



29<sup>th</sup> Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference  
December 3-5 | Anchorage, Alaska

## TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor | Tikahtnu B

### Tuesday, December 03, 2019

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b>Tribal Enrollment, Tribal Identification Cards:</b> Base roll, new members, and relinquishment. Ordinances and other governing documents. Appeals. ID Card making options. <i>Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer and Sarah Walker, Tribal Operations Specialist</i></p> <p><b>State of Alaska Real ID:</b> Implementation of the Real ID requirements in the State of Alaska. <i>Presented by: Jenna Wamsganz, Deputy Director, State of Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles</i></p>
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	<p><b>Afternoon Break</b></p>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p><b>John D. Dingell, Jr. Act (Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Allotment):</b> The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) passed on March 12, 2019. This Act provided for Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans to receive an allotment. 43 U.S.C. § 1629g-1. The presentation is an overview of the Act, the draft regulations, certification of Alaska Natives, identification of eligible applicants, and the future application period. Background information on how to become a Personal Representative will be provided. <i>Presented by: Paul Krabacher, Project Manager, Candy Grimes, Land Law Examiner, and Ralph Eluska, Acting Alaska Native Liaison of the Bureau of Land Management; Cyril Andrews, BIA Realty Officer and Jennifer Miller, BIA Realty Specialist; Jolene John, BIA Tribal Operations Officer and Sarah Walker, BIA Tribal Operations Specialist; Michelle Watchman, Attorney Advisor and Steven Scordino, Attorney Advisor of the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor – Alaska Region; Representative from the Alaska Legal Services Corporation</i></p>

### Wednesday, December 04, 2019

8:00 am - 9:45 am	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Prayer:</b> <i>Jolene John, BIA Tribal Operations Officer &amp; Gloria Gorman, BIA Human Services Director</i></p>
9:00 am - 9:45 am	<p><b>Alaska Native Vietnam War Era Veteran Allotments</b> <i>Presented by: Candy Grimes, Bureau Land Management; Jolene John, BIA Tribal Operations Officer Sarah Walker, BIA Tribal Operations Specialist; Davyn Williams, Alaska Legal Services</i></p>
9:45 am - 10:00 am	<p><b>Morning Break</b></p>



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- 10:00 am - 11:00 am **Alaska Native Vietnam War Era Veteran Allotments** - continued
- 11:00 am - 11:45am **Tribal Veterans Treatment Courts: An Alternative Approach for Justice-Involved Native Veterans.**  
*Presented by: Scott Tirocchi, Major U.S. Army (Retired), Justice for VETS National Association of Drug Court Professionals*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm **Alaska Native Justice Center: Technical Assistance and Training for Tribal Governments**  
*Presented by: Alex Cleghorn, Legal and Policy Director and Chad Holt, Supervising Attorney- Tribal ICWA Program*
- Alaska Village Protection Officers (VPSO)**  
*Presented by: Naomi Sweetman, Alaska Department of Public Safety*
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Alaska Tribal Courts: Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) Tribal Court**  
*Presented by: Tricia A. Tingle, Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Affairs.*  
  
*Bennie Francisco, Court Assessment Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Affairs. Orutsararmiut Native Council Staff: Denise Kinagak, Self-Governance Director, Roxanne O'Brien, Tribal Court Administrator; Sophie Jenkins, Social Services Director; Staci Smart, Wellness Coordinator*

**Thursday, December 05, 2019**

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Roles & Responsibilities and Disputes and Conflict Resolution with input from the Office of Inspector General:** Overall roles and responsibilities of tribal council members and its administration. Tribal Remedies for common issues, Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Investigations of waste, fraud, and abuse of federal funds.  
*Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer and Karden Kelly, Special Agent, Department of the Interior*
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am **Alaska Native Justice Center and Training & Technical Assistance Opportunities:** Information shared from the legal experts made available to the Tribes in Alaska.  
*Presented by: Alex Cleghorn, Legal Policy Director and Chad W. Holt, Attorney, Tribal ICWA Representation Program*



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**Tribal Constitutions and 25 CFR §81 Secretarial Election Process:**

What to include in a new constitution, or what to remember while updating. Federal Regulations on how to carry-out a secretarial election for Indian Reorganization Act tribes.

*Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer and Sarah Walker, Tribal Operations Specialist*

11:00 am – 11:45 pm

**Keeping Tribal Elections Credible:** Election Ordinances and common practices for conducting elections to fill Tribal Council vacancies.

*Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer and Sarah Walker, Tribal Operations Specialist*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch Break**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Allotment** The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) passed on March 12, 2019. This Act provided for Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans to receive an allotment. 43 U.S.C. § 1629g-1.

*Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer; Sarah Walker, Tribal Operations Specialist; Jennifer Miller, Realty Specialist; Candy Grimes, Land Law Examiner, Bureau of Land Management; Representative from the Alaska Legal Services Corporation*

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

**Year-End Federal Employment Tax Filing Requirements:** Emphasize the importance of tribal governments to submit timely payments to the Internal Revenue Service.

*Presented by: Judy Pearson, IRS Indian Tribal Government Specialist*

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**Afternoon Break**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Self-Governance Planning and Application Process:** How to start the process of compacting with Office of Self-Governance; lessons learned for best practices shared from the tribal perspective.

*Presented by: Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer; Matt Kallappa, Manager, OSG Northwest Field Office; Gordon Smith, Compact Negotiator, OSG; Invited guests from Alaska Regional Tribes*