



USET IMPACT WEEK MEETING
Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA
February 8-11, 2010

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday-Wednesday: Veterans Affairs Committee meets in **Jefferson**

Monday-Thursday: Board of Directors meet in **Salon 4**

USET Office open 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily in **Salon 5**

USET Name Badge must be visible at all times during USET Meeting and Capitol Hill Reception

MONDAY, February 8

Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

- 7:30 Registration – Arlington Registration Desk
- 7:30 USET Committee Chairperson’s Meeting – Salon 2
- 9:00-9:30 Call to Order Brian Patterson, USET President
Presentation of Flags Close-Up Foundation’s Indian Youth Summit Participants
Invocation Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
National Anthem Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
Roll Call Robert McGhee, Secretary, USET
Agenda Review Wanda Janes, Interim Executive Director, USET
- 9:30-10:30 **Legislative Update**
Tribal Perspective
Gregory Smith, of Counsel
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- Senate Perspective***
Allison Binney, Majority Staff Director
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- House Perspective***
Marie Howard, Legislative Staff
Office of Indian Affairs
House Committee on Resources

Monday, February 8 (cont.)

- 10:30-10:45 **Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.**
 Member-U.S. House of Representatives
- 10:45-11:00 **Indian Gaming Issues**
 George Skibine, Acting Chairman
 National Indian Gaming Commission
- 11:00-11:15 **Indian Gaming Update**
 Mark Van Norman, Executive Director
 National Indian Gaming Association
- 11:15-11:40 **National Political Change and Its Affect on Indian Country**
 Gregory Smith, of Counsel
 Carol Barbero, Partner
 Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- 11:40-12:00 **Judicial Appointments**
 Richard A. Guest, Staff Attorney
 Native American Rights Fund
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30-2:00 **Business Session**
 Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Review/Approve Agenda
 Steven Bowers, USET Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chairperson
- 2:00-3:00 **Elect Officers, Discuss Bylaws**
- 3:00-3:15 BREAK
- 3:15-4:00 **Department of Veterans Affairs Briefing/Update**
 Juanita J. Mullen, American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans Liaison
 Department of Veterans Affairs
- 4:00 RECESS
- Other Activities*
- 7:00 P.M. **USET Social & Cultural Night**
 Crystal Gateway Marriott, Salon 1-3

TUESDAY, February 9

***Resolutions are due today by 4:00 p.m.
Committee Reports due today by 5:00 p.m.***

- 9:00-10:00 **Roundtable Discussion**
- 10:00-10:15 BREAK
- 10:15-1:00 Committee joins Board of Director's Meeting – Salon 4
- 10:15-10:30 **Veterans Affairs Issues**
Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
- 10:30-10:45 **Bureau of Indian Affairs – Regional Issues**
Franklin Keel, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office
U.S. Department of the Interior
- 10:45-11:00 **The PACT Act**
Barry E. Snyder, Sr., President
Seneca Nation

Heather Dawn Thompson, Partner
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
- 11:00-11:15 **Renewing the Partnership: USET and ACHP**
John Berrey, ACHP Tribal Member
Chairman, Quapaw Tribe
- 11:15-1:00 **Consultation Panel – Presentation and Discussion of Departmental Plans to consult and coordinate with Tribal Governments in accordance with President Obama's Executive Memorandum** - Facilitator - Valerie Hauser, Native American Program Coordinator
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor

U.S. Department of the Environment Protection Agency
Chris Hoff, Acting Director
American Indian Environmental Office

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Stacy Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs
Immediate Office of the Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

TUESDAY, February 9 (cont.)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Native American Programs

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretary Ken Salazar, (*invited*)

U.S. Department of Justice

Tracy Toulou, Director of the Office of Tribal Justice

Department of the Treasury

Aaron Klein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

James R. Floyd, SES, VISN 15 Director
Chairman, VA Consultation Work Group

Federal Communication Commission

Jeffrey Steinberg, Deputy Chief, Infrastructure Policy
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security

John Ketchum, Federal Preservation Officer

1:00-2:00 LUNCH

2:00-3:00 *Committee Reconvenes*
Briefing/Update on Native American Direct Home Loan Program
Erica Lewis, JD
Loan Guarantee Service
Veterans Benefits Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

3:00-3:45 **Briefing/Update on the Native American Cemetery Grant Program**
Frank Salvias, Director
State Cemetery Grants Service
Department of Veterans Affairs

3:45-4:30 **Resolution Discussion/Drafting/Wrap Up of Day**

4:30 RECESS

Other Activities:

5:30-7:00 **Capitol Hill Reception – Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building**

WEDNESDAY, February 10

***Resolutions are due today by 4:00 p.m.
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9:00-10:00 **Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service**
 Brian Radford, Supervisor
 Employment Services and Outreach
 Department of Veterans Affairs

10:00-12:00 **Finalize Resolutions**
 Prepare Committee Report
 Plan for 2010 Semi-Annual Meeting

12:00 ADJOURN

THURSDAY, February 11

10:00-1:00 USET BUSINESS SESSION
 ➤ Committee Reports
 ➤ Resolutions
 ➤ Minutes of USET 2009 Annual Meeting
 ➤ Treasurer's Report
 ➤ Other
 ➤ Retiring of Colors
 ➤ Closing Prayer – Donald Rodgers, Chief, Catawba Nation

1:00 ADJOURN

Travel