

During Women's History Month 2024, VA Office of Women's Health is honoring Native American women Veterans. VA recognizes the impact your advocacy, contributions, and sacrifice have made on our military history. Native American women Veterans have had an exemplary tradition of military service for over 200 years, overcoming adversity and serving at a higher rate compared to all other demographics.

During World War I, several Native American women volunteered to join the Army Nurse Corps, before they were even considered American citizens (which would not be granted to Indian Nations until 1924). During World War II, approximately 800 Native American women joined the military. Native American women have continued to serve throughout our history, during the Korean War, Vietnam era, Persian Gulf War, and Post-9/11 – working as nurses, pilots, and more. Today, Native American women serve in all branches of the Armed Forces.

VA understands that your health care is shaped by language, culture, and other social factors. We aim to provide culturally tailored health initiatives to improve your experience at VA and your health outcomes. From training our VA health care providers to consider your individual cultures, values, and experiences, to acknowledging your holistic beliefs in health and preferences for traditional healing methods, we provide you with the care you need.

VA partners with Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations (I-T-Us) to improve your health care and ensure VA-enrolled, eligible Native American women Veterans and their families receive reimbursement for care from IHS facilities. If you're not currently enrolled in VA health care, we encourage you to give us a chance!

We're proud to serve Native American women Veterans and are continuously aiming to ensure we provide you with culturally sensitive and respectful care you can trust. Thank you for your service.



**Employees Appreciation Luncheon** 

The lunch was provided on February 29th, in recognition of all the hard work that is accomplished daily by the staff in support the goals of the Tribal Administration. The staff's productivity, working as a team, results in many benefits for our Community.

Thank you coworkers! Your dedication and commitment to doing a good job is appreciated.





National Indian Council on Aging Annual Meeting was held at the Santa Claran Event Center on Friday, February 29th.

Cedric Chavez, (top right ), is the President of the New Mexico Indian Council on Aging and (below right) is the Executive Diretor of the National Indian Council on Aging, NICOA. The NICOA was founded in 1976 and its mission is to advocate for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders.

Participation at the meeting included representatives from each of the 20 Pueblos. The meeting included updates and opportunities for programs.

Maggie Salazar, at 100, was recognized as the oldest person in attendance.

Meeting participants were treated to a Hoop Dance performed by Kha'p'o Community School, 3rd grader, Krislyn Montano.











The Santa Clara Tribal Member Veterans Meeting was held at the Senior Center on February 27. Thank you to the Veterans who joined us for breakfast and to meet the different department staff to hear about opportunities available to them.

The Senior Center provided the meeting space and the departments of Adult Care, Agriculture, Behavioral Health, Library Services, and Social Services set up resource tables to discuss their programs further and Vital Statistics created a brochure of services to hand out as well. Self-Governance, assisted with funding to purchase the breakfast and some of the gifts while INPRO coordinated the event and provided funding for some of the gift items and break goodies along with the Senior Center. Thank you to all for your participation. This meeting showed the commitment the departments have to support our Veterans.







# Santa Clara Pueblo Victim Services

Victim Services is an uprising department. My name is Kylie Martinez-Borrego and I am the Director of Victim Services and my job title is the Victim Service Coordinator. We provide immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services, which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families, and communities affected by:

- Assault
- Specialized service delivery to domestic violence
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Any other types of crime

We provide information and assistance to victims and witnesses regarding their rights, criminal justice procedures, and community and governmental resources. It's a safe place to help lead you in the right direction. When you don't know where to go or who to turn to, Victim Services is here to help. Let your voice matter and be heard!

**Contact Information:** 

Kylie Martinez-Borrego: kborrego@santaclara.org, 505-692-6262 or 505-231-3026

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# **INDIAN PUEBLO**

ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO 87532 OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

To: Santa Clara Pueblo Community

From: J. Michael Chavarria, Governor

Date: February 27, 2024

Greetings to all and I hope you are in good health!

On February 23, 2024 Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Council enacted a Tribal Council Resolution ending the emergency declaration for COVID-19. This declaration was enacted on March 13, 2020. When enacted, it placed the Pueblo into an emergency response situation. Now that the Pueblo has seen a drastic decrease in the number of reported cases, Tribal Council feels it is a good time to rescind all COVID-19 restrictions. At this time the Emergency Operations Center will also transition from response to recovery.

Also, at this meeting, all restrictions and requirements under the Pueblo Health Order were rescinded as well. Therefore, there are no longer any requirements as it pertains to COVID-19. As such the assistance that was provided to the community will not be available. We will not be able to purchase groceries nor provide cleaning supplies to homes. We will also no longer provide at home test kits. Lastly, there will no longer be a requirement to inform the Pueblo of a positive case.

These changes will take effect on March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Governor's office.

Memo previously distributed via email and also on Facebook.



Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Emergency Management will be hosting a

# PPE & Supplies Distribution



2024

9am-1pm

Location:

**Old EOC located next to Fire Station** 

# NOTATION: WE ASK THAT YOU CALL BEFORE 9:00 AM IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE HOME SO THAT WE NOT DELIVER YOUR FOOD. THANK YOU! PHONE: (505) 692-6244

# MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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# March

# ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Due to Limited Van Space First (9) Senior's Sign-up For Massages call Senior Center For Appointment 505-692-6244 For pick-up to Events Call Senior Center \*CALENDER SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	L Bingo Delivery	5	6 Bowling / Big Rock	7 Tai chi seated exercise 1:30 pm – 2:23 pm	8 Bingo Delivery	9
10	11 Bingo Delivery	12	13 Museum Hill 10 am - 12 pm	14 Saint Patrick Day Dance Santa Clara Gym 12 pm / 2 pm	15 Bingo Delivery	5 16
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 Bingo Delivery	19 Free Massage by Poem 11 am – 1 pm	20 Bowling / Big Rock	21 Santuario de Chimayo 9 am - 11am	22 Bingo Delivery	23
24	25 Bingo Delivery	26	27	28	29 Bingo Delivery Good Friday Closed	30
31 Easter Sunday						





### NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

#### <u>3-4-24</u>

Notice is hereby given, that within 30 days from the date indicated an assignment of the following described land shall be finalized and acted upon by the Santa Clara Tribal Council. Any person having any interest or wishes to dispute the foregoing assignment may file his/her dispute with the Tribal Realty Office – in writing and within the 30 day period, from the date indicated above.

### **PARCELS TO BE ASSIGNED:**

LOT/PC #: Lot 258 B

LOCATION: Guachupangue

ASSIGNED TO: Anita Salazar & Merton Lawrence Sisneros

BEGIN ASSIGNED TO: Twyla Sisneros







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### PARCELS TO BE ASSIGNED:

LOT/PC #: Lot 10-A2

LOCATION: Winter Clan Subdivision

Assigned To: Late Everly Gutierrez

Being Assigned To: Josiah Gomez-Gutierrez





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PARCELS TO BE ASSIGNED:

LOT/PC #: Lot 258 C

LOCATION: Guachupangue

Assigned To: Late John Sisneros

Being Assigned To: Jose Espinoza



# **Feeling sick?**

Stop the spread of flu in the workplace. Stay home when you are sick.

Common Flu Signs & Symptoms Include:



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Fever\* or feeling feverish/chills \*It is important to note that

not everyone with flu will have a fever.



Muscle or body aches



Sore throat



Headaches



Runny or stuffy nose



Cough

CDC



Fatigue (tiredness)

Flu is different from a common cold. Flu usually comes on suddenly, and in general symptoms are more intense compared to the common cold.

# If you think you may have flu tell your supervisor and stay home from work.

All employees should stay home if they are sick. CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius) is gone. Your fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine. If you have flu without a fever, you should stay home at least 4-5 days after the start of your symptoms.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov/flu



# In need of a home? Come fill out an application today!

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2023 Guidelines									
% Median Income	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons	
80 %	\$53 <i>,</i> 850	\$61,550	\$69,250	\$77,000	\$83,100	\$89,250	\$95,450	\$101,600	

Total Income of all individuals 18 years and older in the household.

Copy of Driver License or ID card(s)

Copy of Social Security Card(s)

Tribal Enrollment card(s)

Copies of Last 4 current pay stubs from your Employer

Income Verification: Social Security benefits, AFDC, JTPA, Food Stamps and Unemployment

Last year's Income Tax Returns for State and Federal

\*Per Federal regulations: ALL applications must be updated on a yearly basis.\*





For more information please stop by our offices or give us a call at 505-753-6170.



# VA Health Care PACT ACT Eligibility Expansion

Beginning today, three new cohorts of Veterans are eligible for VA health care under the PACT Act:

- Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA) while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.
- Veterans who performed active service while assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time:
  - On or after August 2, 1990, in the following countries: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or the United Arab Emirates.
  - On or after September 11, 2001, in the following countries: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, or any other country determined relevant by VA. (Note: VA has not determined any other country relevant at this time.)
- Veterans who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, or Resolute Support Mission.

These cohorts were originally granted eligibility on a phased-in schedule between October 2024 and October 2032. By eliminating the phased-in approach and expediting the timeline to allow all eligible Veterans to enroll beginning today, we can now provide more Veterans with the care and benefits they have earned sooner.

I want to acknowledge the significant work that has happened behind the scenes leading up to this expansion—some of which began nearly a year ago. Thanks to the tremendous efforts from many of you, we are now one step closer to bringing every eligible Veteran into VA care.

I also want to acknowledge the work still to come for all of us—much of which will begin now, as we spread the word to eligible Veterans and welcome them to VA. Please review the following resources, information, and communications materials to support our efforts:

- Federal Register Notice
- News release
- Strategic Communications Plan
- Additional communications materials
- PACT Act Resource Room

VA encourages all eligible Veterans to visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and apply for VA health care beginning March 5. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10, 2022, more than 500,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care.

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA's <u>PACT Act Dashboard</u>. To apply for care or benefits today, visit <u>VA.gov/PACT</u> or call 1-800-MYVA411. More information on eligibility can be found at <u>VA.gov/PACT</u>.



# COMPACT/PACT Act Outreach Join Us When: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Time:: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Where: Santa Claran Event Center



460 N. Riverside Drive

# **Sponsored by:**

# Santa Clara Pueblo



For More Information Contact Virginia Halfmoon at 505-692-6312 Or email at vhalfmoon@ Santaclarapueblo.org

Presented by:

New Mexico VA Health Care System

Albuquerque Regional VA Benefits Office New Mexico Department of Veterans Service

A presentation about the COMPACT Act that offers Veterans & former service members free emergency suicide care when needed, no matter where they are.

A presentation about the new PACT ACT law that expands VA benefits and health care to Vietnam, Gulf, and Iraq/Afghanistan War Veterans suffering from exposure to "Agent Orange," burn pits, and other toxic substances while in service. 20 new presumptive conditions have been added.

VA Representatives will be on hand to help with filing a claim, Toxic Exposure Screenings and VA Healthcare Enrollment.

# **Native American Training Institute** Veterans Symposiu



Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, 2024 Isleta Resort & Casino Conference Center • Albugerque, NM

> **Honoring Our Veterans** To A Journey for a Healthy and Quality Life

Veterans, Service Members and Dependents are invited and encouraged to attend this two-day symposium to ensure veterans have access to the many benefits, entitlements and services provided by NM Department of Veterans Services, Veterans Administration and Indian Health Services. Veterans will have the opportunity to voice their issues, concerns and needs directly to government officials, agencies and service providers to make certain their questions are adequately addressed, including:

- Medical and Healthcare Services: COMPACT ACT, PACT ACT, PTSD, Suicide, Opioid 1. Overdose
- On-site assistance in filing for VA and State benefits; 2.
- Entrepreneurship: Business start ups, government contracting, etc.; 3.
- Vocational training, on-the-job training and other higher education opportunities; 4.
- 5. Employment services and initiative;
- Training and certification information for Veteran Service Officers; 6.
- Program and service opportunities exclusive to Women Veterans; 7.
- Promote and provide adequate healthcare needs and transportation services in rural 8. communities.

# Native American Training Institute invites all Gourd Dancers to the

Veterans Symposium pour

Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm Isleta Resort & Casino Conference Center Albuquerque, New Mexico

Head Singer

Head Gourd Dancer Paul Bemore Osage Broken Arrow, OK

Santa Fe, NM

Master of Ceremony

Arena Director

Mike Salabiye Dine Gallup, NM

Paige Burgass Comanche

**Thomas Goodluck** Dine Phoenix, AZ

NATI kindly request participants adhere to the dance origin protocols. There will be no vending opportunities at this event.

# Registration

FREE registration for Veterans, their spouses, and service providers. Complimentary information tables are available for veteran related services.

Register or reserve your information table by scanning the OR code on the right with your smart phone's camera to open the registration site or visit our website at:



www.nati-nm.org/veterans-1

# Lodging & Venue

Isleta Resort & Casino 11000 Broadway SE Albuquerque, NM 87005 Rate: \$141 plus tax Code: Phone: (877) 747-5382 Deadline: April 1, 2024

## **Symposium Information**

Ramus Suina (505) 920-5047 Larry Archuleta (505) 907-8699





# Date: February 6th to March 28 Where: SCP Housing Authority—Learning Center Please call our office at 505-753-6170 to set up an appointment

# **BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY!**

# ⇒ Only Santa Clara Pueblo Community Residents

 $\Rightarrow\,$  All documents will be scanned and sent directly to Tax Preparers.  $\Rightarrow\,$  All PREPARERS ARE IRS CERTIFIED

# **FREE PREPARATION IF REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:**

Family's Annual Income is **<u>\$57,000</u>** or less or if you are age <u>65</u> or older.

# **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS!**

# Identification:

- Must have photo ID (Driver License, State Issued ID, Passport, Military ID, Tribal ID)
- Social Security Number
- Or Individual Tax Identification number (ITIN) for yourself, your spouse, your dependents, or anyone else on your return
- Income Forms: All W-2 forms, 1099 forms (Miscellaneous income, Interest, Dividends, etc.)
- Proof of Healthcare: Form 1095-A or exception number from the healthcare marketplace
- Expense forms:
  - All 1098 Forms (Mortgage and Tuition statements)
  - Child or dependent care expenses
  - Property Tax payments
- Prior year tax returns (if you have it)
- Bank Routing and account number (if you qualify for a refund and want a direct deposit)



To apply, please visit our career listings at www.santaclaran.com/careers or visit the Human Resources Office. For more information, you may contact (505) 367-4525.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SANTA CLARA PUEBLO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION 578 Kee Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532 Phone: (505) 692-6280 Fax: (505) 747-2748

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Updated: 03/05/2024

#### Accounting

(1) Lead Accountant (1) Contracts Manager (1) Payroll Specialist

> Adult Day Care (1) Caregiver

#### **Behavioral Health**

(1) Outreach Coordinator (1) Clinical Supervisor

(1) Behavioral Health Clinician

#### Department of Youth & Learning

(1) Recreation Specialist-Part-time (3) College Interns-Temporary (9) High School Interns-Temporary

**Environmental** 

(1) DOE LAPP Coordinator (1) Surface and Ground Water Technician

(1) GIS Coordinator (1) Forest Development and Restoration Manager (1) Forest Development Tech Intern (1) Heavy Equipment Supervisor (1) RTRL Crew Lead

(1) Head Start Director (1) Health/Nutrition Coordinator (1) Head Cook

**Human Resources** 

(1) Human Resources Generalist

Law Enforcement

(4) Certified Police Officer (1) Ràdio Communication Specialist

(1) Laborer-Part-time (1) Maintenance Specialist

(1) Apprentice Plumber

Social Services (1) Tribal Social Caseworker

**Transportation** (1) Transportation Planner (1) Budget Analyst

Tribal Courts

1) Chief Judge (1) Court Monitor

**Utilities** (1) Wastewater Utility Supervisor

#### **Position Requirements:**

- Must be able to successfully pass a Background Check
- Must not have any DUI's/DWI's convictions within the last five years from any Tribal, State or Federal Court
- Must have a valid New Mexico Driver's License and be insurable through the Tribe's insurance carrier

#### PREFERENCE

Tribal member/Native American preference shall apply to all positions at the Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration is a drug/alcohol free workplace

All applicants must meet the minimum required qualifications for the position.

#### All positions are open until filled

For a copy of the position descriptions, or more information please contact the Santa Clara Tribal Administration's Human Resources Department email: jobs@santaclarapueblo.org

or call (505) 692-6280

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THOROUGHLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

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