

The Siletz Indian Softball Team are BIG WINNERS!!

The Siletz Indian Softball Team participated in the National Indian Softball Tournament and came home Tournament Champions! The tournament, held in Yakima, Washington August 14-16 is by invitation only and Siletz was the only Oregon team represented.

The score of the winning game against White Swan was 15-10.

Bristo Bayya was voted MVP for the tournament. Willie Metcalf and Bristo were voted Tournament All-Stars. Corey Amos won the Sportsmen's Medal. Other members of the team Leon Metcalf, Jason Metcalf, Benny Marzan, Rick Rilatos, Matt Kentta, Kevin Mason, Charles Sailto, Yogy Varner, Lyle Reeves received championship jackets.

The team now has the opportunity to go to Taholah, Washington on September 11-13 to participate in a national tournament which will include eight teams from western half and eight teams from the eastern half of the United States.

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Schones and Mr. & Mrs. Hank Kentta for sponsoring the Siletz Indian Softball team at this tournament. You picked a winner!!

Designate A Beneficiary

In the past year there were several tribal members that died without a designated beneficiary for the Tribe's death benefit. In these cases, policy is to pay funeral and burial expenses only. And, payment is intended to be directly to the vendor(s) who performs those services. This can create problems when the deceased's family expects to receive the full benefit or tries to get reimbursed for expenses.

Normally the time to process a death benefit claim is relatively short. But, when there is no designated beneficiary or when there are reimbursement claims, the matter is taken before the Enrollment Ad Hoc Committee for a recommendation and then on to the Tribal Council for approval or rejection. This can delay payment considerably.

All tribal members should make sure that they and any enrolled family members have their designations on file with enrollment. In cases where you anticipate that the benefit will be needed to pay funeral and burial expenses, it is important to designate someone who can and will carry out that obligation. Ideally this should be an adult or a funeral home/mortuary.

Designating someone under age 18 could result in the benefit being placed in a trust until the child reaches the age of majority or it could be used by a trustee for the benefit of the minor child. When changes occur in the family--divorce, marriage, reaching the age of majority--members should review their designation to see if a change is in order.

Ensuring that your designations are updated and on file now can avoid problems later. If you have questions regarding who you've designated or if you need designation forms, contact the Enrollment Office at 1-800-922-1399 or (503) 444-2532.

Rare Opportunity

Submitted by: Cindy Hill

Tribal member Alfred Lane Jr. and Jeremy Hill (son of Tribal member Cindy Hill) had a very rare opportunity in June/July.

They flew out of San Diego on a Delta flight into Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on June 27th. After their 5 hour air trip they boarded the amphibious assault ship USS Duluth (LPD-6) for what the Navy calls a "Tiger Cruise." This means any male (with a sponsor on the ship) can ride from Pearl Harbor to San Diego. Their sponsor was QMC (SW) Donald Hill (nephew of Alfred Lane Jr. and father of Jeremy Hill).

They departed Pearl Harbor on June 28th. They had an eventful 10 days at sea. They were able to shoot the guns onboard the



Alfred "Junior" Lane & Donald Hill



Jeremy Hill

Duluth and experience shipboard life. Actually, as Navy Veteran, it was "re-experiencing" Navy life for Alfred Lane.

They arrived in San Diego on July 6th to a pier decorated with balloons, signs, a band, food, etc. Welcoming all of them on the pier were: Clarice Lane, Dona James, Cindy Hill, Jenera Hill, Donna Woods, Rae Devenberg and her children, and several of Alfred's grandchildren.

QMC (SW) Donald Hill was returning onboard the Duluth after a 6 month Westpac visiting ports in the Gulf, Africa, Hong Kong, Thailand and the Philippines.

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