

Native American Business Alliance convention on tap

The Native American Business Alliance Convention 2000 is scheduled for July 10-12, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan.

Bringing the Circle Together

This convention will provide an opportunity as unique as the native culture itself. Imagine a convention where you don't just listen to speeches, you participate.

- Meet one-on-one with representatives from some of the largest corporations in America.
- Sit in talking circles with other Native Businesses, Tribes, and Corporations to discuss topics of interest to you.
- Share your experiences and benefit from theirs.
- Learn how to do business with the large corporations of America at the same time you network with other Native Business owners.
- Take advantage of the opportunity to learn how Tribes operate, what they buy, and what they sell.

Small group meetings conducted by experts in their field. The topics will be covered in depth with an emphasis on the practical. You will take away information you can apply to your own business. Some topics include:

- Partnering/Joint Ventures
- E-Commerce & The Internet
- Native History and Culture
- Accessing Capital
- Federal Programs
- Native Values in Today's Business

Corporate Tables

Bring Business Cards and Company Brochures. You will have the opportunity to sign up for private meetings with corporations from the Fortune 500 as well as large Native owned businesses. Find out what they buy, how to sell to them, and get specific names and numbers for the following calls.

Talking Circles

Take the opportunity to sit with Tribal leaders, Corporate representatives, and other Native Businesses to discuss topics of your

choice. Each circle will be facilitated by an individual with knowledge on the specific topic. This is where we "Bring the Circle Together" and help each other. Some subjects for discussion will be:

- Native Culture Then & Now
- Sovereign Nation Status
- How do we approach Corporate America
- Modern Medicine & the Medicine Man
- Starting a business
- Financing Growth / Start ups

Our Mission

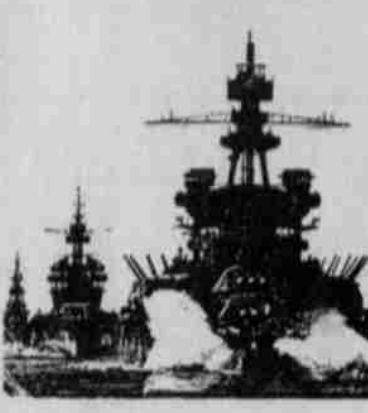
1. To facilitate mutually beneficial relationships between Private and Public businesses with Native American-owned companies.

2. Educate the communities on Native American culture, paving the way for the future.

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The Indian Warrior-The Veterans Corner-Information/Tips For Vets

The New V A Service for those who served



will receive your primary healthcare at the facility you have indicated as your preferred facility. For more specialized treatment, you may have a choice of facilities, which would be recommended by your primary provider. When traveling, you can get care at any VA facility.

about your health insurance coverage. Always bring your insurance card with you when you come to the VA, it provides most of the insurance information we need.

Does the VA charge copayments for care?

Yes. Some veterans are required to make copayments for their care and/or medications.

Most non service-connected veterans and zero percent service-connected veterans are required to complete an annual Means Test. This is a measure of your family's income and assets.

How much are the copayments charged by the VA?

The medication copayments is \$2 for each 30-days-or-less supply of medication provided to an outpatient for treatment of a non service-connected condition. If your income is below the limits set by law, you may be exempt from the medication copayment.

The Means Test copayment is for inpatient and outpatient treatment. The amount of the copayment changes annually.

There is also a Per Diem (Facility) copayment of \$10 per day for hospital care, and \$5 per day for nursing home care. This is a daily charge for care for veterans whose income and assets exceed the Means Test thresholds.

Where does the money go that the VA collects from insurance companies and my copayment?

All money collected from health insurance companies and from your copayments is returned to the VA to pay for its programs for veterans.

Medical Services at the Portland VA Medical Center:

- * Diagnostic Service; * Primary Care; * Women's health; * Mental Health Care; * Pharmacy; * Nutritional Services; * Surgical Services; * Homeless Program; * Substance Abuse; * Specialty Clinics; * Patient Education; * Rehabilitation; * Smoking Cessation; * Adult Day Health Care.

I thought a veteran could be treated in a VA medical center only for service-connected conditions. Is that correct?

No. The VA may treat eligible veterans for non service-connected conditions, too.

Is the VA available to all veterans or just those who were in a war?

No. VA healthcare is available to all veterans who served honorably and meet the minimum length-of-service requirements.

What is the minimum length of service requirement?

For veterans who entered active duty before September 7, 1980 there is no minimum length of service requirement. However, veterans who entered active duty on or after that date must complete 24 months of continuous service.

Reservists and members of the National Guard called to active duty must complete the full period for which they were called to active duty. Members of the National Guard and Reservists whose only service was active duty for training purposes are not routinely eligible for VA medical care.

Does the VA only provide care for low-income veterans?

No. But some veterans may be charged a copayment for their care. This depends upon the veteran's family income, net worth and number of dependents. Most veterans who are not receiving VA disability payments are required to complete an income assessment each year to determine whether they will be charged a copayment.

I have health insurance; can I still come to the VA?

Yes. The VA will bill your insurance carrier for any care that is not rated as being service-connected.

Do I have to pay the deductibles my insurance carrier requires when treated at the VA?

No. VA does not require you to pay those charges. In addition, many insurance companies will apply VA medical care charges toward satisfaction of your annual deductible.

I am a veteran. Why would the VA bill my health insurance?

By law, the VA is required to bill health insurance carriers for treatment provided to veterans for non service-connected conditions. This means we must bill any health insurance plan providing coverage for you, including policies held by you or your spouse. To do this we need information



Happy Birthday

May 31
to my brother
Levi VanPelt
Thank you for being there for us we love you alot
Robert & Marella Sam

Heres to the most caring, thoughtful, & loving man I married. You are deeply appreciated and understood. Thank you for the past beautiful four years. Happy Anniversary and I love you. Wishing you many more years to come.

Love Always your wife,
Mrs. Fudd Suppah

Happy Birthday
Jake Johns!!
Don't have too much fun on your birthday, your friend,
Willie Danzuka

Happy B-day
"Uncle" Jake and don't forget to take me cruisin' again!!
Love, Henry Andrews

Happy Birthday to a very close friend
You have the best birthday ever. You deserve it Mr. Phillip "Jake" Johns
and may all you wishes come true.
Your friend, Ray Palmer

Happy Birthday
Na Na Rella
Love ya Lots
Hang in there
Your Little Sister
Itta, Albert, Sisa,
Tony, Marella, Leonard & Tyrone

Thanks given for help at concert

I would like to thank all of this years sponsors for making the Litefoot 2000 Spring Tour Concert a success:
Sponsors- Indian Head Gaming, W.S. Forest Products, W.S. Power Enterprise, Johnson O' Malley Committee, Social Services, and Community Wellness Center. These are the people that made it possible and free for the community.
Volunteers- Lana Leonard, Tray Leonard, Shawn Harry, Cheeks, Gerald Sampson, Chaz Mitchell, Steven Tias, Vernon Tias, Liz Smith W.S. Police Department, Utilities Dept.
Staff- Austin Greene, Vanessa Gorrosquieta, Laura Sahme, Marena Florez, Cecelia Polk, Delray Thompson, Becky Soliz, Gerald Tias, P.R. Department-KWSO Radio Team for advertising and CD/ ticket give away.
Special thanks- Austin and Johnny Smith for setting up the stage.
Litefoot would like to apologize for being late, and hopes that this doesn't hurt his relationship with the Warm Springs community.
Again thanks for showing hospitality and patience with our guest from the Community Wellness Center Staff.

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has changed the way we provide medical care to veterans. Now we can provide a comprehensive primary care based Health Care Benefits package to veterans 'enrolled' in the VA Health Care Plan. Enrolled veterans are now eligible for inpatient and outpatient services with the important addition of preventive and primary care. These services include such things as: diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health and medicine.

How do I apply for Primary Care enrollment?

Contact the VA Enrollment Office and asked to be assigned to a Primary Care provider. You will be scheduled for a health appraisal appointment, which consists of a physical exam, prevention screening any needed laboratory work and initial medication. You will be assigned a primary care provider at this time. All future appointments will be made with the assigned primary care provider.

Will I be able to get my medicine from the VA?

Yes, if you are enrolled; or if the VA rates you as having a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more, or if you are seeking care from VA only for a service-connected disability.

Should I give up my existing healthcare insurance if I enroll with the VA?

No, you aren't required to, and we don't encourage it. VA healthcare is dependent on the level of congressional appropriations, not on premiums paid by enrolled veterans. Veterans with private insurance or other public coverage such as Department of Defense Medicare, or Medicaid may find VA enrollment to be a good complement to their other coverage.

If I enroll in the VA, can I receive care anywhere in the VA system?

Yes, once enrolled you are part of a national healthcare system with approximately 1,100 service sites. Generally, you

Thanks for making my birthday special!

To the editor,
I just want to take time to thank these people that came forward to put on my 21st birthday dance.
First of all, I would like to thank my mom-LaDonna, Vernon (DBS), My bro. George (Green Eyes) Spino and Su-Yenn Smith for putting forth money to pay for my part of the dance. Love you all very much and I really am grateful you did this for me.
And also Jabbar & Leslie...thanks for being DJ, I appreciate it.
To my uncle George & Aunt Natalie...Thank you two very much for watching the door and everything else you have done for me that night.
To all my uncles JE, Ray, Jason, I would really like to thank you all very much for being there to help me celebrate my 21st birthday, I know my dad would have enjoyed it too. I only turn 21 once and it was fun.
And Mrs. Del Nero...Thanks for driving me home sister...I Love You.
Mr. Danzuka, Ms. Picard & Ms. Scott thanks for taking care of my

one and only man in my life Mr. L. Awan Lewis...thank u all very much.
Mr. Sigo from Pendleton...Thanks for coming down to Warm Springs to celebrate with me...just wait til September!!!!
And to MY "Angle" you crazy boy...Thanks for showing up and being my guardian angel watching over me...
Sharon Jones-Thanks Girl for making my invitation...appreciate it.
Ernel Scott-Thanks YaYa...I needed it.
Ramone-Thanks for the gift...I'll be using it.
Wesley & Jamaica-Thanks for being there...take care of KTS.
Jolene-Thanks for watching that "Angel" and being there also.
Monica, Becca Jo & Gordo, Kelli & Clem Picard, Shey, Jordan Soliz, Mona & Tom, Su-Yenn, Christel, Bo, Laura, Michelle Stacona, Thurman & Donnetta, Sheila & Orvie, Colleen Roba, Charmaine & Carlos, Lyda & Gary, T.J. Jake, I just wanna thank All you guys for being

my back up support...just kidding But Thanks to ALL of you & EVERYONE I didn't name for making my 21st Birthday special...
EFFIE & EMILY JIM...Thank You Two very much also...and Happy Birthday.
Miz Picard
And Happy 22nd Birthday to my Sis Becca Jo McPherson April 14.

Seeking work

I am a local contractor living on Crooked River Ranch. My specialty is decks, additions, garages and remodels.
After working on a set of decks for one the reservation residents, I am interested in pursuing more work in your community. My company offers quality work at very reasonable prices.
Mike Swick Construction
PO Box 848
Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760
(541) 923-3951 (fax) 923-2678

Mom

I remember how loving and caring you were to us.
I remember how you and dad gave us a kiss good night.
I remember the first ribbon shirt you made me.
I remember the first bike I got.
I remember Auntie ringing the bell at her trailer before we ate, then Chooshed.
I remember the spots you took us to get roots, celery, berries, etc.
I remember going to California to see Shula.
I remember going to Marriotts big carnival.
I remember the First Fancy dance outfit you got me.

I remember dancing at Kahneeta to go swimming.
I remember the prayer us kids use to say at the table.
I remember going visit uncle Wilson.
I remember you and Auntie gonna get your John Day money.
I remember traveling to different longhouses and churches.
I remember the old ranch (the well that was there).
I remember the little tractor.
I remember Tia, Snowball, Dumbo, Greeneyes.
I remember the old white van and all the other cars.
I remember your black flowered

wing dress.
I remember that rock you showed us at Arlington.
I remember the cold showers Joseph and I would get for pissin in bed.
I remember breaking ice so the cows can drink.
I remember the sincerity, respect, discipline, directing toward goodness you showed all of us.
I have a lot more loving memories with you "Mom". I will never forget you as I pass by, as you did your grandmother, I will always love you and remember you Mom. Rest in Peace Beloved Mom.
Your A'swan
Otis Johnson

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- May**
19th: Headstart Powwow & Salmon Bake, Heritage Cultural Center, Toppenish, WA FMI: (509) 865-5121
19-20th: Mat' Alyma Root Feast & Powwow, Kamiah, ID FMI: (208) 935-2525
19-21st: Timoca-Biloxi Powwow; Marksville, Louisiana, FMI: 1-800-946-1946
26-28th: Two Rivers Casino Powwow; FMI 1-800-722-4031
June
9-11th: 7th Annual Tu-Kwa-Ha-Ne' PowWow; Burns, OR; FMI (541) 573-6180/573-2553
10-11th: Yakama Nation Treaty Days All Indian Rodeo: White Swan, WA FMI (509) 848-2854
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