

NATIVE AMERICAN VIETNAM VETERANS

VVA membership director Wayne Smith was recently invited to speak to Native American Vietnam veterans from all Tribes. The event took place in Sisseton, South Dakota, in late April. An estimated 1000 Vietnam Veteran Native Americans attended. The event was coordinated by Myron Williams of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe.

Smith spoke of the importance of using VVA as a model for addressing Native American issues and concerns such as housing and unemployment. Smith also noted that VVA has a plan to train Native Americans to be service representatives. The state council of Oklahoma is involved in training veterans for this purpose.

(Taken from VETERAN, June 1990 issue)

Editors Note: As an associate member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, I have seen the positive effect this organization has had in the lives of our Veterans. The fellowship found in this organization is strong and can be an inspiration to not only the Veterans themselves but their families and loved ones also. There is a VVA chapter near you. Take the time to find out what they're all about...they can be a positive influence in your life.

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VIETNAM VETS POW WOW IN WASHINGTON D.C.

The Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association (VEVITA) Women's Auxiliary will again be sponsoring the Third Annual Veteran's Pow Wow to be held in the Washington D.C. area during the Veteran's Day Weekend on Nov. 10-11, 1990.

The Northwest Indian Veterans Association from Vancouver, Washington, will be in the area and is planning a great healing experience at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Special Ceremonies will also be held at the Arlington Cemetery in honor of all Indian Veterans. The previously held events have been very successful and have brought in visitors from throughout the nation.

VEVITA is a non-profit organization and is requesting donations from various tribes and interested persons in the support of this most meaningful event on behalf of our Indian Veterans. All donations will be appreciated and as the planning of the event continues you will be advised of the activities, location and other activities.

We would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be in the area during this time to join us at the ceremonies and pow wow. Please make this correspondence and other information that will be sent out available to the Indian Veterans in your area.

For further information with regard to the planned event please contact: Linda Tsonetoko (301) 4443-1116 or (301) 540-0966 Delia Reeves (301) 443-3024 or (301) 881-4484.

Donations or other correspondence can be sent to VEVITA Women's Auxiliary, c/o of Lula LookingGlass, 300 commonwealth Avenue, Apt. 5A, Alexandria, VA 22301.

Donations should be made to VETITA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

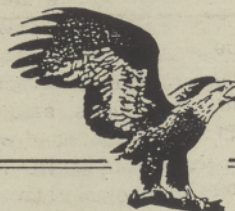
STEDCO needs Tribal Members to contract for the following jobs: 1. Firewood cutting, w/slash piling and burning. 2. Tractor scarification.

Currently, the work is to help convert the Tribe's new property by the fish hatchery to a conifer plantation.

Please contact Gene Russell, Timber Manager, STEDCO, at (503) 444-1356 or (503) 444-2715.

NORTHWEST INDIAN ART & CULTURAL SYMPOSIUM

Northwest Indian Art & Cultural Symposium featuring basketweaving, drum making, art & cultural activities, presented by Shared Heritage Art & Cultural Organization will be held on August 13 - 17. It will feature instruction by Native American artists. Accommodations will be available at the retreat center overlooking Hood Canal, Washington. For more information contact Pat Martinelli, P.O. Box 5838, Aloha, OR. 97007 or call (503) 649-7124.



NORTHWEST INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FREEDOM BIRD 1990

(November 9-13, 1990)

Be a part of the 1990 FREEDOM BIRD experience. Depart the Northwest for a five day unforgettable trip to Washington D.C.. Join others from the Northwest Indian Veterans Association on this premier event. The main objective of this trip will be to visit the Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Wall, a great healing experience. In Washington D.C. we will gather for pow-wow's, attend special ceremonies at Arlington and the Vietnam Wall, and visit historic sights. Don't miss a great opportunity to spend this Veterans Day a special way, honoring our Indian Veterans.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air transportation via United Airlines.
- Four nights accommodations at the Holiday Inn - Capitol. (In Washington D.C.)
- Round trip transportation between the airport and hotel.
- Breakfast (Saturday, November 10th)
- Participation in ceremonies and special events.
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.

PACKAGE PRICES PER PERSON DEPARTING FROM:

PORTLAND or SEATTLE		SPOKANE		GREAT FALLS or SALT LAKE CITY	
Double	\$695.00	Double	\$674.00	Double	\$653.00
Triple	\$633.00	Triple	\$612.00	Triple	\$591.00
Quad	\$604.00	Quad	\$583.00	Quad	\$562.00
Single	\$883.00	Single	\$862.00	Single	\$841.00
Child	\$446.00	Child	\$425.00	Child	\$404.00



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FREEDOM BIRD 1990

November 9th through November 13th are the scheduled dates for the Northwest Indian Veteran Association (NIVA) FREEDOM BIRD 1990 trip to Washington, D.C. This is Veteran's Day weekend.

Special ceremonies for American Indian Veterans of all wars are planned. NIVA is extending a special invitation to those families who have lost a Loved One in battle.

NIVA will join the Vietnam-Era Inter-Tribal Association of Washington, D.C. in special ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Wall. Two Pow-Wows are scheduled for November 10th and November 11th.

At a special breakfast, NIVA will host Mr. Derwinski, Secretary for Veterans Affairs and Dr. Everett Rhoades, Head of the Indian Health Service. All members of the Affiliated Tribes and the Northwest Portland Area Indians Health Board are invited to this meeting and all Veteran activities.

For further information call Pam Adams or Julie at 1-800-255-5387 ext. 518.

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