

WWII trip to Washington, D.C.

Bud Lane and I accompanied our two WWII veterans, Ed Ben and Alfred Lane Jr., to Washington, D.C., to attend the kick-off of the National Native American Veterans Memorial that will be built on the National Mall (see page 1). Our veterans were well-received by many acknowledging their service, taking pictures and asking for autographs.

Tribal Veterans Representative Tony Molina also attended. They toured the monuments on the mall and had a special tour of the U.S. Capitol.

Restoration

We celebrated 41 years of Tribal Restoration at Chinook Winds Casino in November. Gov. Kate Brown was our guest speaker for the event.



Throughout her career, the governor has worked with Tribes both inside of government and outside. She understands our history, Tribal sovereignty and the issues facing Tribes in Oregon.

We are so proud that she is a friend of the Tribe and that she was able to join us on this special day. She spoke of Tribal accomplishments and Tribal initiatives.

NAYA – Portland

Working with Paul Lumley, executive director of the Native American Youth Center (NAYA), the Native American Rehabilitation Association, the city of Portland and other programs, our Housing Director Sami Jo Difuntorum successfully negotiated an extraordinary agreement to build homes in Portland, Ore., that will greatly benefit Tribal members and members of other Tribes (see page 1).

Chemawa totems

The Tribe collaborated with the Lummi Tribe in Washington to bring a totem to the Chemawa Cemetery to honor those students and employees who are buried at the cemetery. Jewel James and Fred Lane from the Lummi Tribe took on the task of crafting the totem, which turned out to be two totems and a bench that would be erected at the cemetery (see left photo).

The plan was to dedicate the totems and place them in the cemetery when the school celebrated its Veteran's Day Pow-Wow. We learned, however, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve the process because of the status of the land.

We now plan to have a dedication when Chemawa celebrates the school's birthday in February 2019. We greatly thank the Lummi folks, Fred Lane and Jewel James, and Jewel's family for making the journey and carving the beautiful totems.

LCIS – Karen Quigley resignation

Karen Quigley, the executive director for the Legislative Commission on Indian



Delores Pigsley

Services (LCIS), announced her retirement effective Dec. 1, 2018.

We are sad to see Karen leave as she has been a strong presence for Tribes at the state Capitol. We wish her well in her retirement.

U.S. Attorney Consultation

The Tribe spent a few hours in consultation with U.S. Attorneys Billy Williams and Tim Simmons. Subjects included cannabis production and rules, etc.; Oregon's sanctuary status; Tribal rights and sovereignty; the Violence Against Women Act; and law enforcement.

TICC Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

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We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.