

NOTICES

President Obama Addresses NCAI Mid-Year Conference President Announces Kim Teehee to Join White House Domestic Policy Council

NIAGARA FALLS, NY – President Barack Obama addressed the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2009 Mid-Year Conference via video message on June 15, reiterating a close working relationship with Tribes and announcing the appointment of Kim Teehee to the White House Domestic Policy Council.

"I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you and express my admiration and support for the critical work NCAI does advocating for the rights and aspirations of American Indians and Alaska Natives," said Obama.

The president said the nation is in a defining moment, both home and abroad.

"As we work to rebuild our economy and strengthen our security and ensure that our children have every opportunity to fulfill their dreams, we'll need every American and every community to get involved," he said. "That's why I'm committed to strengthening and building on the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and Tribal nations."

Obama also recognized NCAI President Joe Garcia for what he called "outstanding leadership."

"We continue to see President Obama's support of Indian Country and the needs our communities face," said Garcia. "Whether it be his appointments of Native Americans to key positions in the administration or his address here

today, it is clear we have a friend of Indian Country in the White House."

Obama said the \$3 billion in provisions to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) empower Native communities to address their pressing local priorities and also noted significant increases in the 2010 proposed budget that will aid Tribes in the areas of health care, law enforcement and education.

The president also stated the importance of the appointments of American Indians in key White House positions, such as Larry EchoHawk, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, director of the Indian Health Service; Mary Smith, assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice; Hilary Tomp-

kins, solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior; and Jodi Gillette, deputy associate director for the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Tribal leaders applauded the announcement of Teehee, who currently serves as executive director of the U.S. House of Representatives Native American Caucus.

"As we move forward I want you to know that my staff and I are eager to engage with Indian Country on your priorities, to listen to you and learn from you," said Obama.

Obama said he is looking forward to meeting with Tribal leaders at the White House Tribal Nations Conference slated for this fall.

Pay Tribute to Veterans by Entering Celebration of Honor Contests

The Third Annual Celebration of Honor in Lincoln City is set for Sept. 25-27. This celebration is our opportunity to honor those who have put their lives on the line for us in the Armed Forces. In preparation for this celebration, we are having three contests.

The essay contest is for school-age children only. The poster and logo contests are open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded to all the winners and will be presented to them during this wonderful celebration.

All entries must be submitted to Ivan Mangum at the Lincoln City Community Center by Aug. 2.

Essay Contest

There are four divisions for this competition – 1st-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, 7th-9th grades and 10th-12th grades. Each essay must be 500 words or less, typed and on the subject of "Ask a Veteran ...". Please put your name, grade, and your school's name on the top of your essay.

The winners will be contacted and asked to read their essay at a gathering to honor the vets at a designated time during the three-day celebration. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the school of the winning students' essays.

Poster Contest

The Celebration of Honor Committee is looking for a poster that can be used to spread the word about this great event.

You must include the dates of the event on the poster. Also make sure your name, contact number and mailing address are written on the back of your artwork.

These originally designed posters should illustrate the reason for this celebration. Be creative and have fun with it. Only one winner will be chosen, but these posters will be displayed during the celebration for all to enjoy.

Logo Contest

The Celebration of Honor Committee is looking for a logo for patches and pins that people can have to remember this event. Please make sure your name, contact number and mailing address are written on the back of your artwork.

These originally designed logos

should illustrate the reason for this celebration. Be creative and have fun with it. Only one winner will be chosen, but these logos will be displayed during the celebration for all to enjoy.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivan Mangum at 541-996-1233. All submissions become the property of the Celebration of Honor Committee and will not be returned to the author or artist.

Entries can be submitted electronically to ivanm@lincolncity.org. Any electronic copies must be submitted as a Word or PDF document. Entries also can be mailed to The Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place, Lincoln City, OR 97367, Attn: Ivan Mangum.

Lincoln City to Again Hold Celebration of Honor Weekend

To honor all veterans of the Armed Forces, active duty personnel and their families, a small patriotic town on Oregon's Central Coast, Lincoln City, will host a citywide "Celebration of Honor" on Sept. 25-27, 2009.

Over the past several years, Lincoln City has established itself as a welcome safe haven for veterans and their families, a place for a weekend getaway or to vacation for several days.

The community has welcomed veterans with open arms with the appearance of the traveling Vietnam Wall in 2004 and 2008, a welcome home celebration for the Oregon Army National Guard in 2005, the annual rededication of the Veteran's Memorial at Chinook Winds, a dinner sponsored by Mo's restaurant to honor those getting ready for deployment, the Field of Flags in 2007, the Oregon Veterans Medal Presentation in 2007 and 2008 at Chinook Winds and the ongoing veterans discounts offered by many of the city's motels through the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB).

Events during this year's Celebration of Honor will be held citywide by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department and Chinook Winds. This event is designed to cater to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults.

The weekend-long celebration includes the rededication of the Veteran's Memorial at Chinook Winds; the Veterans of Oregon Field of Honor with 1,000 flags on display at Chinook Winds on Sept. 24-27; and several presentation ceremonies of the Oregon Veterans Medal.

The Oregon Veterans Medal is a custom-designed, engraved medal signifying appreciation for the service and sacrifice of veterans who reside in the state of Oregon. To qualify for the medal, a form must be filled out in advance of the ceremony with proof of military service attached. Forms will be on hand at Chinook Winds one week prior to the presentation. To access the forms in advance, go to www.veteransoforegon.com.

Red, white and blue glass floats will be placed along the beach by Lincoln City VCB volunteers for guests in the community to find as part of the critically acclaimed "Finders Keepers" promotion.

Adventures in Geocaching, one of the latest crazes supported by computer technology, is an ongoing event sponsored by the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department that brings people from across the United States year-round to participate. A special geocaching event will take place on this weekend.

At the historic Delake School, now known as the Lincoln City Cultural Center, a motorcycle enthusiasts club, The Round a Bouts, will sponsor a barbeque and vendors fair with raffles, live music and a poker run on Sept. 26 only.

Free popcorn will be offered to all veterans with the purchase of a ticket at The Bijou Theatre in the Oceanlake District of Lincoln City throughout the weekend.

The Taft Pioneer Cemetery Association will set out flags in honor of the veterans buried there.

On Southwest 51st Street, children will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a fire truck courtesy of North Lincoln Fire and Rescue. A flag raising ceremony also will take place.

More events will be found across Lincoln City, a community that offers a weekend of fun and relaxation to honor our veterans.

Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth by proclamation has declared the fourth weekend in September to annually be Lincoln City's Celebration of Honor for U.S. military veterans and active duty personnel.

For more information, contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815 or e-mail teresas@chinookwindsgaming.com.

Updated information can be found at www.oregoncoasttoday.com or by contacting the Lincoln City VCB at 800-452-2151 or www.oregoncoast.org.

For more information and to apply for the Veterans of Oregon Honorable Service Medal, go to www.veteransoforegon.com.