

# VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Oregon Gaming Alliance

Oregon gaming tribes continue to be bothered by the mischief created by PACT, People Against a Casino Town. Although its specific target was the Coos Tribe's efforts to establish a casino in Florence, its more basic aim is to kill Indian gaming.

The Coos Tribe was the last of the nine Oregon tribes to successfully negotiate a gaming compact with the governor. PACT has challenged in court the governor's authority to negotiate and execute Indian gaming compacts, claiming it's the Legislature, not the governor, that has that authority.

As its name clearly indicates, PACT is flat-out against casinos, it's target being Indian casinos, not just the Coos casino. The Oregon Gaming Alliance has been keeping an eye on PACT activities and so should non-Indian communities. After all, the purpose of Indian gaming, like the Oregon state

lottery, is for governmental and community benefit, unlike the casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, whose purposes are for personal profit and benefit.

Non-Indians, including advocates of PACT, should bear in mind that Indian gaming is not only benefiting the tribes and tribal programs (i.e., education, health, housing, etc.), but as independent studies have shown, also is having a significantly positive economic impact on surrounding non-Indian communities. Unfortunately PACT, for some reason, is trying to destroy all that.

## Economic Development

Although the primary focus during the past month has been on finalizing the purchase of the Shilo Inn hotel and luxury suites, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) has continued to move forward with other economic development projects.



Vice Chairman Jessie Davis

**Logan Road RV Park** – Bulldozers have begun clearing the site for the 54-space RV site in Lincoln City. The park sits at the intersection of Logan Road and 44<sup>th</sup> Street, just up the hill from Chinook Winds near the current employee parking lot. The park, which

will regularly be served by the casino shuttle to and from Chinook Winds, will have electrical, water, and sewer hookups. Completion date is targeted for September.

**Keizer Station Project** – Monthly meetings are being held between the LLC, Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribal Councils. Realizing that ongoing joint meetings are critical to developing a viable infrastructure, the staffs of both councils have worked together and done an excellent job. A master plan has been submitted to the Keizer City Council.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into this project thus far and there still is a lot of work ahead. Each tribe takes turns hosting the meetings. Despite the fact that the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes are independent and in some areas competitive, the Keizer Station Project is a clear demonstration of what the tribes can achieve cooperatively.



To the editor:

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Siletz Tribe sent six WWII veterans and their spouses or a helper to Washington, D.C., for the national WWII Memorial dedication. I had the honor of going with my cousin, Eddie Collins, as his helper. It was easily my highest honor.

Spending all day Friday on the National Mall, then again Saturday at the dedication was very meaningful and quite moving. It was a time that I will always remember.

I speak for myself and Eddie Collins when I say thank you to the

Siletz Tribe for rolling out the red carpet for this national event. A special thank you to Margo Hudson, the staff rep. to the veterans, for taking care of all the accommodations. The itinerary, brochures, and flyers on the many attractions of Washington, D.C., were very helpful and highly appreciated. All we had to do was show up and show some I.D.

My personal and biggest thank you goes to our men and women of "The Greatest Generation." You did it. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Woody Muschamp

To the editor:

I would like to say thanks to Donna (Strong) Kessinger and family, and Norma Jimenez for the return of the German helmet. This helmet will stay with the Strong boys – Royce, William, and Joel. Now if any of these boys has any children, it will go to that child.



To the editor:

I would like to thank Dee Pigsley and the rest of the council for sending us to the World War II Memorial. I commend Margo Hudson for all the heavy work that put us in Washington, D.C.

A special thanks to Bud Lane for the CD on the memorial. It was a wonderful trip, just wish we could have had more time to see things. On behalf of myself and my daughter, CSM Denise Kraxberger, thanks for the memories.

Sincerely,  
Buck Downey

*Siletz Tribal World War II veterans Ed Ben, Buck Downey, Eddie Collins, Alfred Lane Jr., and Ken Hatch*



During World War II, my father, the late Stanley Strong, shot this German sniper and killed him and took his helmet.

On another matter, this gets me really mad, when someone is teaching a child or teen-ager to feel hate and say a Strong or Washington is not an Indian. This person should never get any complimentary tickets for things at Chinook Winds or anywhere else. I am putting part of a document in the page. This should speak about my family and who we are and come from.

Royce Strong  
Tolowa, Sixes, Joshua, Chetco

Tyee Jo Washington – Hoxie Simmons said Tyee Jo received the name Percy Wash from a miner in Southern Oregon by that name. It turned into Pushwas, Paswas, etc. here on the reservation. Tyee Jo died of jaundice 13 Dec 1886 and is buried across the river from Klamath Grad (near Siletz, Ore.). For many years, an old rifle stood upright on his grave. Geo. Kentta – informant

An affidavit signed by Lindsay John states: Klamath John, Klamath Annie, Bessie, and Tyee Jo were brothers and sisters or half-brothers and -sisters, Klamath John and Tyee Jo both being chiefs in the Rogue River War.

