

# Hudson to receive Quilt of Valor on Friday, April 19

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Elder and World War II veteran Herman Hudson will receive a Quilt of Valor at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 19, in the Governance Center Atrium.

Hudson, 94, was nominated to receive the honorary quilt by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran who previously received one and then was asked to nominate a worthy veteran to receive one.

Quilts of Valor are individually made and World War II veterans are currently being prioritized to receive them because of their advancing age.

Hudson went to high school in Keizer and Salem until his junior year at Salem's North High School, when he joined the Navy in 1942. He



**Herman Hudson**

served in the South Pacific aboard a ship that escorted fleet oilers. He served throughout the war, being discharged in 1945.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation was founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose son was serving in Iraq. The first quilt was awarded in November of that year at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to a soldier from Minnesota who lost his leg in Iraq.

Since then, the foundation has awarded almost 213,000 quilts to military personnel and veterans, according to its website, [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org). ■

## PROPOSED GENERAL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the March 6, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments:

- Reduce the number of seats on a Committee or SEB from a maximum of 7 to a maximum of 5 seats;
- Provides that regular meetings shall be held quarterly and provides guidelines for calling special meetings;
- Establishes timelines for which notice of meetings must be provided to Tribal Council staff;
- Provides for the opportunity for Committees/SEB members to attend professional training; and
- Establishes a code of conduct for Committees and SEBs.

For a copy of the proposed General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by April 15, 2019. ■

## GRAND RONDE GAMING COMMISSION POSITIONS

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking applications for two positions. The positions are for three-year terms beginning June 2019. The terms will expire June 2022. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming-related activities associated with Spirit Mountain Casino. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires both positions to be filled by Tribal members. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 30-40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The Commission generally meets on the second and third Fridays of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393 or e-mail at [kathy.doane@grandronde.org](mailto:kathy.doane@grandronde.org). Closing date is 5 p.m. April 30, 2019. ■

# Smile Day



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal Dentist Dr. Erin Lange checks the teeth of fourth-grader Ekias Sabin during the sixth annual Give Kids A Smile Day held at Willamina Elementary School on Thursday, March 14. The Tribe's Dental Department participates in The Give Kids A Smile program, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association to provide underserved children free oral health care services.**



**From left, Dr. Eric Webster, Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer and Dr. Erin Lange work with students during the sixth annual Give Kids A Smile Day held at Willamina Elementary School on Thursday, March 14. The Tribe's Dental Department participates in The Give Kids A Smile program, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association to provide underserved children free oral health care services.**

## Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you. If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE (TERO) COMMISSION

### Accepting Applications for TERO Commission At-Large Commissioner

DEADLINE EXTENDED

**CLOSES: Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

The Tribal Employment Rights Commission is a regulatory body charged with enforcement of the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. One (1) Commissioner will be appointed by Tribal Council to serve a three (3) year term.

The Commission will work with the TERO Director and take all appropriate actions to implement and enforce the TERO Ordinance and make recommendations to Tribal Council on amendments to the Ordinance. Commissioners will be required to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings and will be paid a stipend.

**Other Responsibilities:**

- Issue notices to appear and order relief or sanctions that are necessary and appropriate to enforce the TERO Ordinance.
- Certify firms as Indian-Owned Businesses or Grand Ronde-Owned Businesses.
- Hold public hearings on matters covered in the TERO Ordinance.
- Consult with the Tribal Attorney's Office as necessary on legal matters.
- Review program procedures, forms and policies necessary to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance.

**Qualifications**

Must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate; At-large Commission Members with education or experience in one or more of the following areas: human resources, Tribal employment rights, construction management, regulatory enforcement, auditing or investigations will be given preference.

Ability to participate in TERO Commission regular or special sessions; experience with due process and regulatory hearing processes; must be able to read and interpret Tribal ordinances rules and regulations.; must be capable of conducting productive, collaborative, and orderly public meetings. Individuals employed by Spirit Mountain Casino or the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are not eligible for appointment.

For a complete job description, please visit the Tribe's website at [www.grandronde.org/employment](http://www.grandronde.org/employment). Applications are available by contacting Grand Ronde Human Resources, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. For more information, contact Human Resources at 503-879-2357.