



### Tribal Veterans Service Officer Corner

#### *Greetings Veterans & Family Members!*

I am excited to reach out to you again via our quarterly newsletter.

Since I wrote to you last, the world has begun to re-open. What this means for me is that I will be attending various events around campus.

At those events, please stop by the TVSO booth to make an appointment to file a claim or, to just say hello. It would be nice to meet you all face-to-face.

I am still focused on getting Veterans in to file service-connected claims. There are so many benefits to being service-connected. My

primary role is to connect you with the information you need, to assist you with filing a claim, and work with you throughout the claim process.

Claim appointments are still by appointment at this time. So, please call, email, or see me at an event and let me know when you would like to set up an appointment.

There are a few events upcoming over the next couple of months that are in this newsletter so, I hope that we will see each other at one of them.

*Thank you!*  
*~ Ramona, TVSO (Accredited)*

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- Veterans Powwow
- 2022 Annual Clothing Allowance
- Memorial Day, 2022
- Agent Orange Exposure & Claim Information
- Veteran Awareness Walk T-Shirts (examples)



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Tribal Veterans Service Officer



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**2022 Virtual Awareness Walk** ~ Walk 2.2 miles all at once, any time during the year and earn a branch specific t-shirt once the walk is completed. Details below.

**2022 VETERANS WELLNESS, MENTAL HEALTH &**



**SUICIDE AWARENESS VIRTUAL WALK**

Veterans, family members of Veterans, and supporters are invited to participate in our 2022 virtual awareness walk!

Walk or run 2.2 miles anytime during the year to bring awareness to veteran mental health and veteran suicide. Each participant who signs up will receive a kit with some goodies to get started.

To receive your t-shirt once you complete the 2.2. miles, email your photo to the TVSO at [CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org](mailto:CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org) and include your t-shirt size, branch you are walking for, and if you are a Veteran, family, or supporter.

You can also post your t-shirt photo on our FB page as well: [@CTGRVSO](https://www.facebook.com/CTGRVSO)  
Use hashtags: [#ctgrvmentalhealthwalk](https://www.facebook.com/CTGRVSO), [#iamaveteran](https://www.facebook.com/CTGRVSO), and/or [#ctgrhonorsveterans](https://www.facebook.com/CTGRVSO)



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**Coffee & Chat** ~ Get a coffee card just for completing a brief survey with the TVSO



**Deep Sea Fishing Trip** ~ Sign ups close on June 10, 2022 at 5 p.m.

**The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Behavioral Health Department is sponsoring a Deep Sea Fishing Trip for Veterans.**

**The TVSO is accepting sign ups until June 10, 2022.**  
(Contact the TVSO via email or phone).

**Once we know how many would like to attend, we will provide more details about the trip.**  
(We are working on determining if a "support person" can attend with the Veteran on this trip).

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**2022 Virtual Awareness Walk** ~ Stop by the TVSO booth to sign up to walk 2.2 miles at the car show for a t-shirt and an awareness ribbon.

**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE VETERANS SPECIAL EVENT BOARD AND SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO PRESENT:**  
(All proceeds go to help Veterans during the holiday season)

**ROLL the DICE CAR SHOW**

**RODS, CUSTOMS AND RATS!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022**  
Gates open at 7am • Show begins at 9am

**Pre-registration is strongly suggested** – includes a dash plaque, \$5 discount and premier parking. Register before June 5, 2022 for \$15 and a can of food. **See reverse for registration form.** After June 5, 2022 the registration fee will be collected on-site for \$20 and a can of food.

**Registration Deadline:** 11am, no exceptions • **Judging:** 9am-1:30pm • **Presentation:** 3pm

**Trophies broken down by decades, and special awards in the following categories:**  
Best Original • Best RAT • Best Paint • Best Interior • Best Engine • Best Under-Construction  
Best Tuner • **Best of Show** • Steve Bobb "Wild in the Streets" Special Award — Best Flames

**Located in Spirit Mountain Casino's parking lot.**  
Featuring the local band **Old Crow.**

For more information, contact Steve Bobb: 503-876-3118 or [stevebsr@embarqmail.com](mailto:stevebsr@embarqmail.com)

Visit [SpiritMountain.com](http://SpiritMountain.com) for full event details.

The 2019 Best of Show "1941 Willys Coupe"



TVSO Attending

June 18, 2022  
Car Show at Spirit Mountain Casino ~ Veterans, walk 2.2 miles at the car show and earn a t-shirt!

July 9, 2022  
Veterans Powwow at the Powwow Grounds ~ Appointments, gift cards, and forms!

Events...Continued



**2022 MARCELLUS NORWEST MEMORIAL VETERANS POWWOW**

Uyxal Powwow Grounds  
9600 Highway 22 (Hebo Road), Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**Friday, July 8**  
• Royalty Pageant at 11 A.M.  
• Coronation at 5 P.M.  
• Grand Entry at 7 P.M.

**Saturday, July 9**  
• Grand Entry at 1 P.M.  
• Grand Entry at 7 P.M.

**Sunday, July 10**  
• Grand Entry at Noon

**Vendor Contact:**  
Molly Leno, 503-983-6790  
lenomolly1@gmail.com

**Host Drum: Indian Hill**

Emcee: Nick Sixkiller  
Arena Director: Anthony Quenelle

Special: Mens Traditional 18+  
• 1st place: \$400 • 2nd place: \$300  
• 3rd place: \$200 • 4th place: \$100

Raffle Prizes:  
• Pop Tents • Lawn Chairs • Wagons • Coolers

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde's tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing alcohol or weapons to this event.

Veterans ~ stop by the TVSO table at the powwow on Saturday to say hello. TVSO will be:

- 1) Giving out coffee cards for a brief interview
- 2) Scheduling claim appointments
- 3) Completing clothing allowance forms for eligible veterans and
- 4) Signing Veterans up to complete the 2.2 mile walk at the powwow for a t-shirt.

**You will be entered into the gift card drawing if you stop by the table.**

**Gift Card Drawing for veterans who stop by the TVSO table!**



**Veterans!**  
Come "C" Me at the  
CTGR Veterans  
Powwow on Saturday  
Saturday, July 9, 2022  
Grand Entry at  
1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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**Claims Information**  
**Claims Appointments**  
**Clothing Allowance Forms**  
**Coffee & Chat Gift Cards**

CTGR Tribal VSO @ GrandRonde.Org (503) 879-1484

**1) At the powwow,** make a virtual or an in-person appointment with the TVSO.  
**2) Sign a privacy form and representation form** (electronically)  
**3) Then at your scheduled appointment** (in a private setting) we file your claim.

**For the Appointment, have ready:** 1) List of current diagnoses, 2) List of doctors & their contact information, 3) dates diagnoses / conditions began 4) in-service events and dates of events, 5) Helpful, but not required: Your DD-214.  
*(I can help you fill out DD-214 request form if you need a new one)*

Future Events ~ Save the Date

July ~ Date/Time TBD	Food Box Drive Though
August 19, 20, & 21st	Grand Ronde Contest Powwow <i>(TVSO will not have a table at this event).</i>
September ~ Date/Time TBD	Paint With A Vet Class <i>(most likely in-person)</i>

**2022 Clothing Allowance Form— Annual Payment**

**VA Form 10-8678, for eligible Veterans**

At least one of these must be true. You have:

- More than one prosthetic or orthopedic device or,
- More than one skin medicine, and/or
- Your device or skin medicine affects more than one type of clothing

**Send by July 15, 2022 for August 1 deadline.**

Oregon Veterans send to:

P5 PSAS

3710 SW US Veteran Hospital Rd.

Portland, OR 97239



County Resources

Polk County

Gale's Lodge
(503) 623-9188 or
vso@co.polk.or.us

Leven's St. Housing
(503) 837-1233

Easter Seals Oregon
(971) 304-7140

Yamhill County

YCAP
(503) 687-1484 X1484

Sheridan Apartments
(971) 312-2739

Marion County

Easter Seals Oregon
(971) 304-7140

Veterans Affairs

Supportive Services for
Veteran Families (SSVF)

https://www.va.gov/
homeless/ssvf/index.html

Homeless Veterans
(877) 424-3838

Women Veterans

Today's women Veterans are
shaping the future. There are more
than 2 million women Veterans
living in the U.S. today.

Women have been historically
underrepresented in utilizing the
benefits provided for them, and
have often been more reticent in
claiming their veteran status.

Contact me to make an
appointment to discuss your
benefits and/or file a claim for

service-connected benefits or, let
me know if you are already service-
connected.

Check out the Center for Women
Veterans website or the "She
Wears the Boots" podcast.

Women Veterans Health Care seeks
to provide high quality, gender-
specific health care in a safe and
sensitive environment at VA health
facilities nationwide.

Women Veterans Call Center: 855-VA-WOMEN



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It's our job to give her
the best care anywhere.



WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE

4th of July Patriotic Tribute Invitation

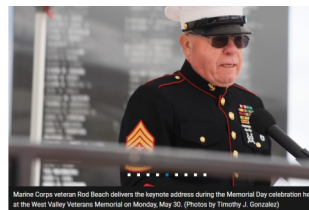
Monday, July 4, 2022, to be Thanked, Honored and Saluted at our 15th Annual Patriotic
Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium. Theme this year is "A 15-Year Reunion of Thanking,
Honoring and Saluting Our Outstanding and Brave Men and Women of the Armed
Forces".

If any veterans would like to attend the baseball game at the Volcanoes
Stadium on July 4, 2022, please contact Jerry Howard at:
j.howard@volcanoesbaseball.com for complimentary tickets. Information
needed:

- Current or Final Rank
Name
Branch of Service

Memorial Day 2022

Advertisement for VA services: "We can all do something to end Veteran homelessness." "VA IS HERE TO HELP." "Make the Call! Help for Homeless Veterans 877-4AID-VET"



Smoke Signals, 2022



Tribal Elder and Air Force veteran Jerry George reads one of two poems during the Memorial Day celebration held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 30. (Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez)

## Blue Water Navy—Presumptive Claims

Are you a Vietnam veteran (all branches) who **served in the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1957?**

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?

**Do you have one or more** of these Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

- Type II Diabetes
- Prostate Cancer
- Bladder Cancer
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Multiple Myeloma

**Contact the TVSO for a full list of conditions; if you meet these criteria; or want to find out more about Agent Orange exposure and becoming service-connected.**

### 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.

## June 2022 - Veterans Benefits Newsletter

[Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)



## Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans

Are you returning from Iraq or Afghanistan? Did you serve in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield (ODS), New Dawn (OND), Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF)? Were you exposed to burn pits?

If you served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, and were discharged on or after January 28, 2003, you have special eligibility to enroll in the VA health care system for 5 years from your date of discharge or release. You can receive cost-free medical care for any condition related to your service in theater and access to VA's full Medical Benefits Package.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing disability claims Aug. 2 for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas — if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Social Services

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[Website:](#)

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veterans-services/](https://www.grandronde.org/services/social-services/veterans-services/)



2022 Veterans Wellness, Mental Health, and Suicide Awareness Virtual Walk T-Shirt (Examples)



US Navy Shirt



USMC



US Coast Guard

US Air Force

US Army



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