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Children at Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in Siletz enjoy table crafts (left) and a cold day building a snowman (right).



Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative launched for nation's capital

Support sought from Tribal leaders, military veterans around the globe to honor Native warriors

WASHINGTON – Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Mitchell Cypress has called on Tribal leaders, all military veterans and individuals around the globe to join him in supporting the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative.

The recently announced initiative will honor American Indians who have

served in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, including American Indians who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army, Cypress is seeking the support

and involvement of all veterans in order to make the strongest possible case for recognition of America Indian veterans.

"This effort will include lobbying and public relations programs to impact key individuals, including U.S. senators and representatives, their staffs, officials within the Obama administration and members of the National Capital Planning Commission, the governmental entity that oversees the design and placement of memorials in Washington, D.C.," said Cypress. "As Native Americans, we have served in every branch of the military and we would like the same honor and acknowledgment as our other military brothers."

Cypress noted he would like to see a fourth soldier, an American Indian, added to the three soldier likenesses that are part

of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall.

"We were there during the conflicts, fighting for our country as Native Americans," he said. "When we look at the beautiful statue that depicts true and brave warriors, we wonder why we were not included. We were there too."

A website has been established for the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative at thenavmi.com. All interested supporters of those who have sacrificed for our freedom can sign up by submitting their e-mail address on the Web site's home page.

Please join forces with us and help with this initiative to get the fourth statue added for all Americans who have fought and are fighting for our nation's freedom. We need your help.

Missing Moccasins

Becki		AHRENS	Jason	Henry	MCKNIGHT
Andrew	Michael	ARDEN	Melvin	Francis	MCKNIGHT
Anthony	James	ARRINGTON	Alan	Robert	MILLER
Haley	Marie	ARRINGTON	Tommy	Lee	MULLINGS
Naulena	Anita	ARTIAGO	Jacquelin	Marie	NAVARRO
Darrel	David	ASHLEY	Karen	Mary	PARKER
Judy	Ann	BAKER	Robert	Edwin	PEDDYCOART
Roy	Lee	BAKER	Tiernan	Rhyse	PETTIT
Shawna	Lee	BAKER	Aundrea	Jean	PIRTLE
Kyle	Carl	BEALS	Jennifer	Louise	PIRTLE
Desteny	Rose	BECK	William		PIZANO
Lisa	Rennee	BENNETT	Bradford	Robert	PRATHER
Kimberly	Ann	BLACK	Aaron	Eugene	PRESCOTT
Gilbert	James	BLACKETER	Ada	Nancy Lee	RAY
Jesse	Lee	BLACKETER	Charles	Eugene	RICHARDSON
Jonathan	William	BLALOCK	Robert	Carl	RICHARDSON
Jessica	Michelle	BROWN	Brandy	Joleen	RIFE
Ethan	James	CAMPBELL	Frank	Lynn	RILATOS
Henry, Jr.	Luther	COLE	Lee, II	Raymond	RUFF
Anthony	Edward	COOK	Robert	Pauline	RUSSELL
Bryon	Michael	CRONIN	Eric	Alden	SAGE
Amanda	Renee	DORAME	Altagracia	C.	SANCHEZ
Lars	Victor	EKSTROM	Crystal	Ann	SELLERS
Vicki	Marie	EKSTROM	Diane	Lee	SERVICE
Sharlene	Marie	FISHER	Ulysses		SIMMONS
Eyan	Scott	FISHER-MURPHY	Paul	Garrett	SIMMS
Jeremiah	Logan	FLANARY	Daniel, Jr.	Raymond	SULLIVAN
Marcello	Riley	GAYTON	Derek	James	SULLIVAN
Bruce, III	William	GORR	Devin	Michael	SULLIVAN
Mackenzie	Lilly	HANEY	Nawitka	Chee-Chako	TAYLOR
Todd	Michael	HOINESS	Sharon	Lavonne	TRIBBLE
Alexander	Joseph	HOLLAND	Alicia	Joy	UNGER
Kimberly	Joi	JOHANSON	Rachael	Faith	UNGER
Clifton	Lawrence	KLAMATH	Daniel	James	WARREN
Rachel	Marie	LAW	Ayana		WHEELER
Rachael	Angelique	LONG	Charles	Arthur	WILCOX
Kadan	Jay	LUCAS	Daniel	Fayne	WILCOX
Ramona	Lynette	LULEDJIAN	Derreck	Joseph	WILLIAMS
Keanna	Jolynn	MASON	Alexandra		WINDSONG
Tad	S.	MASON	Nicholas		WINDSONG
Roman	Meril	MCCARTY	Natane	Aiyana	WOOSLEY
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