



## **NAVA Quarterly News**

***June, in the Moon of Making Fat”... June is called Fatness because that is the time when the sun is highest and the growing power of the world is strongest”, Black Elk***

### ***Farwell but not good by***

*The Native American Veterans Association said farewell to the Bob Hope Parotic Hall after two years stay as they packed up their office belongings and left on June 30, 2016. NAVA short term time at the hall resulted in some mile stone events that help transform veterans lives and the community.*

*NAVA looks back on the mile stones achieved at the Bob Hope Parotic Hall. NAVA was honored by the Los Angeles Native American in LASkins fest by the Barcid Foundation, a 501 c3 non-profit organization. A program for Native American youth, artists and community honored NAVA as an outstanding Native American organization that helps Native American veterans.*

*NAVA conducted monthly wellness programs for Native American in recovery.*

*NAVA Assisted the California Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training to create a Native American veterans outreach program on tribal land in the State of California.*

*NAVA was a recipient receiving gifts from a federally recognized Native American reservation. Youth from the reservation visited the Bob Hope Parotic Hall and dropped off gifts for the Native American community in Los Angeles.*

*Department of Defense Pentagon media staff met with the NAVA Veterans Appreciation and Heritage Committee at the Parotic Hall to discuss filming a documentary on the unique ways that NAVA honors Native Americans veterans at their Annual Veterans Day powwow. The reports by the brass in the pentagon that it was highly receive.*

*Lastly, an artist was commissioned to paint a mural inside the main hall at the Parotic Hall. He asked that historical portrait of the early people of California be depicted on the wall. Two local Native American women are honored on the wall.*

*NAVA would like to thank the County Board of Supervisors and the County of Los Angeles Military and Veterans Advisory Commissioners for allowing us the opportunity to operate at their facility for two years.*

*NAVA is move came about from our growth to expand programs in a larger business setting and provide more services and program to veterans and families.*

## ***July, in the Moon of Red Cherries"... Black Elk***

### **Building a New Tomorrow Moving to South Gate, CA**

Ted Tenorio, NAVA Board of Directors President and Glenna Amos, Board member met with South Gate Department of Recreations and Parks Director and the City of South Gate Deputy Director to discuss NAVA's request to open an office in the City of South Gate. South Gate has a large population of Native Americans that could use public services.

The City of South Gate's City managers are working to coordinate resources for NAVA and connecting them with a variety of government agencies and community groups to support the veterans in Los Angeles to receive the services in their city.

NAVA looks forward to having space available to conduct meetings, training and workshops. NAVA Board and volunteers have temporary rooms at one of the City parks facilities where NAVA committees meet and plan out their upcoming community bingo games, Native American veteran's summit, and NAVA yearly Veteran's Appreciation and Heritage Day thanks to the help of City of South Gate city managers.

## ***August, in the Moon When The Cherries Turn Black... Black Elk***

August is called "Moon When the Cherries Turn Black" and "Moon When the Cherries are Ripe" and "Moon of Black Cherries.

NAVA Powwow committee plans to Honor and give tribute to our Korans Veterans at the NAVA Powwow, on November 12, 2016 at South Gate Park.

The Ad Hoc Committee is adjusting their Strategic Plan and are ready to form a new committees, like community grant development, and integrating partnerships with government and private agencies.

NAVA meet with community partners ELA Vet Center, to offer referral to violence prevention for families, veterans with PTSD and suicide prevention.



***The Board of Director's Message Corner***

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Since 1953, when a ceasefire halted major hostilities, no peace treaty has ever been signed between the United States and North Korea to bring an end to this conflict. As a result, the United States and South Korea have remained in a deadly standoff with North Korea, leaving the Korean Peninsula effectively in an unending state of war.

NAVA will be honoring our military veterans and invites you to joining use as we bestow a special commemorative medal from South Korea of the Republic of Korea to our veterans who served during the Korean War.

***Ted Tenorio,***  
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***There is no death only a change of worlds... Chief Seattle***

The Native American Association will always remember their unselfish acts they gave and left behind.

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