

# Alfred Lane Jr.: A love of Siletz, both Tribe and community

By Diane Rodriguez

Alfred Lane Jr. is 90 and lives in National City, Calif.

He was married to his wife, Clarice, for 67 years before she passed away two years ago. They have seven children – Christy, Alana, Dona, Bud, Randy, Paula and Brett, 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Alfred and Clarice met when she moved to Siletz in the seventh grade.

“I always liked Siletz – it was a great big playground for me,” said Alfred. “I used to know the name of every person in Siletz, plus the names of their cats and dogs, back in the 1930s.”

Alfred enlisted in the Navy in 1943 as a seaman and served until World War II ended, then went into the reserves. He was back in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, then in fleet reserve to complete 25 years in the Navy. He retired as a senior chief petty officer.

“I took care of guns,” he said. “I also was part of an explosive ordinance demolition team. We blew up ordinance that was no good, like old World War II ordinance – torpedoes and bombs. We took them to the ‘blowhole’ and we’d blow them up.”

He then worked 20 years as a contractor for the Navy, handling mounted rocket launchers and traveling nearly as much as when he was in the Navy.

By then, the family was living in the house in National City that Alfred now has lived in for 56 years. This, Alfred said, is when it all started coming together.

“The kids started going to the same school. Not much changed, except the kids grew up,” he said. “Then we retired and we started running around. We retired in 1987 and we did nothing after that but travel. We drove to Alaska on the Al-Can Highway and crossed the United States two or three times.”

Five of Alfred’s children currently live in the National City area and two live in Siletz. His fondness for the community of Siletz and his pride in being a Siletz Tribal member of Chetco descent are evident.

“I’ve always been proud of Siletz,” said Alfred, “Mostly I was proud of Grandma and Grandpa Lane (Minnie and Scott Lane). Grandma Lane did a lot of things for me that I thought were real nice. I stopped by their place on the way to school in the mornings when I could and I always stopped after school. I did everything they did.

“Dad (Alfred Lane Sr., married to Maude) was on the council most of his life. I really liked living around here ... I’ve always been proud of all these people of Siletz.”

Alfred says the most significant thing the tribe has done since 1977 (Restoration) is “build the casino and put people to work. It’s the greatest thing to ever come our way. It gives all these people around here the chance to work and have a job. Before, they worked in the woods or they didn’t work. The casino has given people a chance to live better. Most kids around here have a car; we never even had a bicycle.

“The casino has helped our tribe so much. Things can’t happen until you make them happen. I’m glad of the things kids get to do now.”

In addition to giving to the United States and the Siletz nation as a Navy veteran, Alfred shared his everyday experiences with his family and friends.

“Everything I’ve done, everyone could do along with me. If I knew something, I always tried to make sure others knew about it too. We shared everything in our whole life with the kids,” he said. “Clarice and I had a pretty nice life. If I had to do it



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Alfred Lane Jr.

all over, I don’t know where I would make any changes.”

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Tribal Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

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### How has the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped you and your family since participating?

- ❖ “The home visiting program has helped prepare us for our new addition by letting us know what is to be expected before and after the baby comes and how to best deal with certain situations that come up.”  
– Andrea & Robert, 4 months in the program
- ❖ “I’ve learned all the things I thought I should know that I did not know already with the help and support of the program. Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped me become a better mom.”  
– Shyann, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “I feel like Siletz Tribal home visits have helped me be more on track when it comes to my child’s development. Home visits have also helped me keep a better schedule, helping my whole family.”  
– Jennifer, 1 year and 9 months in the program
- ❖ “Getting the help when you’re a new parent is life-saving, to know you are doing it right and if not, finding out the right way.”  
– Samantha, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “The program has helped me to realize there are a lot of different ways to parent and there is always help if you are willing to look for it. The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped make my life a little simpler just knowing I have resources to help me be the best mom I can be.”  
– Chandra, 1 year and 10 months in the program
- ❖ “The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped me with my child’s growth, my motivation with being a parent and I’ve also established a friendship.”  
– Britnee, 1 year and 8 months in the program
- ❖ “Home Visiting Program helped us better understand the developmental milestones that our child is at and also the reassurance that each child is unique and not to be worried. The program has been helpful, especially with different resources also.”  
– Ale & Seth, 1 year and 1 month in the program
- ❖ “As a first-time mom, Siletz Home Visiting Program has been a good addition to my support system, not only emotionally, but also mentally.”  
– Janet, 1 year and 1 month in the program

If you are interested in or have any questions about our Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program, please call Jessica Phillips, Program Coordinator, at 541-484- 4234.



## Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

### Tribal Member Recruitment for Advisory Board

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board is accepting applications from Siletz Tribal members to fill one board position. The appointment by Tribal Council is on a volunteer basis for a three-year term from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017.

The STCCF Advisory Board is composed of seven unpaid members, including one Siletz Tribal Council representative; three Siletz Tribal members; two non-Tribal members agreed upon by the governor and Tribal chairman and approved by Tribal Council; and one non-Tribal member selected by the Tribal chairman from a list submitted by the governor and approved by Tribal Council.

The advisory board meets quarterly (January, April, July and October) to review approximately 75-125 applications for charitable funding received from non-profit organizations, schools and local government agencies. The advisory board makes award recommendations to Tribal Council for review and approval by resolution.

Board members attend quarterly distribution receptions held in February, May, August and November at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Board members will receive travel reimbursements for attendance at quarterly board meetings, award distribution receptions and other approved public relations events.

For more information, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund](http://ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund) or contact Board Secretary Denise Garrett, [stccf@live.com](mailto:stccf@live.com), 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

### Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Tribal Member Advisory Board Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017, at the address below to be considered for appointment at the regular Tribal Council meeting in June 2017.

Return application to: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
Denise Garrett, STCCF Secretary  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380-0549