

TVR OUTREACH TO VETERANS and THEIR FAMILIES



How the program began

- Meeting at Great Falls, MT 2001
- Veterans frustrated with lack of access to benefits and knowledge of benefits
- Veterans not happy with VA
- Idea to come up with training program to train local volunteers to help Veterans

Travel to Tribal Governments

- Met with various Tribal Governments to ask for help getting program off ground
- Asked for representatives to be sent to training
- 9 attendees first training session
- First session held at Ft Harrison, MT

MATERIALS COVERED

- Veterans Healthcare (VHA)
- Veterans Benefits (VBA)
- National Cemetery Administration (NCA)
- Vet Centers
- State and Local benefits
- National Service Organizations
- Updates each year



Training

- Annual training to help existing TVRs
- New TVRs each year
- Updates each year
- TOWS and TVRs work together
- VA employees and Service organizations train TVRs and TOWS

Tribal Outreach Worker (TOW)

- Much the same as a TVR but is a part-time VA employee in the community, working with the tele-mental health clinic
- TOW's take TVR training to be able to help Veterans and their families with benefits
- Work with VA Provider to get care to Veterans in the community



Veteran Transportation System (VTS)

- Van provided by VA, expenses covered by VA
- Employee of VA, full-time driver to aide Veterans in reaching appt's
- Works in conjunction with TVR and TOW programs to help Veterans utilize benefits
- Intended to help Veterans better access benefits they have earned thru service to this country

Integrate Cultural Ceremonies



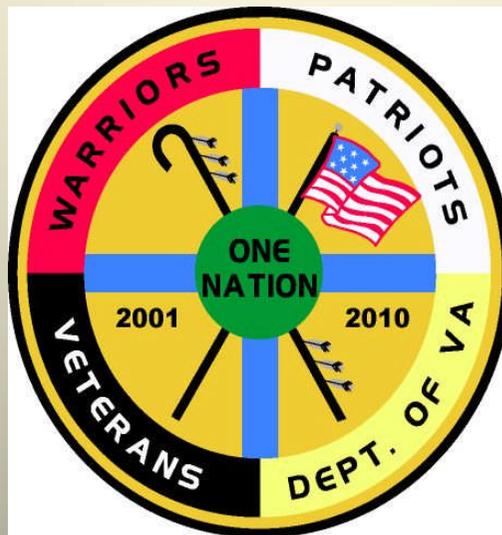
**TVRs Honoring Ceremony
Welcoming Home Recent OEF/OIF Veterans**

Traditional Healing Program

- Utilization of various ceremonies to help Veterans get better results with their healthcare
- Sweat Lodge
- Talking Circles
- Smudging
- Varies by Facility

WELCOME HOME

- *Thank you to All Veterans for your service and Welcome Home.*
- *Also Thank you to all of the Families for your service .*



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