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CAL VET SECRETARY TO MEET WITH AIAN COMMITTEE

AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

Riverside – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has invited members of the American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Monument Committee to meet with Secretary Peter J. Gravett in Sacramento this week. Among the topics to be presented will be information regarding the proposed American Indian Veterans Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery and the project's national awareness campaign slated for release November 10, 2014.

CalVet Director Gravett has agreed to meet with three AIAN Veterans Monument Committee members on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, to review the proposed \$2 million dollar monument project and fundraising efforts.

The purpose of the monument is to honor the legacy of AIAN Veterans who have served in the U. S. military. Organizers are seeking 111,000 sponsorships which represents the number of AIAN Veterans who have demonstrated courage and dedication in defending their country since World War One. The American Indian Veterans Memorial will be the first national memorial to specifically honor the unprecedented service of American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans at any of our nation's cemeteries.

Please find attached:

- AIAN Fact Sheet
- Artist Renderings
- AIAN Timeline
- AIAN Website with Video Links

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