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Interior returns trust decisions to BIA's regional directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued an order on Tuesday, April 27, returning the authority to review and approve applications to place land into trust for Native American Tribes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' regional directors.

The move reverses steps taken in 2017 by the Trump administration that “unnecessarily” elevated land-into-trust decisions to the department's headquarters staff, increasing the complexity of the decision-making process and causing delays.

“We have an obligation to work with Tribes to protect their lands and ensure that each Tribe has a homeland where its citizens can live together and lead safe and fulfilling lives,” Haaland said in a press release announcing the action. “Our actions today will help us meet that obligation and will empower Tribes to determine how their lands are used – from conservation to economic development projects.”

In addition, Interior's Solicitor's Office withdrew three previous opinions that impeded the department's ability to take land into trust for Tribes and that were issued without adequate Tribal consultation.

“Going forward, the department will engage in meaningful and robust consultation with Tribes to learn about the challenges they face in the fee-to-trust process and in managing their own lands,” the Interior press release stated. ■

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**EDUCATION
 COMMUNITY INPUT
 MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH @ 5:30PM

To join this meeting go to zoom.com and enter the meeting ID: 853 7893 3166 and passcode: 478203

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VETERANS CRISIS LINE, CALL 1-800-273-8255 AND PRESS 1 OR TEXT 838255

VETERAN'S CORNER:

All CTGR veterans send us your e-mail address so we can include you on the monthly CTGR Veteran Newsletter Distribution List and periodic e-mail information updates.

CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIRTUAL BI-MONTHLY VETERANS MEETINGS:

Open to all veterans in our local community. The meetings will focus on various informative topics each month.

- June 15, 2 p.m. Blue Water Navy Meeting #2
- Sept. 2021 – VISN Network Presentations – Meeting #3

Gathering Around the Canoe Veterans Cultural Class:



Thank you to all the participants for the first Veterans Culture Class. It was an honor to learn with you.

Shout out to the Army veterans. You had the most participants in this event. Thank you for your support.



Honoring our Veterans – David Leno, US Army

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 #ctgrwehonorourveterans
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Day Honoring

Honoring families of Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde veterans who have walked on ...

Let us express our gratitude and pride for those who served; those who put their lives on the line; and the families who supported them. We raise our hands to acknowledge and honor the service of the veteran in your family and their memory. hayu masi.

To Receive a Memorial Day gift:

Be a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) Tribal member or a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde family member with,

1. A CTGR veteran in your family who has made their journey (from any service era) and,
2. Submit a photo, biography, story or information about your Tribal veteran and/or their military service by May 21, 2021 (to TVSO office by mail/email).

(All information submitted is kept confidential and will not be shared). In return: The first 100 submissions will receive a gift:

June 8, 2021 at 2 p.m.
 Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
 Behavioral Health Training #2

Sept. 2, 2021 at 2 p.m.
 Mindfulness Behavioral Health Training #3

Sept. 17, 2021 at 2 p.m.
 Cultural Class #2 – Cattail Cordage

Nov. 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
 Veterans Day Dinner

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

May 31, 2021 at 1 p.m. (Meal starts at noon)
 (attendance limited due to COVID precautions)
 Memorial Day Event

July 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
 Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available)
 Contact TVSO to sign up.

July 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Veterans Virtual Claims Clinic

Oct. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Native Wellness Behavioral Health Training #4

Dec. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Veterans End of the Year Event

