



Tribal Veterans Service Officer Corner

Greetings Veterans & Family Members! Welcome to the Fall TVSO Newsletter

The PACT Act initial claims processing date has ended effective August 14, 2023. If you filed before then, your claim can potentially be granted with an effective date of August 10, 2022. If you submitted an Intent to File before that date, please finish your claim before your Intent to File expires in order to preserve the earliest effective date for your claim.

If you missed the deadline, you can still file for PACT Act

claims and I encourage you file for those benefits to see if you can qualify for service-connected benefits.

If you need assistance, please attend our PACT Act Claims Event taking place on September 28, 2023 from 9 to 4 at the CTGR Community Center. We will have Veteran Service Officers, and VA examiners here to help you with your claim. Plus, lunch will be provided and there will be door prizes!

~ Ramona, TVSO (Accredited)

*Veteran Only Food Box Pick Up Every Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm



*Widows of and family members of Veterans also welcome

Tribal Veterans Service Office 2023 Claim Appointment Schedule		
Monday By scheduled appointment only	Tuesday By scheduled appointment only	Thursday Walk-in claim appointments
To schedule a claim appointment: call (503) 879-1484 or email CTGR TribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org		

Claim Appointments

Available on Mondays and Tuesdays

Walk-in Claim Appointments

Thursdays (same day as the food box pickup)

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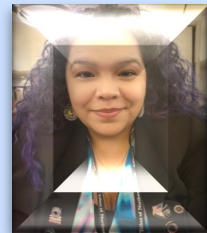
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September is Suicide Awareness Month



If you or a veteran you know is in crisis, dial 988! You are never alone!


Tribal Veterans Service Officer



TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

IT2(SW) ~ United States Navy

Tribal Veterans Service Office Events ~ PACT Act Claims Event




THURSDAY, SEP. 28, 2023
9:00am - 4:00pm PST

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VIETNAM GULF WAR POST-9/11

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson
Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act
PACT ACT Claims Event
Hosted by Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Program
Grand Ronde Community Center
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Honoring Our Promise - Increasing Awareness
Veterans Benefits Administration personnel and VA examiners will be on site to process benefit claims, conduct exams (in some scenarios for the claim) and help answer questions you may have regarding VA compensation and pension benefits. No appointments required.
Questions: Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer at 503-879-1484 or Terry Bentley, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations at 541-537-0213 cell



VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Your Service. Our Mission.

VA WILL BE HOLDING A
Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act: Bringing VA Benefits Home event in your hometown.



During the event, you can:

- ✓ Speak with a VA representative
- ✓ Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions
- ✓ File your claim

Office of Tribal Government Relations

TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

EVENT DATE & TIME/S:
Thursday, September 28, 2023
9:00am - 4:00pm

LOCATION:
Grand Ronde Community Center
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

POINT OF CONTACT:
Name/s:
Ramona Quenelle

PHONE NUMBER:
(503) 879-1484 or email: CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org

This free event is open to ALL VETERANS! Walk-in between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The first 50 veterans to sign in will receive a small gift. All veterans will be entered into the door prize drawing just for attending. Lunch will be provided.

Veterans Benefits Administration personnel and VA examiners will be on site to process your benefits claims, conduct exams (in some scenarios for the claim), and help answer questions you may have regarding VA compensation and pension benefits.

This means you can file a claim and speak with the experts at the same time. If applicable, in some cases, you may be able to get your exam completed as well.

Bring your DD-214 and any documentation to support your claim.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Veterans Service Office invites all Veterans to the



PACT Act Claims Event



September 28, 2023 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CTGR Community Center • 9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Veterans Benefits Administration personnel, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs personnel, the Tribal Veterans Service Officer, and VA examiners will be on hand to process benefits claims, conduct exams (in some scenarios), and help answer any questions you may have regarding VA compensation and pension benefits. Please bring copies of your DD-214 and/or any relevant documents needed for your claim. No appointment needed. Walk-in between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information please contact:

Ramona Quenelle, CTGR Tribal Veterans Service Officer: 503-879-1484

Terry Bentley, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations: 541-537-0213



**TRIBAL VETERANS
SERVICE OFFICE**

September 28, 2023 PACT Act Event ~ 9 am to 4 pm

at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community Center

9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR

This free event is open to all veterans. No appointment needed. Walk-ins are welcome. This event is intended to assist you with filing your service-connected disability claim(s), to have experts available to answer any questions you may have about your claim(s) and in some cases, you may meet with examiners right on-site.

A lot of resources have gone into bringing this event to our area. Please come and invite any veterans you know to attend as well. Becoming service-connected is a great benefit to veterans and their families. Becoming a service-connected veteran opens up the pathway for a monthly income, access to healthcare and many other benefits. Let us help you get connected!

Veterans Events around the State

Douglas County Stand Down

2023 Douglas County Veterans' Stand Down



September 13, 2023

9:00am to 3:00pm

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post #2468
1127 Walnut Street
Roseburg, OR 97470

FREE SERVICES

- | | |
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| Dental | Benefits Information |
| Vision | Counseling Services |
| Hearing | Financial Information |
| Clothing | Employment Information |
| Haircuts | Mental Health Information |
| Legal Aid | Veterinary Services |

LUNCH PROVIDED

Identification Required

VA ID, Military ID, or
DD214



Bend Veterans Day Parade Application



CENTRAL OREGON VETERANS OUTREACH (COVO) PRESENTS
The 22nd Annual Veterans Day Parade
"U.S. Military Veterans: Thank you for your Service
to our Country and our Community!"

Saturday November 11, 2023 * 11AM * Downtown Bend*
with Grand Marshal J.W. Terry, Command Master Chief, USN (Ret.)

Parade Application & Waiver

All entries must be received no later than Friday October 20, 2023* There is no fee to participate
Email completed form to: bendveteransparade@covo-us.org

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Entry Type/Size: _____

Description of Organization (This will be read by Parade Announcers, TV and Radio):

Release Waiver

I hereby release, waive and discharge from any and all claims liabilities for death or injury that may arise out of or relate to my participation in this parade event. I indemnify and hold harmless any and all sponsors for all claims or liabilities of any kind made or waived released or discharged herein

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Thank you to our Title Sponsors:



Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Events

GATHERING OF GRAND RONDE TILIXAM

A COMMUNITY GATHERING TO DISCUSS
HISTORICAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL
TRAUMA, WISDOM, CULTURE, IDENTITY,
HEALING AND MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
PLEASE REACH OUT TO SOCIAL SERVICES
AT 503-879-2034 OR
SOCIALSERVICES@GRANDRONDE.ORG



SEPTEMBER 19TH-21ST

**9:00AM - 4:00PM
CHACHALU GYMNASIUM**

LUNCH PROVIDED

PACT Act - What Are Toxics?

The PACT Act stands for: Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive **Toxics** (PACT) Act of 2022. This legislation encompasses **toxics** of all types (see list below). Keep this in mind when deciding whether to file a claim:

VIETNAM VETERANS

AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?

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

Did you serve at any of these locations during these timeframes?

Korean DMZ 09/01/1967 - 08/31/1971

Thailand US or 01/09/1962 - 06/30/1976

Laos 12/01/1965 - 09/30/1969

Cambodia at Mimot
or Krek 04/16/1969 - 04/30/1969

American Samoa 01/09/1962 - 07/31/1980

Guam 01/09/1962 - 07/31/1980

Johnson Atoll 01/01/1972 - 09/30/1977

Do you have any of these medical diagnoses?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ◆ Type 2 diabetes | ◆ Hodgkin's disease |
| ◆ Ischemic heart disease | ◆ Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma |
| ◆ Hypertension | ◆ Bladder cancer |
| ◆ Early onset-peripheral neuropathy | ◆ Respiratory cancer(s) |
| ◆ Hypothyroidism | ◆ All chronic B-cell leukemias |
| ◆ Prostate cancer | ◆ Multiple myeloma |
| ◆ MGUS | ◆ Soft tissue sarcoma |
| ◆ Parkinson's disease | ◆ Chloracne |
| ◆ Parkinsonism | ◆ AL amyloidosis |
| | ◆ Porphyria cutanea tarda |

PACT ACT OF 2022

Are you an Iraq, Afghanistan or Gulf War Veteran?

Do you believe you were exposed to toxics in service?

Did you serve in: (on or after 8/2/1990)

Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Gulf of Aden, Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Somalia,

(on or after 9/11/2001)

Afghanistan, Syria, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Djibouti, Uzbekistan, Somalia, Egypt, Lebanon, Yemen, or Jordan?

any chronic medical conditions (including, but not limited to):

asthma, chronic sinusitis and/or rhinitis and/or bronchitis, COPD, emphysema, and sarcoidosis.

Cancers of the head, neck, respiratory, gastrointestinal, reproductive, kidney, brain, lymphoma, melanoma, lymphomatic and pancreatic cancer.

Interstitial lung disease, granulomatous, pleuritic, pulmonary fibrosis, and glioblastoma.

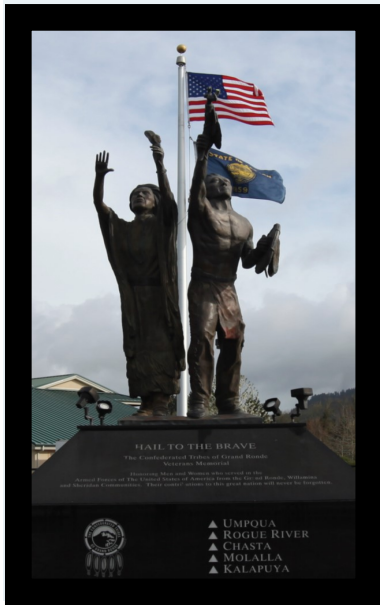
Please contact the Tribal Veterans Service Officer for more information.

Do you suffer from

How to file a toxic exposure claim:

- Consult an accredited VSO (*strongly recommended*)
 - National VSO
 - State VSO
 - County VSO
- Describe your exposure to toxins
 - VA Form 21-526EZ, Section IV: Exposure Information
- Identify the disability you believe is a result of toxic exposure
 - VA Form 21-526EZ, Section V: Claim Information

West Valley Memorial



Save the Date for the

VETERANS DAY EVENT

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: TBD

At Chachalu Museum

Honored Veterans

Spend the afternoon with us to celebrate you!

Dress up nice and take photos

take your photo home in a nice frame as a memento

Prizes for: Best Dressed and Best Branch of Service representation

Paint a picture

follow along as our teacher paints a canvas or, create your own!

Enjoy a nice first foods meal

Door prize drawing for all attendees

Presented by Crystal Fullerton, Chachalu Culture Center Supervisor, and Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer



Post your completed art to the CTGR TVSO FaceBook page. @CTGRTVSO
Use hashtags: #ctgrtribalveterans, #ctgrwehonorourveterans, #ctgrpaintwithavet

Veterans Day event!



TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Community Programs / SSD

Attn: TVSO

9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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