

Letters

Dear readers of *Smoke Signals* and fellow Tribal members,
I wanted to tell you "the rest of the story" behind four of the names that will be inscribed on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans' Memorial. My grandmother, Mary LaChance Spohn Allen, had twelve children and five of them were sons. The amazing fact is that three of Mary's sons served in three different wars.

James Albert Spohn (1922 — 2001) served in the Navy in W.W.II;
Edward Lloyd Allen (1931 —) served in the Army in Korea; and
Richard David Joseph Allen I (1942 — 1998) served in the Army in Vietnam.

One son, Robert Nigel Allen, Sr. (1930 —) was not able to serve in the military as he had heart problems.

And one son, Kenneth Leroy Spohn/Frasier (1927 — ?), was adopted out when he was a baby because Mary found herself a widow with six children and no means of support for her children. Our family has not been able to find Kenneth Leroy, and that has left a void in his siblings' hearts.

James and Richard are both deceased now and greatly missed by their family.

Today, Mary's great-grandson, Steven Leslie Spohn, serves in the Navy and is stationed in Japan. He had been away for about a year from his family the last time I talked to them. Mary LaChance would have been very proud of all of her children, grand-children and great grand-children. It will be a fine tribute to all the Veterans to have this Veterans' Memorial built by our Tribe. So, that is the story behind four of the names that will be inscribed on the Veterans' Memorial.

Rosemary Jameson

Roll #883

2002 Casino Revenue Distribution

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution allocating the distribution of 25 percent of the casino revenue to Tribal members through the Member Benefits department.

Distribution Date: December 12, 2002

■ **Eligibility:** In order to receive a per-capita payment, you must be living as of January 1, 2002, and an enrolled member of the Tribe as of December 5, 2002. This means that anyone born after January 1, 2002 will not be eligible for a per-capita payment for 2002. A check will be automatically generated for members 18 years of age on December 12, 2002. Per-capita payments for those members under the age of 18 will be distributed into their trust accounts. The amount is not yet determined and we will not have that information until the first week of December.

■ No Request form required for this distribution.

■ **Address & Social Security Number:** If you have changed your address or have other permanent changes please contact: Member Benefits Department 1-800-422-0232; Liz Leno ext. 2082, Amy Whisler ext. 2223, or Hollie Larsen ext. 2490. We **CANNOT** distribute a check without a Social Security Number, and this includes minors' distribution. **The deadline for changes is November 30.**

■ Checks may be picked up at the Governance Center on December 12, 2002, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.. Any checks not picked up that day will be mailed to the address we have on file on December 12, 2002. Due to the fact the BIA approves the plan so late in the year, automatic deposit of per-capita payments is not possible for 2002. It is the intention of the program to have automatic deposits available for 2003.

■ Payments from the casino revenues are subject to federal, and where applicable, state income taxes. Tribal members are responsible for any tax due as a result of this payment.

Per-capita Cashing Policy at Spirit Mountain Casino

As December draws near we would like to inform all Tribal members of the process that has been initiated at the casino for you to cash your checks with the greatest amount of speed and efficiency; including the identification that will be required.

The cage has set up the first four windows in the Island Cage for your convenience in order to simplify the handling of checks for all Tribal members on the day checks become available. These windows will be ready to assist you in the cashing of your checks quickly and easily. The Island Cage is the cage located directly across from the Security Podium.

Please bring valid photo ID such as your Tribal ID card or a Driver's License.

All minors will need to check in with the Security Podium before going to the cage to cash their check. Small children will need to remain in the lobby.

If you have any questions or need any further information please contact Scott Mode, Cage Manager at 503-879-2350 ext. 3922; Gina Bjelajac, Cage Assistant Manager ext. 3735; or Becky Thomas, Vault Supervisor ext. 3281.



Helpers — (top, left) Lloyd Deloe, Jack Giffen, Penny Deloe, Dee Henderson, Marion Mercier, Jill Jeffers. (Bottom, left) Kristi Deloe, Amber Henderson and Pearl Mekemson.

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

The Elders would like to thank Kristy Deloe and her friends from the Art Institute of Seattle Culinary Division for all the hard work they did preparing for Elder Honor Day. The food was fantastic, especially the desserts. They would like to thank Penny Deloe and all the volunteers that helped out at the Elder Honor Day. Without all of you helping, it could not have been done.

The Elders



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