

On Saturday, August 9, the streets of downtown Siletz come alive at 10 a.m. with the parade kicking off. The parade will feature Tribal royalty, Tribal Council, drummers, dancers, tribal services, vintage cars, and creative floats.

Parade pre-registration is available online at ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow, you can download and print the form or fill it out and submit it online.

Registration will also be available in person at 8 a.m. in front of the Tribal administration building.

The parade is followed by Saturday's first Grand Entry at 1 p.m., at the pow-wow grounds. The youth and teen competition dancing continues at this entry.

Competition dancing after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry continues with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

The celebration concludes on Sunday, August 10, with a noon Grand Entry featuring special events such as the Team Dance, Owl Dance, the Women's Basket Cap Special, and the Round Bustle Special for men.

A variety of delicious foods, Native arts and crafts, and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

A free shuttle service will run from designated parking lots in Siletz to

the pow-wow grounds. Due to limited parking on-site, attendees are encouraged to use the shuttle. Look for posted signs around town.

This is an alcohol- and drug-free event. Attendees are asked to respect cultural protocols, including photo and recording guidelines announced during the event.

The announcer will also share insights into the significance of each dance and ceremony.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs signs agreement with Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has signed a formal agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians that will provide a framework for collaboration and increased resources dedicated to supporting the Tribe's veterans in accessing their earned federal and state veterans' benefits.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed Friday, June 27, by ODVA Director Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels and Tribal Council Chairman Delores Pigsley, with Tribal government leaders and representatives, Tribal veterans and ODVA staff gathered to commemorate the historic partnership. The formal signing was hosted at ODVA's headquarters in Salem.

The agreement will pave the way for the establishment of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' first Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO), which will be jointly funded by ODVA and the Tribe to serve Siletz veterans and their families.

"Oregon's Tribal veterans have long served with honor and distinction, and it is our responsibility to ensure they receive the care and recognition they have earned," said Dr. Daniels. "By partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, we are committing to a future where Siletz veterans are served in a way that honors their stories, their service, and their sovereign identity. We're proud to walk alongside the Tribe in building something that will truly make a difference in the lives of their veterans and families."

"I am excited for the future of our honored Tribal veterans and the opportunity this brings to them," said Chairman Pigsley. "Not only to support them but to help advocate for them. This memorandum with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is more than a collaboration or a partnership."

It's a commitment to honoring and empowering those who have served our nation. Their deep-rooted

connection to the veteran community and unwavering dedication to their well-being make them a trusted and invaluable partner."

This Memorandum of Understanding is ODVA's sixth with Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and, most recently, the Coquille Indian Tribe in May.

Oregon's statewide network of County and Tribal Veteran Service Offices are collaborative partnerships between the state and counties, or Tribal governments and deliver free local access to veteran benefits for veterans and their families.

Tribal Veteran Service Officers (TVSOs) are trained by ODVA and then accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs through a series of regular trainings

facilitated by both agencies. TVSOs provide a wide variety of benefits and services to veterans and their family members, including the development and submission of claims to the federal VA for earned veteran benefits.

To learn more about veteran benefits, resources and services near you, or to schedule a session with your local Veteran Service Officer, visit the website of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at www.oregon.gov/odva/Services/Pages/Tribal-Veteran-Services.aspx.

Established in 1945, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is dedicated to serving Oregon's diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service members.

ODVA administers programs and provides special advocacy and assistance in accessing earned veteran benefits across the state.

To learn about veteran benefits and services, or locate a local county or tribal veteran service office online at oregon.gov/odva.



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Left-to-right: Kyle Deets, ODVA Aging Veterans Services Assistant Director; Jamal Fox, ODVA Deputy Director; Keith Barnes, Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer; Sheronne Blasi, ODVA Strategic Partnerships Division Director; Nicole Hoeft, ODVA Strategic Communications Director; Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Chairman; William (Buster) Lane, CTSI Veterans Coordinator; Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels, ODVA Director; April Middaugh, CTSI Administrative Manager; Nolan Lane, Siletz Tribal Honor Guard member; Rex Emery, ODVA Chief Operating Officer



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Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Chairman gives thanks to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs