

# GROUNDING IN TRADITION, RESILIENT IN SPIRIT

*Society of American Indian Government Employees*

*17th National Training Program*



**ALL TIMES ARE MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE**

## **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

Time	Topic-Speaker
9:00 - 9:05 AM	WELCOME –SAIGE Board of Directors Chair, Fredericka Joseph
9:05- 9:20	Posting of the colors, Honoring song, prayer
9:20- 9:25	Warrior Society overview – Danny Garceau, Director, SAIGE Warrior Society
9:25 - 9:30	Technical overview - Williamson Creative
9:30- 10:15	Keynote Speaker: Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior (invited)
10:15- 10:30	Rita Aguilar, Senior Advisor for Congressional, Legislative, and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Office of Personnel Management
10:30- 10:45	BREAK
10:45- 11:30	<i>Indians 101: Understanding the Basics</i> - Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education (SGCE) Tribal Consortium (Federal Indian Law/Indian Country)
11:30- 12:30 PM	LUNCH
12:30- 1:15	<i>Maintaining Your Cultural Values in the Workplace</i> - Dr. James Pete, Gyaushk & Associates (Professional Development)
1:15- 1:30	BREAK
1:30- 2:15	<i>Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Your Organization</i> - Cynthia Dunn, EDI Director, TE/GE, Internal Revenue Service (EEO, Diversity & Inclusion)
2:15- 2:30	BREAK
2:30- 3:15	<i>Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives</i> - Don Motanic – Technical Specialist, Intertribal Timber Council (Cultural/Natural Resources)
3:15- 3:30	Wrap-up, Announcements for Wednesday
6:00- 8:00	Optional Evening event: SAIGE Social Zoom – Open house, Musical performance by Don Chapman

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**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

Time	Topic- Speaker
9:00- 9:05 AM	WELCOME – TBA
9:05- 9:10	Technical overview (Williamson Creative)
9:10- 9:20	Introduction of SAIGE Board of Directors
9:20- 9:30	Youth Program Overview – JoAnn Brant, SAIGE Youth Director
9:30- 10:15	Keynote Speaker: Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs: Bryan Newland
10:15- 10:30	Jonodev Chaudhuri- Ambassador for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
10:30- 10:45	BREAK
10:45- 11:30	<i>Importance of Tribal Sovereignty in Energy Development</i> - Winter Jojola-Talbert, DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (Cultural/Natural Resources)
11:30- 12:30 PM	LUNCH
12:30- 1:15	<i>Two Spirit-Returning to the Ancestral Roots</i> - Sade' Heart of the Hawk Ali, Tribal Lead, Zero Suicide Institute (EEO/Diversity and Inclusion)
1:15- 1:30	BREAK
1:30- 2:15	<i>Career Pathfinder</i> - Nancy Berryhill, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner; and Renee Ferguson, Assist. Regional Commissioner, Dallas Region; Social Security Administration (Professional Development)
2:15- 2:30	BREAK
2:30- 3:15	<i>Updates in Tribal Consultation</i> – Stephen Pevar, Senior Staff Attorney, Racial Justice Program, American Civil Liberties Union (Indian Law/Indian Country)
3:15 3:30	Wrap-up, Announcements for Thursday
6:00 8:00	Optional Evening Event: Military Awards and Partnership Recognition night, Musical entertainment

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## 2021 Veterans' Program

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**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

Time	Topic-Speaker
10:00- 10:15	Virtual Posting of Colors (TBD), Prayer (TBD) Welcome Remarks, Danny Garceau, Chair, SAIGE Veterans Committee
10:15- 10:45	National VA Updates – Stephanie Birdwell, Director, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations
10:45- 11:00	BREAK
11:00- 11:30	New Space Force Employee – Capt. Haida Star Eagle
11:30- 12:00	Agriculture/Farming Business Information – Speaker: Mr. Monshi R. Ramdass, CSM (U.S. Army Retired) USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement
12:00- 12:30	LUNCH
12:30- 13:00	Suicide Prevention – Pamela End of Horn, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Indian Health Service
13:00- 13:30	Tribal HUD-VASH – Teresa Pittman, VHA, HUD-VASH Regional Coordinator
13:30- 13:45	BREAK
13:45- 14:15	Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) Grant – Deana Votra, Muscogee Creek Grant Program Manager
14:15- 14:45	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Sex Trafficking- Michelle Sauve & Elizabeth Pfenning, Administration for Native Americans
14:45- 1500	Wrap up/Closing/Travel Song

*Thank you for attending – We will see you in Tulsa, OK in 2022!*