

COMMITTEE REPORT

Veterans COMMITTEE Committee Name

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Wildhorse Resort and Casino,
Pendleton, Oregon, on September 21 – 25, 2014

DISCUSSION

The Veterans Committee attendance has increased in volume and the interest of the impacts of Veterans Benefits and services due to the interchange of MOU and MOA's of VA and Indian Health Administration and SB 1950; section 624 & 625 ; recognition of Tribal Veteran Representative and Tribal Governments by Federal and State Department of Veteran Affairs. An process that will make the opportunity for Tribal Veteran Representative available to assist their veterans within their own communities on the VA level for the betterment of Native American Veterans of all nations.. A process that has been waiting for 18 years for recognition for the process of VA claims and benefits. In this

The Fiduciary process has not been recognized to protect and utilize our tribal Office of special Trustees, IIM or Tribal Social Service programs on a first priority or to use and utilize our Tribal Social Services or any tribal program that may provide the means of support and protection to our tribal member Veterans and their needs of financial livelihood. To sustain their Health and Education benefits and to support te direction of their needs

We were also given a presentation of the Wyakin Warriors; a non-profit organization that assist disabled veterans an opportunity to higher education through assisting them with financial assistance, Mentor assistance, needs that cannot be met through federal VA funding. The Veterans group will be providing a letter of support so that this organization may grow beyond its four year existance and provide a new education and career for veteran the nations of the pacific northwest.

We were also given a presentation regarding a economic development of the USS Ranger and aircraft carrier that was decommissioned n Bremerton in 1993. It would be an tourism asset for the Umatilla Tribe and we were asked to support the needed funds to restore the ship and sustain it for five years by navy requirements to place it here in Oregon. The Veterans committee is in support of addressing a letter for the USS Ranger to seek financial funding to see that this project move forward.

We also had a presentation regard ing national Guard and emergency management opportunities that could place a native guard veteran as a networking tool in case of a natural disaster. The Veterans Committee voted on the amended resolution to support this action. For national Guard native veteran to be trained and available and certified within each tribe.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution # & Title: Fiduciary Protocol and process of the VA to Tribal Government Programs

Resolution # & Title: Recognition of Tribal Veterans Representative and Tribal Governments to Department of Veterans Administration; Sec. 624 & Sec. 625 ; SB 1950

Resolution # & Title: Washington State Guard Tribal Liaison Support

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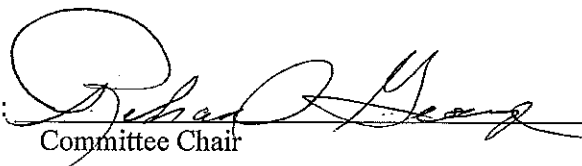


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