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Free Veterans Day Celebrations Offered During American Indian Heritage Month at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute.

Pendleton – On Tuesday, November 11, 2008, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute will celebrate Veteran’s Day during American Indian Heritage Month with free admissions for veterans and a free public showing of the documentary film “Way of the Warrior” at 4 pm.



“Way of the Warrior”

A documentary by Patty Loew, produced with Wisconsin Public Television, looks at the culture and contradictions of Native Americans serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The movie “Way of the Warrior,” is a documentary film produced by Patty Loew, who is a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. It uses a compelling mix of historical footage, period photographs, Native music, personal diaries, and interviews to reveal what it means to be “ogichidaa”—one who protects and follows the way of the warrior.

It documents personal stories from World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and weaves a rich tapestry of positive and negative themes—the warrior ethic, prejudice and stereotypes, forced assimilation, poverty, cultural pride, redemptive acts, and healing.

“We traveled to four states (Oklahoma, Arizona, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) and gathered stories from half a dozen distinctly different Native communities” explains Loew, a veteran broadcast journalist and University of Wisconsin-Madison Communications professor. “I interviewed several dozen veterans, an

equal number of family members, dozens of scholars, and veterans’ advocates. My goal was to explain the contributions of Native Americans to the U.S. military, the consequences of Indian stereotypes, and, most important, the cultural meaning of being a warrior in Native communities.”

The compelling documentary was first broadcast on Wisconsin Public Television and aired nationally on PBS on November 1. It will be shown free to the public as part of the Veterans Day Celebration at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute on November 11, at 4 pm.

Veterans can also take advantage of Wildhorse Resort & Casino's *Salute to Veterans!* celebration at Traditions Buffet. Again this year, Traditions Buffet will honor veterans and military personnel with a special Veterans Eat FREE Day on Tuesday, November 11, from 9am to 9pm. Those who have served in the armed forces, with military ID (or if wearing their uniforms), will enjoy all the Traditions Buffet favorites for free, and their guests can join in for only \$13.95.

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute information is available by dialing 541-966-9748, or visit www.tamastslíkt.org.

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is located at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton. From Interstate 84 take exit 216 and follow the signs five minutes to Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Coming from the north, take the Mission exit from Highway 11 just northeast of Pendleton and follow the signs for about ten minutes to the Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Tamástslíkt is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to exhibits telling the story of the three Tribes' history and culture, there is also a Museum Store and the Kinship Café. Tamástslíkt is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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