

Selene Rilatos – 11/1/23-11/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1			.25	11/1	Econ dev, email
3.25	3.25				11/2-3	OHA mtg, packets, email
4.5	4.5				11/4	Health, Housing, General Council
3.25	3.25				11/5-6	Health Cmte, email, packets
1.75	1.75			1	11/7	TICCC mtg, email, packets
2.5	2.5			1	11/8-9	NPAIHB mtg, email, packets, calls
.75	.75	5.5		2.5	11/10	CWCR budget wkshp, packets
2	2				11/12-13	Packets, email
4	4			1	11/14	Regular TC, email
.75	.75		2	2.5	11/15-16	STBC, ECHO, email
4	4			2.5	11/17-19	Restoration events, email, calls
.75	.75				11/20	Special TC, email
4.75	4.75				11/21-27	NPAIHB, email, packets, calls
3	3				11/29-30	TC wkshps, email, packets



Siletz Tribal Veterans

**For information and assistance
from Tony Molina, Tribal Veteran
Representative, call 541-270-0569
or email tonym@ctsi.nsn.us**

Tribe seeks to update its record of Tribal veterans

It is important for the Tribe to keep a current updated record of our Siletz Tribal veterans. So often we are totally unaware of Siletz veterans who have served our nation, especially our younger veterans.

We are also trying to track how many Vietnam-era veterans have served and also how many were “boots on the ground.” I would appreciate it if you could help supply us with this much-needed information. Thank you!

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Information for Veterans

- A veteran or a family member whose veteran is enrolled in the VA only has 72 hours to report a non-emergency room hospital visit so as not to get billed.
- There is a new program for veterans called Veterans Appeal Improvement Modernization Act – for those veterans who have been waiting too long for their appeal to be

addressed. Again, this is a new program.

- For veterans who are enrolled into the VA system – you can also apply to join My Healthy Vet to have access to your local VA doctor, prescriptions, etc. This is a very useful tool.
- Also, some veterans have joined EBenefits to try to take care of their VA needs online, but first you must be eligible to apply for VA benefits. I’m here to help you in that VA enrollment process. It’s your choice to try EBenefits or let me assist you.
- The VA can be a very complex program and very trying to one’s patience – and I have experienced certain road blocks. So please give me a call and I will do everything within my means to make sure you can enroll in the VA system.
- Our VA presumes that spinal bifida in biological children of certain Vietnam-era veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange was caused by the veteran’s military service. Eligible children may receive VA benefits.

Contact Molina if you have questions on any of these items.

Dear friends and relatives:

Happy New Year! I hope that the holidays were warm and full of joy for you and yours.

It is Siletz Tribal Council election season again. I took a year and rested and am feeling reinvigorated – and ready to serve again if it is the wish of the people.

I have been concerned over the past year and more with the direction taken by some of our elected leadership. The three incumbents in this election were among five named in a lawsuit filed in our Tribal Court last year. The court opinion did not get released until after the last election, but found all five had violated Tribal laws. Later, an ethics investigation found all five had engaged in ethics violations.

It is critical that we elect members who obey and stand up for the laws we have passed to govern ourselves. I have served 18 years and been a strong advocate for fair and equal treatment of all and accountability within our government.

Damage has been done to our systems of operating not just our government, but employee morale and administration functionality. We need to make amendments to our laws to protect us from a majority of elected officials who act in violation of our laws without legal remedies to correct their unlawful actions in short order and sanction them for their actions.

I would be honored if you considered me for one of your three votes in this coming February’s election.

Sincerely,
Robert Kentta

Lincoln County Jail seeks volunteers

The Lincoln County Jail in Newport, Ore., is seeking additional cultural practitioners to provide services to American Indians who are incarcerated. They are seeking both female and male practitioners to provide online, one-on-one and group guidance (once it is safe to hold in-person meetings).

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Norton at lisan@ctsi.nsn.us. If you want to volunteer, contact Dennis Buckmaster (dbuckmaster@co.lincoln.or.us) to start the process. This process does include a background check, but all situations will be considered individually.

Hello Tribal Members,

Are you receiving your mail from the Tribe?

If not, you might need to update your address with the Enrollment Department.

You can obtain the Address & Contact Information form online or ask that we send it to you by email or U.S. Postal Service.

You can return this update form to us by:

Email: EnrollmentDepartment@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-8296

Mail: P.O. Box 549; Siletz, OR 97380-0549

If you have questions, you can call us at 541-444-8258. ~Thank you~

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