

Dancer named Superstar employee at Chinook Winds

Jerry Dancer, Play Palace/Arcade attendant for Chinook Winds Casino Resort, has been named the Superstar employee of second quarter of 2012.

Chinook Winds directors, members of the Siletz Tribal Council, selected staff, Tribal Elders and staff of the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission attended the Superstar ceremony in the casino's convention center on July 26. One-, five-, 10- and 15-year employees also were recognized for their service to the organization.

Dancer was nominated by a co-worker who said he sees the good in everyone.

"He is always outside on his breaks picking up trash in the parking lot, making the Play Palace/Arcade look nice for the guests. Jerry is also very active in the community and lets everyone know how great Chinook Winds is and our contributions in the community as well," wrote the co-worker. "Jerry's happiness is con-

tagious and he will continuously put the department's needs over his own. He is a valuable team player who demonstrates our goals on a daily basis and exceeds all expectations."

When asked what he likes about his job, Dancer replied, "I really enjoy my co-workers and since I'm part kid myself, I love working with the kids. Chinook Winds Play Palace and Games Galore is a fun place to be."

In recognition of his accomplishment, Dancer was presented with a check for \$1,000. Additionally, a marble tile plaque, engraved with his name, will be displayed at the front entrance to the casino.

To be eligible to receive the Superstar award, actions observed must be above and beyond the employee's regular duties or include a description of an employee who consistently advocates the core values and goals of the casino through

excellence in their service to guests and relationships with fellow employees.

Chinook Winds BEACH core values form the foundation on which staff perform and conduct themselves daily. The core values, which spell out "beach," include Be Passionate and Determined, Embrace Change, Accountability, Customer Service and Happiness.

Both casino staff and casino guests can submit Superstar nominations, which go through several reviews before a final selection is made. With more than 800 employees and only four of these awards given each year, it's a real honor to be chosen as the Superstar.

Other employees nominated for this award include Mark Smith, Thomas Patterson, Chris DeLong, Manny Lopez, Virginia Blair, Susan Driver and Erin Quwenikov.



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds staff

Jerry Dancer

Community invited to Celebration of Honor for veterans, active duty personnel

For the past nine years, Chinook Winds Casino Resort has spearheaded the annual Celebration of Honor, an event to honor active duty personnel, military veterans and their families. This year the event will take place Sept. 20-23.

Chinook Winds once again will sponsor the Field of Honor, 1,000 standard-size American flags majestically waving in the breeze overlooking the Pacific Ocean directly north of the casino.

The field will be open to the public throughout the weekend. The presentation of the Veterans of Oregon Honorable Service Medal will take place at the Field of Honor at 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.

On Sept. 22 at 9 a.m., the third annual Run for Honor 5K will take place, with proceeds going to charity. This event is free for veterans and active duty military personnel. For all others, pre-registration is \$30. Registration after Sept. 1 and on

race day is \$40. Online registration is available at chinookwindscasino.com. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

Veterans eat free all day at the Siletz Bay Buffet on Sept. 23. Veterans and active duty personnel are asked to stop by at Players Services, sign up for the Winners Circle and show proof of military service (DD-214 or other military ID) to be eligible.

Also on Sept. 23, the rededication of the Veterans Memorial will take place in front of the casino at 2 p.m.

Individuals, families, youth groups, businesses and organizations have many opportunities to become involved with the Celebration of Honor. A fundraiser for a veterans group; a special or discount

at your business for veterans and their families; red, white and blue decorations at your store; flying red, white, and blue kites; displaying the American flag at your home or place of business; shaking the hand of a veteran and offering a "welcome home" thank you to active duty personnel; or planning an event are all ways to become part of the celebration.

Contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815 or teresas@CWCResort.com to be included in the schedule of events and press releases that will be published.

September is just around the corner and by working together, we can create a successful city-wide event as in years past to honor those who have selflessly guarded our freedom.

Get More Information

- Chinook Winds Casino Resort – chinookwindscasino.com
- Chamber of Commerce – lcchamber.com
- Visitor & Convention Bureau – oregoncoast.org

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