



U.S. Department  
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## VETERANS TRAINING SUMMIT



### NEZ PERCE TRIBE REGISTRATION FORM

(Free Conference Registration)

**June 14-16, 2017**

Clearwater River Casino | 17500 Nez Perce Road | Lewiston, ID 83501

Phone: 866-719-3885 (room rate: \$70 + tax)

Name:	
Title:	
Facility/Community	
eMail:	
Phone Number:	
Tribal Affiliation:	
Veteran (Yes/No) Era	

Please return this form to Terry Bentley by June 7, 2017

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**DAY 1: Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

Start: Noon

End: 5:00 pm

**DAY 2: Thursday, June 15, 2017**

Start: 7:30 am

End: 4:30 pm

**DAY 3: Friday, June 16, 2017**

Start: 7:30 am

End: 9:45 am



## Veterans Training Summit – Pacific District

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

12:00pm-5:00pm	Registration open
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Address/Moderator: Mary Taylor &amp; Terry Bentley</li> <li>• Post Colors – Nez Perce Tribe Color Guard</li> <li>• Invocation – Tribal Elder</li> <li>• Greetings Host Tribe: Mary Jane Miles, Chairperson, Nez Perce Tribe</li> </ul>
1:15pm – 1:30pm	OTGR Updates and Goals for Meeting – Terry Bentley
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Update/Welcome from the Administrator Idaho State DVA – David Brasuell
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Update/Welcome from Director Spokane VA Medical Center – Ron Johnson
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Update/Welcome from the Director VBA Idaho Regional Office – Kathryn Malin
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Break – Snacks provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Veteran 101 / VA Benefits Overview – Bill Heyob, Program Manager, Office of Veterans Advocacy, Idaho Division of Veterans Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a Veteran? What is county, state and federal VA?</li> <li>• What are the differences and how do they connect?</li> <li>• What are service-connected Veterans?</li> <li>• What are non-service connected pension benefits?</li> </ul>
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Veteran Survivor Benefits / Memorial Affairs Benefits – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation?</li> <li>• What is death pension?</li> <li>• What are burial benefits?</li> </ul>
4:15pm - 4:45pm	VA Home Loans / Native American Direct Loan Program - TBD
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Wrap Up for Day



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Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Registration open
7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:15am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am – 9:00am	Social Security Administration (SSA) – Overview of Benefits – TBD
9:15am – 9:45am	Representing the Claimant – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why and how do I protect and share information?</li> <li>• What is a Power of Attorney in the VA?</li> <li>• What does the new Final Rule for TVR’s mean?</li> </ul>
9:45am – 10:15am	Hearing Loss Benefits (Audiology) through VA – Dr. Ronda Kasper-Braithwait, Chief Audiology Service, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC And Bill Heyob – How VA service connects for hearing loss/tinnitus
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:00am	Developing the Medical Evidence – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the legal standards for private records, letters, statements, etc?</li> <li>• Resources for establishing medical evidence</li> </ul>
11:00am – 11:30am	Low Vision Program – Kelly Golden, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
11:30am – 12:00pm	Home Care Program – Bret Efforting, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch – provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program Quilts of Valor Presentation & Bret Bowers Update
1:00pm – 2:00pm	VA Decisions – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC’s of VA Decisions</li> <li>• Do I NOD or go get additional evidence?</li> </ul>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	SAMHSA & Tribal Behavioral Health – David Dickinson, Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Understanding VA Eligibility and Healthcare Benefits – Bennett “Tray” Taylor, VA Enrollment & Eligibility, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the priority groups?</li> <li>• What is the Choice Program?</li> </ul>
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Services of Vet Centers – what do they offer - TBD
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Checking in on what we have learned – Q&A – Terry Bentley



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7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:00am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am-8:45am	Women Veteran Benefits – Julie Liss, Women Veteran Coordinator, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
8:45am-9:15am	HUD/VASH Program – Stephanie Rosebrook/Serena Hinders HUD- VASH, Mann-Grandstaff VA
9:15am–9:30am	Unanswered Questions – Terry Bentley
9:30am–9:45am	Training Certificates/Challenge Coins – Terry Bentley/Mary Taylor
9:45am	Retire Flags / Adjourn / Safe Travels
	Chief Joseph Memorial Day Powwow - June 16, 17, 18 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai



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