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Greetings Fellow Veterans,

On behalf of the Tribal Council and Veterans Department, it is with profound respect and heartfelt gratitude that we write to honor each of you. You have willingly served our nation, continuing a legacy embraced by our people for generations. Through your service, you have exemplified commitment, bravery, courage, and sacrifice—protecting the freedoms and opportunities we are privileged to enjoy today. For your service, we remain forever grateful.

As many of you know, service in the armed forces is both demanding and transformative. It calls upon a strength and spirit not all possess and requires a willingness to put others before oneself. It is a commitment to safeguard not only your own family and community, but our nation as a whole—often with the understanding that doing so may place your own safety at risk. Many Siletz people have served with distinction in both times of conflict and peace. Their example—and yours—stands as a powerful testament to present and future generations of our enduring resolve to defend our nation. Your dedication will never be forgotten. You, our veterans, remain pillars of our Tribe and community, setting a standard for all Siletz people to follow.

Today, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is honored to recognize 140 Tribal Veterans currently known to us who have served in the United States Armed Forces. In recognition of your service and in expression of our deep appreciation, we have prepared a gift box for each of you. This small token carries with it immense gratitude, respect, and thanks. It serves as a reminder of how much your dedication means to us as a Tribe and to every life touched by your service. Your sacrifices and contributions have not—and will not—go unnoticed or unappreciated. As a People, we remain committed to ensuring your service is honored, celebrated, and remembered, both as veterans and as cherished leaders within the Siletz community.

We also recognize that many veterans may hesitate to seek assistance for experiences connected to their time of service. I encourage each of you to reach out to our Veterans Coordinator, William “Buster” Lane. Every state has a Veterans Department equipped to support veterans in a variety of ways. Here in Oregon, you may connect with a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) or the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs directly. Their mission is to help you access the benefits you have rightfully earned.



You may contact our Veterans Coordinator at:

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Once again, please remember that your sacrifices and contributions are deeply valued. We remain dedicated to honoring your legacy as an example for all Siletz people. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May you always feel the appreciation and gratitude of a community and a nation that hold you in the highest regard.

Respectfully, with enduring appreciation,



William "Buster" Lane

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