

# Leno only second Tribal member on committee

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fairs Director Cameron Smith on all veterans' issues and concerns in the state.

Leno said he was told about the opening on the Advisory Committee by Steve Bobb Sr., chair of the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board and a fellow Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran.

"I looked into it to see if there was an opportunity to put in for it," Leno said. "I gathered up information to see if it was something I could do along with my job as Tribal chair. I think as long as I schedule out and Jack (Giffen Jr., Tribal Council vice chair) can certainly step up for a day."

"It's always exciting to welcome new members to the Advisory Committee who bring with them a unique perspective and personal approach," Smith said. "Chair Reyn Leno brings a wealth of experience to our committee, both as a Vietnam veteran and as a leader in the Tribal community."

"As we strive to better serve all veterans, we are excited to continue to grow our partnerships and better connect with Tribal veterans across Oregon. Tribal veterans have served at a higher level per capita than any other group and face unique challenges as they seek to access their earned benefits. We are very fortunate to have the volunteer support and efforts of our Advisory Committee members to help make us better advocates for Oregon veterans."

The Advisory Committee meets quarterly on the first Wednesday in March, June, September and

December. The next meeting will be held on June 1 in Klamath Falls.

Leno becomes the second Grand Ronde Tribal member to be appointed to the Advisory Committee. Tribal Elder and Vietnam War-era Navy veteran Gene LaBonte was appointed to a four-year term on the committee in 2008 and was elected to serve as chair for one year in 2009.

"I actually talked to Gene," Leno said. "He said there was a lot of travel. That kind of scared me a little bit, but I found out they only meet quarterly and, of course, one thing I love to talk about is Native Americans and veterans. I think that veterans are really special."

Leno said the appointment means having the opportunity to provide a voice for veterans on specific issues.

"I think there is too much paperwork for veterans," Leno said. "I think one part of my role might be, because I've done it for the Tribe for so long, is you need to talk to the guys at the top. You need to talk to senators and congressmen in D.C. And you need to explain to them why veterans can't wait this long. I think I have done that for the Tribe and I think I can do some of that for veterans."

Leno said he hopes to improve Oregon's low participation rate among veterans accessing their earned benefits.

"I'd like to work with the state to try and increase that," Leno said. "Of course, we have a memorandum of understanding to serve our veterans here (at the Tribal Health & Wellness Clinic) and I'd like to see that expanded. ... We need to get more veterans taking advantage of what's available." ■

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Native American Scholarships

| Name of Agency                                       | Where to Apply  | Deadline          | Funding  |
|--|---|-------------------|--|
| American Indian College Fund                         | <a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/ford-motor-company-tribal-college-scholarship/3266">https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/ford-motor-company-tribal-college-scholarship/3266</a> | May 31, 2016      | \$3000   |
| American Indian Science and Engineering Society      | <a href="http://www.aises.org/scholarships/lighting-pathway-faculty-careers-natives-stem%E2%80%8B">http://www.aises.org/scholarships/lighting-pathway-faculty-careers-natives-stem%E2%80%8B</a>   | May 22, 2016      | annual stipend of \$2,250 for two years                            |
| American Indian Science and Engineering Society      | <a href="http://www.aises.org/scholarships/certified-federal-surveyors-scholarship">http://www.aises.org/scholarships/certified-federal-surveyors-scholarship</a>                                 | Open until Filled | \$1200   |
| Association on American Indian Affairs               | <a href="http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html">http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html</a>   | June 1, 2016      | Varies (there are 9 different scholarships available through AAIA) |
| Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation | <a href="http://www.akaeaf.org/publications/">http://www.akaeaf.org/publications/</a>   | April 15, 2016    | \$500-\$1500   |
| American Indian Services Scholarship                 | <a href="http://www.americanindianservices.org/students.html">http://www.americanindianservices.org/students.html</a>   | Aug 30, 2016      | Varies   |
| BIE Student Scholarship & Internship Opportunities   | <a href="http://www.bie.edu">http://www.bie.edu</a>   | April 30, 2015    | Varies   |
| Continental Society                                  | <a href="http://www.free-4u.com/continental_society_daughters_of_indian_wars_(scholarship).htm">http://www.free-4u.com/continental_society_daughters_of_indian_wars_(scholarship).htm</a>         | June 15, 2016     | \$1000   |
| Indian Health Services                               | <a href="http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov/">http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov/</a>   | June 15, 2016     | Varies   |
| Student Grants                                       | <a href="http://www.studentgrants.org/native-american/">http://www.studentgrants.org/native-american/</a>   | Varies            | Varies   |
| Various  | <a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/oregon-scholarships">https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/oregon-scholarships</a>   | Varies            | Varies   |

### General Scholarships

| Scholarship Name   | Where to Apply  | Deadline          | Amount   |
|--|---|-------------------|----------|
| West Valley Hospital Volunteer Service                         | <a href="http://www.salemhealth.org/about/hospital-scholarships-west-valley-hospital-volunteer-services-scholarship">http://www.salemhealth.org/about/hospital-scholarships-west-valley-hospital-volunteer-services-scholarship</a> | April 30, 2016    | \$1000   |
| Fire Sprinkler Essay contest                                   | <a href="https://www.afsascholarship.org/high-school-contest/">https://www.afsascholarship.org/high-school-contest/</a>   | April 6, 2016     | \$2000   |
| Zombie Apocalypse  | <a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship#fromscholarshipexperts">https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship#fromscholarshipexperts</a>     | October 31, 2016  | \$2000   |
| Stuck at Prom  | <a href="http://stuckatprom.com">http://stuckatprom.com</a>   | N/A               | \$10,000 |
| Design a Greeting Card   | <a href="http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm">http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm</a>   | February 25, 2016 | \$10,000 |
| Make it With Wool  | <a href="http://www.makeitwithwool.com/">http://www.makeitwithwool.com/</a>   | N/A               | \$2000   |
| Vegetarians  | <a href="http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm">http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm</a>   | February 20, 2016 | \$10,000 |
| Common Knowledge   | <a href="http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=ScholarshipsSuperpower">http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=ScholarshipsSuperpower</a>   | Rolling deadline  | \$5000   |
| Fastweb  | <a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>  | Varies            | Varies   |
| Various (There are over 44 pages of scholarships on this link) | <a href="http://north.salkeiz.k12.or.us/page/scholarship-opportunities">http://north.salkeiz.k12.or.us/page/scholarship-opportunities</a>   | Varies            | Varies   |
| Maps Credit Union (4 different scholarships)                   | <a href="https://www.mapscu.com/scholarships.html">https://www.mapscu.com/scholarships.html</a>   | February 29, 2016 | Varies   |
| Oregon State Grange Foundation                                 | <a href="http://orange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/">http://orange.org/oregon-state-grange-foundation/</a>   | May 1, 2016       | Varies   |
| Heather Westphal Memorial Scholarship                          | <a href="http://www.firescience.org/fire-and-forestry-scholarships/">http://www.firescience.org/fire-and-forestry-scholarships/</a>   | June 1, 2016      | \$2000   |

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