



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA
 MONDAY, February 13
Located in Manassas



Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m./Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.
 USET Office Hours 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily in Salon D

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<p>General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Call to Order - Brian Patterson, USET President ◆ Posting of Colors - USET Veterans Affairs Committee Members ◆ Invocation ◆ Honor Song - Black Bear Singers ◆ Roll Call - Brenda Lintinger, USET Secretary ◆ Agenda Review - Kitcki Carroll, USET Executive Director
9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	<p>Message from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Princess Kristina Hyatt, Miss Cherokee</p>
9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	<p>Tribal Youth - Shaping the Future of Indian Country Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.), Founder & Chairman Erin Bailey, Director, Center for Native American Youth, The Aspen Institute</p>
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Honorable Daniel Akaka (Invited) Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>2012 & Beyond-A White House Perspective Charles Galbraith, Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement, The White House</p>
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<p>First Stewards Climate Change Symposium Don Chapman, First Stewards Steering Committee Member</p>
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>Exploring Potential Partnerships & Opportunities President Rodney M. Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe</p>
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>Congressional Challenges & Opportunities in 2012 Honorable Don Young (R-Alaska) Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p><i>Veteran's Affairs Committee convenes in Manassas</i> Call to Order, Roll Call, Review/Approve Agenda, Review 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes</p>
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Communication and Outreach to Women Veterans Juanita J. Mullen, AI/AN Veterans Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>Suicide Rates and Prevention Strategies among Returning Veterans Patricia Toles Lucas, Suicide Prevention Coordinator Washington, DC VA Medical Center</p>
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<p><i>Joined by Housing Committee</i> First Time Use of Veterans Affairs Benefits for Foreclosed Homes for Tribal Veterans</p>
4:45 p.m.	<p>Recess</p>



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8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p><i>Veterans Affairs Committee Joins the Board of Directors in Salon A, B, C</i></p> <p>Legislative Overview/Update Greg Smith, Partner-General Overview John Plata, Associate - Restrictive Settlement Act Geoffrey Strommer, Partner - Health F. Michael Willis, Partner - Tax Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP</p> <p>Paul Moorehead, Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP - NAHASDA Reauthorization Jody Cummings, Special Counsel, Steptoe and Johnson, LLP - Carcieri</p>
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<p><i>Veterans Affairs Committee Reconvenes in Manassas</i></p> <p>Overview on Veterans Benefits Julian Wright- Program Analyst, Veterans Benefits Administration Benefits Assistance Services, Department of Veteran's Affairs</p>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>Consultation Policy Update/Question and Answer Session Stephanie Birdwell, Director Office of Tribal Government Relations, Veterans Administration</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p>Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Veterans Programs Mr. Sam Lambert, Eastern Band of Cherokee</p>
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Certified Disabled Veterans Program Mr. Stanley Fujii, Procurement Liaison, Disabled Veterans Program Small Business Administration</p>
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Current Status of Native Army Personnel and Future Opportunities For Native Recruits Captain Russell Mason, US Army Baltimore Recruiting Battalion</p>
4:00 p.m.	<i>Recess</i>

“Because there is strength in Unity”



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA
 WEDNESDAY, February 15
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 USET Office Hours 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily in Salon D

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<i>Travel to Quantico, VA</i>
9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Tour of Marine Corps Museum
10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Meet John DeBerry, Command Visit Coordinator, at Lejeune Hall
11:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	Tour of Archives
11:40 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	<i>Lunch at the Chow Hall</i>
12:25 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	Driving tour of base
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	<i>Return to Crystal Gateway Marriott</i>
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<i>Veterans Affairs Committee Reconvenes in Manassas</i> VA/IHS MOU Dr. Serena Chu, Department of Veterans Affairs
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Finalize resolutions and committee report
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Planning for 2012 Annual Meeting
4:00 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>

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