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FILMS ON VETERANS DAY

In honor of Veterans Day, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute will screen two documentary films on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. These films will be shown free of charge and the event is open to the public. In addition, all veterans can receive free admission to the Tamástslíkt exhibits.

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) reports on its website that, “Whether it is to support their families and ensure economic stability, or to see the world, large numbers of Native Americans enlist for military service and represent the highest per capita enlistment of any ethnic group in the United States.”

At 1:00 pm, this film will be shown: ***True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers.*** Exploring the personal and heartfelt story of the Navajo Code Talkers, this program tells the stories of the young Navajo men recruited from harsh government boarding schools into the Marines during World War II from 1942-1945. The Code Talkers devised an unbreakable code in their native language and transmitted vital messages in the midst of combat against the Japanese. Because the code remained top secret until 1967, their achievements went largely unrecognized. (2002) US Director: Valerie Red-Horse (Cherokee-Sioux); Producer: Yvonne Russo (Sicangu Lakota); and Gale Anne Hurd; Executive Producer: Dawn Jackson (Ojibwe).

At 2:00 pm, this film will be shown: ***Way of the Warrior*** examines the visceral nature of war and the bravery of Native American veterans who served in WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War—and came to grips with difficult post-war personal and societal conditions. The program honors the endurance and sacrifice of survivors from several different Tribes. Their stories are examined through the prism of what it means to be one who follows the way of the warrior. Dramatic historical footage, period photographs and sound effects create a portrait of not just the warrior, but the paradox of the warrior’s motivations. (2007) Producer: Patty Loew

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Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Tamástsiikt is located at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástsiikt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the “Mission-LaGrande” sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331. In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástsiikt operates a museum store, café, and meeting room rentals.