

New Native veterans memorial legislation will ‘make memorial a reality’

Bill ensures flexibility for NMAI to help complete memorial

WASHINGTON – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announced May 23 that it supports new legislation introduced by Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii to clarify the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, amending the bill to allow for the completion of the long-standing project.

The project has encountered a number of obstacles since the legislation’s passage, including limitations placed on the involvement of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). The new language removes a number of technical barriers that have hindered completion

and allows for the memorial to be built adjacent to NMAI, not inside the museum as originally proposed. Additionally, NMAI would be able to participate in raising funds for the effort.

“It is essential that we fulfill Sen. (Daniel) Inouye and Indian Country’s vision for a memorial to honor the service and sacrifice of our Native American service members. NCAI supports the amendments to the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, which will make the memorial a reality and allow for it to be built on the property of the National Museum of the American Indian,” said Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI and a decorated veteran.

“Most importantly, this bill allows for more flexibility for Tribal nations and the United States to work together

to honor the contributions and sacrifices of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian military service members and veterans,” continued Keel. “As a Native veteran myself, I look forward to the day my fellow veterans are recognized for their contributions to protecting the sovereignty of Tribal nations and the United States.”

According to a 2012 report released by the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- More than 154,000 veterans identify themselves as solely American Indian and Alaska Native.
- More than 44,000 American Indians served between 1941 and 1945. The entire population of American Indians in the United States was less than 350,000 at the time,

- More than 42,000 American Indians served in the military in the Vietnam era and more than 90 percent of these service members were volunteers.

About the National Congress of American Indians

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

NCAI advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies and a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

For more information, visit ncai.org.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Vendor Applications

Vendor applications are now available for the 2013 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. The deadline is June 3.

You can get an application online at ctsi.nsn.us or pick one up at the Siletz Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and the Tribal area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene.

For more information, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or by e-mail at buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Royalty Applications

Applications are now available for Siletz Tribal Royalty for 2013-2014. The deadline is June 7.

To request an application for Miss Siletz (ages 18-24), Junior Miss Siletz (ages 13-17) or Little Miss Siletz (ages 7-12), contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or by e-mail at buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

You also can find applications online at ctsi.nsn.us or pick one up at the Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and the Tribal area offices.

Tipi Drawing

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Roll #: _____

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug 9-11, 2013. One entry per household. Deadline for entries is June 28, 2013. Names will be drawn soon after the deadline. Return the form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi Drawing, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Tribal RV parks have space available for you

Logan Road RV Park, Lincoln City, Ore. – loganroadrvpark.com/877-LOGANRV
Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Salem, Ore. – heeheeillahee.com/877-564-7295

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

August 9th-11th, 2013

Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, Government Hill, Siletz, OR
Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, August 8th

Royalty Pageant - 6pm

Friday, August 9th

Memorials/Giveaways - Noon to 5pm
Presentation of Crowns - 6pm
Grand Entry - 7pm

Saturday, August 10th

Parade - 10am
Dance Competition Points awarded for Parade Participation
Grand Entry - 1pm & 7pm

Sunday, August 11th

Grand Entry - Noon
Salmon Dinner

All Dancers & Drummers Welcome
Drummers, Please Bring Your Own Chairs

The Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is a drug and alcohol free event. We are not responsible for accidents, lost or stolen items, break-ups or fry bread melt downs.

Vendor registration is required.

Camping fee \$25; \$5 pet fee / per pet (camping area)

Camp Grounds open Thursday at 7am

For more information call
800-922-1399
Buddy Lane Ext. 1230
Nick Sixkiller Ext. 1757



Categories

Golden Age, Adult, Teen and Youth
Each category pays 5 places.

Specials

- Team Dance
- Women's Basketcap (Open)
- Round Bustle (Open)
- Women's All-Around
- Stanson Yazzie Men's All-Around (Grass, Fancy, & Chicken 18 years and older)

Call For Artists

“Weaving our roots together, binding our traditions,
making our people stronger.”

The Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, in conjunction with The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and The Klamath Tribes would like to invite interested artists to participate in designing a logo for the

Annual 2013 CANAR Conference

Nov. 3-8, 2013

Hilton Hotel in Portland, Ore.

Your work will be featured on T-shirts, bags, conference materials and seen by Tribes, organizations and businesses throughout the country.

Your participation will be valued and appreciated by many. A monetary prize in the amount of \$100 will be awarded to the winning artist!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JULY 31

For more information or questions, please call Angie Butler, 503-390-9494.

Please submit your artwork to:

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