

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

My wife, Delores, and I had the opportunity to attend the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 29, 2004. We attended with five other WWII tribal veterans.

We would like to give special thanks to our tribe for making this possible. I am proud to be a member of a tribe that offered this opportunity to all surviving Siletz Tribal WWII veterans.

It would be both selfish and foolish for me to think the tribe was sending me to honor only myself. I take pride in knowing that I went representing all Siletz Tribal members honored by the memorial. The memorial had special meaning for my wife Delores since her uncle Jack Sanderson was a Japanese prisoner of war for three years.

Thanks to Dee and Bud for all the help and assistance extended to us. Without their help, traveling around Washington would have been difficult. Thank you Sis Bolton, Rose Bremner, and Al Lane and family for permitting us to tag along for two days. Special thanks to the Lane family for honoring all the tribal veterans with an eagle feather at our briefing breakfast.

I am happy that, at age 76, I had the opportunity to walk the same ground and offer silent prayers at the same locations my parents walked and prayed when my father was 76 years old and made his visit to our nation's capital.

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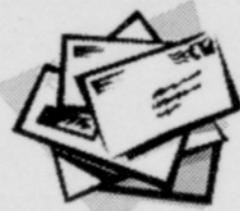
I wish to express my gratitude to the Tribal Council and to all tribal members for making it possible for me and my grandson, Peter, to attend the dedication of the National World War II Memorial.

While in Washington, D.C., we were also able to visit the Korean War and Vietnam War memorials. I had served during each of these three wars and to visit the memorials had great meaning to me.

Thanks again,

Ken Hatch

Col., U.S. Army, Retired



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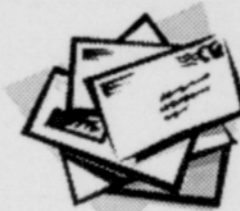
It is always an honor to prepare the Memorial Day meal for our veterans and to honor those who have fought for our country, those who gave their lives, and those who have gone before us.

I would like to take the time on behalf of the Culture Committee to thank all those individuals who worked so tirelessly to help with this event. We would like to thank and acknowledge Dino Butler, Mona Hudson, Kris Whitehead, Bonnie Crawford, Kathy Robinson, Sherry Rilatos, Mary Dederick, Anita Espino, Jason Martin-Vaughan, Rick Leaton, Reggie Butler Jr., Robert Kentta, Jane John, and Lisa Brown.

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' support and pledge of \$100,000 toward building a new public library in Siletz.

The current library building is severely deteriorating with dry rot and is too small to meet our community's needs. The new library building will offer a place for group and individual activities, displays of artwork and collections, and information about employment opportunities and local events.



I especially want to thank Aggie Baker Pilgrim and Sam Lynch for all the extra help and time that you have for the people. Aggie, Sam, and I put in over 30 hours to shop, pick up the salmon, and prepare the meal for this day and I couldn't have done it without you gals!

A special thank you also to Chinook Winds Casino staff members Jack McDaniels and Roger Coddington for the excellent salmon donated for the meal.

Hu-cha, Hu-non-le-hot-let

Selene Rilatos

Culture Committee/Staff Rep.



A program room will be available for classes, meetings, and social activities. The new library will be a great resource for the students at Siletz Valley School and will send a message to the children of our community that we value them and encourage them to learn. The new building will benefit our whole community in many ways.

The follow paragraphs are excerpted from the letter of thanks I sent on May 29 to Chairman Pigsley and the CTSI Tribal Council:

"On behalf of the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library, I extend sincere thanks to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for your commitment to the Siletz Library building project.

"The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' substantial pledge of \$100,000 and letter of support will be extremely valuable in encouraging charitable foundations to invest funds in our capital campaign.

"Thank you again for supporting building a new library. I am looking forward to working together on this valuable addition to our community."

I am grateful for the strong show of community support by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sally Jennings

President

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