



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Join us for a QPR training!
Provided by Native Connections and Project I-LAUNCH.

Question Persuade Refer

A brief training on how to recognize possible signs of a person being suicidal. Gives you the tools needed to talk with a person at risk and for directing that person to further support.
Break the Silence. Save a Life.

Join us on Zoom!
Wednesday, July 21st from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

If you have questions or to RSVP, please call:
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Harrelson named to Oregon Arts Commission

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson has been appointed to a four-year term on the Oregon Arts Commission, which provides leadership, funding and arts programs through grants, special initiatives and services.

Gov. Kate Brown said that Harrelson has championed the use of his people's ancestral art forms for the purpose of public art and his support has resulted in five public art installations in Oregon in the last four years.

"I look forward to lifting up Indigenous artists and art forms while ensuring broad reach and accessibility of the arts statewide," Harrelson, 36, said. "No matter where you live, you are on Indigenous land. Seek out and know your area's Indigenous people and their art."

Harrelson has worked in the field of cultural resources for 10 years after previously working as a wildland firefighter for the Tribe.

Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor said Harrelson's experience in Tribal artistic practices will enhance the organization's efforts to "pursue ensuring greater equity and inclusion in all we do."

"His experience and expertise in



David Harrelson

Tribal artistic practices will enhance our conversations," Taylor said.

Art is also a hobby for Harrelson, who said his inspiration comes from his Indig-

enous heritage and the western Oregon landscape. "The process of creating art should be a part of everyone's life," he said.

Harrelson currently sits on the State Advisory Committee for Historic Preservation and is a former board member of the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. He also served as a founding member of the Grand Ronde Editorial Board, which oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals*.

He has a bachelor's degree in history from Lewis & Clark College and his research interests include ethnobotany, contact-era Pacific Northwest history and western Oregon Indigenous art.

His four-year term begins immediately. ■

Includes information from the Yamhill County News-Register.



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

VETERANS CORNER, JULY 1, 2021:

E-mail CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org to register for events and training!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 21 & 22, 2021 (Virtual)
Veterans Virtual Claims Clinic

Brought to you by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your Service. Our Mission.

Bringing the VA benefits home event into your community. Contact Event POC to schedule an appointment. During the event, you can:

- Speak with a VA representative.
- Get answers to VA claims and benefit questions.
- File your claim.

Event Point Contact of Virtual Claims Clinic:
Ramona Quenelle
Tribal Veterans' Service Officer
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

To schedule an appointment Phone: 503-879-1484 or Email: CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org

July 24, 2021
Veterans Service Office – Gun Lock Event

TVSO will have a booth at this event handing out gun locks to veterans. There will be opportunities to win prizes and meet some of our veteran partners.

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:

Aug. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available)
E-mail CTGRTVSO to register.

Sept. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
VISN Network Presentations – Meeting #3

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIETNAM VETERANS - AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?

The list of conditions presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure has recently expanded. Whether you were on land, air or sea, you may be entitled to compensation from the VA.

Blue Water Navy: Agent Orange Presumptive Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam.

1. Are you a Vietnam veteran (includes military, naval, or air service) who served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975?

2. Did you serve aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia?

3. Do you have one or more of the Agent Orange presumptive conditions listed below: IHD, type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, respiratory cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, soft tissue sarcomas, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, hyper thyroidism, etc.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office for more information.

