymore, VSO 701/854-8527



Participating agencies and organizations:

- South Dakota Tribal Relations
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- South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
- North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
- Veterans Administration-Fargo Health Care Systems
- Veterans Administration-Black Hills Health Care Systems
- South Dakota Tribal Veteran Service Offices
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Wanáħma Wóglakapi Omniceye (Talking to hide things-Code Talkers Meeting)

February 12-13, 2015

Prairie Knights Casino, Cannon Ball, ND

Agenda

Thursday

- 8:00 am Posting of Staffs and Colors
Invocation – Post Chaplain
Welcome – Chairman Dave Archambault II, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Scott Davis, ND Commissioner, Indian Affairs
Steven Emery, SD Secretary of Indian Affairs
- 9:00 am Larry Zimmerman, Secretary, SD Department of Veterans Affairs
Welcome, South Dakota State Veterans Benefits
- 10:45 am Break-Sponsored by: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Game and Fish Department
- 10:30 am Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner, ND Department of Veterans Affairs
Welcome, North Dakota State Veterans Benefits
- 11:45 am Lunch-Sponsored by: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Tribal Employment Rights Office
- 1:00 pm Breton Weintraub, M.D., Chief of Staff, Veterans Administration-Fargo - Health
Steve DiStasio, Director, Veterans Administration-Black Hills - Health
James Brubaker, Director, Veterans Administration-Benefits ND/SD
Panel-Veterans Administration-Fargo
Veterans Administration-Black Hills
-Health-Benefits -Homeless Programs -Training/Education
-Veterans Justice Outreach-Data Collection-Travel to Appointments
- 2:45 pm Break-Sponsored by: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Department of Water Resources
- 3:00 pm VA Panel Continued
- 5:30 pm Supper-Sponsored by: SRST Veterans Services Office
- 6:00 pm Veterans Meeting: “Code Talkers Monument”
All veterans, tribal, state, and federal partners are asked to participate in this meeting.
Refreshments sponsored by: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Land Buy Back Program

Friday

- 8:00 am Invocation- Post Chaplain
- 8:15 am Veterans Administration-Indian Health Service, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- 9:00 am Minority Coordinator/Advisory Council –State and National
- 10:00 am Break-Sponsored by: SRST Dept. of Tribal Ed., Reservation Wide Jeopardy Bowl
- 10:15 am Tribal Update –Tribal Veterans Service Officers
- 11:45 am Closing Remarks-Retreat of Colors
- 12:00 pm Lunch-Sponsored by: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Tribal Historic Preservation Office

For Information:

Manaja Unjinca Hill, Veterans Service Officer 701-854-8527, Jennifer Martel 701-854-8125,
or Kyle Claymore, Veterans Service Office 701/854-8527

Free Valentine Veteran Dinner – Ronan, Montana



Join us for an elegant evening to celebrate and honor the service of our male and female veterans!



Saturday, February 14
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Ronan Community Center
(Ronan High School parking lot)

Entertainment by
Indian Country's own
Kasey Nicholson!



- For Veterans and their families
- Prime Rib and Salmon entrée
- Doors open at 4:00 p.m. • No cost

To make DHRD transportation arrangements,
contact Leandria at:
675-2700, ext. 1365
(No later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11)

Hosted by:
TSSD Circle of Trust Youth Suicide Prevention Program



OTGR Southern Plains Region

(KS; OK; TX)



FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

NAMI Family-to-Family is a **FREE**, 12-session education program for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. **The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions.** Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness. We think you will be pleased by how much assistance the program offers. We invite you to call for more information.

Thursdays 6:00-8:30 pm,
January 8th to March 26th
Del City Offices
3701 S.E 15th Street, Del City, OK

*To register call with the following information: Your name, address, phone number, email address (if available), and the family member with a mental illness (i.e. your son, sister, wife, father, good friend).

NAMI Edmond North OKC (405)-408-0886

Registration required.

This NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored by NAMI Edmond North OKC and is funded by NAMI Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 604**

Presents

Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting
Information on Agent Orange Exposure from Service in
Vietnam & other locations

**Sunday March 8, 2015
1:00pm to 3:00pm**

**Prairie Band Casino & Resort
12305 150th Road
St Lawrence Conference Room
Mayetta, Kansas**

All Veterans, Family, Friends Welcome

Contact Persons

Thomas Wabnum 785-966-4016

Roland Mayhew 785-249-4517

Blas Ortiz 785-554-3949