

VA Office of Tribal Government Relations



April 23-27, 2017 Tribal Self-Governance

Annual Consultation Conference

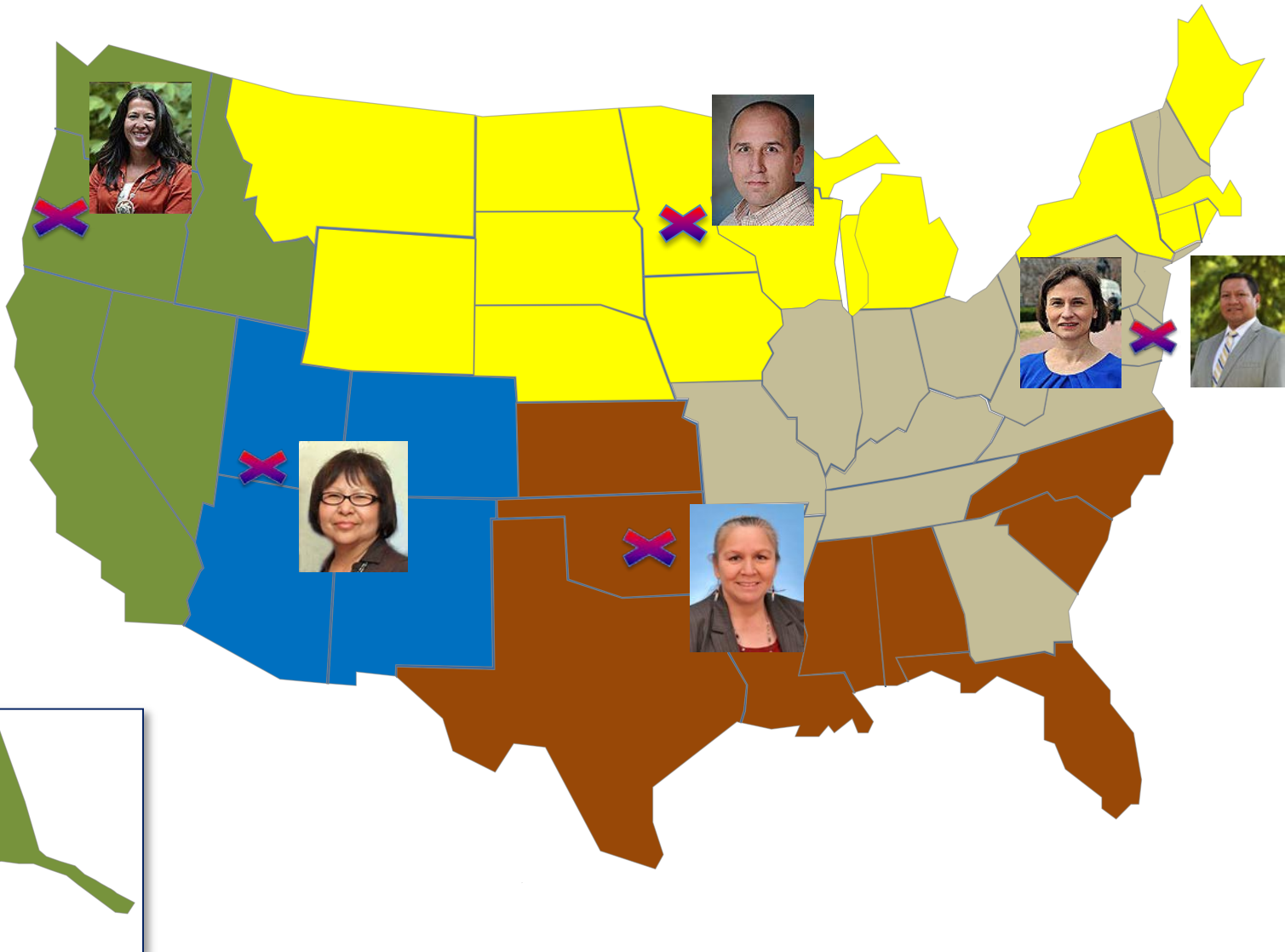
Spokane Convention Center

Spokane, WA





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OTGR National Update

VA / THP / IHS Reimbursement Agreement:

- Over 100 THP Agreements; \$51M in reimbursement impacting 7,941 unique Veterans
- Agreements are being extended through 6/30/19

HUD/VASH Homeless Vouchers Released to Indian Country:

- 500 Vouchers, approximately \$5.9 million dollars distributed to 26 tribal grantees

Recognition of Tribal Organizations for Representation of VA Claimants

- Final Rule Published in Federal Register on 2/15/17 and went into effect 3/21/17

Trump Transition Team

- During first 100 days transition team to visit Indian Country
- New SECVA – Dr. David Shulkin (former USH)



OTGR National Update

Three Tribal Consultations in 2016

Consultation 1: Priorities for serving Veterans in Indian Country

Consultation 2: Accreditation of tribal Veterans Service Offices; and

Consultation 3: A proposed consolidation of non-VA care into a more standardized system under the Choice Act

- Report in concurrence process at DC
- Future consultation in 2017

What priorities were identified?

- 23 priorities – 13 of which were part of VA's current programming, 10 other were identified
- Top 5:
 - 1) Access to health care
 - 2) Addressing housing and homelessness
 - 3) Treatment for PTSD and mental health
 - 4) Understanding benefits, including benefits for families
 - 5) Transportation



VA OTGR Upcoming Activities/Events

| Pacific District Date/ Location | Event Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| April 27-29, 2017 – Albuquerque, NM | Gathering of Nations Pow Wow & Market Place – supporting VA OTGR outreach booth |
| May 5, 2017 – San Diego, CA | VBA Pacific District Regional Directors Meeting |
| May 9-11, 2017 – Grand Ronde, OR | Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) Training (hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde) and in collaboration with the Oregon State Department of Veterans Affairs |
| May 22-26, 2017 – Portland, OR | Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (2017 Mid-Year Convention) |



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| June 14-16, 2017 – Lewiston, ID | Pacific District – Idaho Veteran Summit (hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe) and in collaboration with the Idaho State Department of Veterans Affairs |
| June 23-24, 2017 – Reno, NV | Pacific District – Nevada Veteran Summit (hosted by the Nevada Inter-Tribal Council) and in collaboration with the Nevada State Department of Veterans Affairs |
| July 6-8, 2017 – Grand Ronde, OR | Gathering of Warriors (hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde) and in collaboration with the Native Wellness Institute |



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| July 2017 – Suquamish, WA | Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) Training (hosted by the Suquamish Tribe) and in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs |
| July 17, 2017 – Canyonville, OR | 14th Joint Board of Directors Meeting with the California Rural Indian Health Board & Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board |
| August 20-26, 2017 – Toppenish, WA | 2017 Veterans Camp Chaparral Program (hosted by the Yakama Nation) |
| September 2017 – Location TBD | Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Annual Convention |
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| Midwest District Date/ Location | Event Description |
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| May 5, 2017 – San Diego, CA | VBA Pacific District Regional Directors Meeting |
| June 11-14, 2017 – Mohegan, CT | National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) |
| TBD – Minnesota | Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes |
| TBD | IHS Direct Service Tribes – Annual Conference |



VA OTGR Upcoming Activities/Events

| Continental & Pacific District (4-Corners Region) Date/ Location | Event Description |
|---|---|
| April 21, 2017 – ?? | Hopi Tribe Code Talker Recognition Day |
| April 24-25, 2017 – Albuquerque, NM | CMS ITU Training – Albuquerque Area IHS |
| April 27-29, 2017 – Albuquerque, NM | Gathering of Nations Pow Wow & Market Place – supporting VA OTGR outreach booth |
| May 22-23, 2017 – Ohkay Owingeh, NM | Veterans Training Summit |
| June 5-8, 2017 – Scottsdale, AZ | Society of American Indian Government Employees – 14 th Annual Event |



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| July 10-11, 2017 – Tsaile, AZ | Veterans Training Summit – Navajo Nation |
| July 20-21, 2017 – Orem, UT | Utah Division of Indian Affairs, 12 th Annual Governor’s Native American Summit |
| August 2017 – Montezuma Creek, UT | Veterans Training Summit – Navajo Nation (Utah Navajo) |
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| August 2017 – Cedar City, UT | Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (NV & UT and Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah) |
| September 11-12, 2017 – HonDah, AZ | Veterans Training Summit – White Mountain Apache Tribe |
| September 21-22, 2017 – Albuquerque, NM | Southwest Native American Veterans Association, Inc. |



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| Continental , Midwest, North Atlantic and Southeastern District Date/ Location | Event Description |
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| April/May 2017- Kansas | Tribal Site Visit |
| April/May 2017 - Florida | Tribal Site Visit – Seminole Tribe of Florida |
| April 21, 2017 – Miami, OK | Northeastern Tribal Health System Enrollment Fair |
| May 9-10, 2017 – Oklahoma City, OK | CMS ITU Training |
| June 5-7, 2017 – Scottsdale, AZ | Society of American Indian Government Employees – 14 th Annual Event |
| June 8, 2017 – Oklahoma City, OK | Sovereignty Symposium |



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|---|---|
| June 14, 2017 – Thackerville, OK | Chickasaw Nation Annual Veterans Conference |
| June 19, 2017 – Nashville, TN | CMS ITU Training |
| June 27-29, 2017 – Nashville, TN | National American Indian Housing Council |
| July 2017 – TBD | Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Meeting |
| August 2017 – TBD | Southern Plains Veterans Training Summit |
| October 23-26, 2017 – Cherokee, NC | USET Annual Meeting |



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