

3rd Annual National Gathering of Native American Veterans: Celebrating all U.S. Veterans Wednesday, April 12, 2016 Event Committee Meeting Minutes 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Present: Joe P, Mackey, Theresa, Eve, Kara, Lisa, Dawn, Marco, Nicki, Tracy, Sheila, Emily, Yazzie, with Roger from Pokagon Tribe calling into the meeting.

Business:

- Chicago Blackhawks will honor Native Veterans with Shenandoah Ulmer from the First Nation Women Warriors representing for the home opening day of the playoffs.
- Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade have offered Jeeps for our Veterans to ride in and carry the Eagle Staff and colors while handing out flyers.. estimated crowd 4,000 people annually with TV coverage and Interviews with our veterans.
- Memorial Day Powwow Pokagon Annual Event: Macky & a few representatives will be going, all are welcome

Meeting Topics:

- 1) Meals: Jon Fowler
Macky getting 50-150 lbs of buffalo roasts
Estimated \$3,500 after food donations
Native Valor / Pepsi: beverages, snack and snack bars
Tyson/Sara Lee: Meats (meatballs, possible Chicken, hot dogs and brats) with Desserts for sure
- 2) Volunteer update of positions and still needed emailed by Jody.. keep recruiting.
- 3) Scouts to come Friday for set-up, Saturday for colors and then switch the tables for the Town Hall Meeting
- 4) Town Hall format for Saturday – Tables set up for different sessions of 45 minutes
Vietnam Veterans are welcomed and pinned. Code Talkers mid day on Saturday for their time to speak between sessions. Around 1 pm

**Smithsonian have asked about ability to come and do interviews about the monument in 2020.

- 5) Entertainment:
Drum: Ask Pokagon Tribe to sponsor again with water, drum and color guard
Special Dancer groups on Saturday
Maori have offered a Haka, Aztec Dancers, Kevin Locke Hoop dancer
Bands: Dawn also working on this

Vendors:

All Native Veteran Artists FREE Art Booth 10x10 under Large Native Artist tent.

More to talk about.. All arts and craft vendors are welcome \$150.00 for the weekend, supply their own.

No other food booths this year. Need a bigger crowd for additional food booths.

Volunteer Update: Jody is working with posting us on Volunteer Match online and they've recently hooked up with LinkedIn to broaden their reach. Both Volunteer Match and Meet Up (who we'll also be on) don't display the volunteer events posted until 60 days prior to the event.

Fundraiser: Sunday, April 23rd 2p-6p – Lead by Dawn, needs help to add to her team at Mac's on Slade
Dawn to cover details and needs. Promo for the Mac's on Slade event on Instagram, Facebook, etc..

Final Report online available to view at: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/vtib/xbgn/>

2017 Video team: Columbia College film Dept. Director is considering..

Photography: Reaching out to Helix Camera shop, they helped last year with photographers

Viewed documentary (draft that Emily is working on) the intent is to have it air on PBS.

June 24th 2p to 6p Veteran Festival / Taste at Trickster

Local bands, tastings with local restaurant, wineries, goods for sale

Next Meeting is May 10TH at 6:30pm.

The meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month.