



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Alaska Region
3601 C Street, Suite 1200
Anchorage, Alaska 99503



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is to inform you of the passage of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) on March 12, 2019. This Act provided for Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans to receive an allotment.

The Department of the Interior intends to begin the application period in September 2020. The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, is preparing a list of potential applicants based on Armed Forces service dates between August 5, 1964 and December 31, 1971, and will provide this list to the Department of the Interior. From the combined data, the Secretary of the Interior will make a determination who meets the definition of "eligible individual."

Currently, the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the State, Regional Corporations, and Village Corporations is identifying "available Federal lands." Concurrently, the Department of the Interior is drafting regulations, which will describe the application process for eligible applicants. The Department of the Interior, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, will conduct outreach, and provide assistance in applying for allotments to eligible individuals.

We are requesting help from tribes and Native Corporations in encouraging Vietnam era veterans to update their contact information with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Enrollment office. If an eligible individual is deceased, the Alaska State Court must appoint a personal representative of the estate of that eligible individual. Self-help guidance on personal representatives is available on the Alaska State Court website at <http://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>. Please note that the Department of the Interior does not have authority to appoint a personal representative for an estate of an eligible individual so families are encouraged to start the state process as soon as possible.

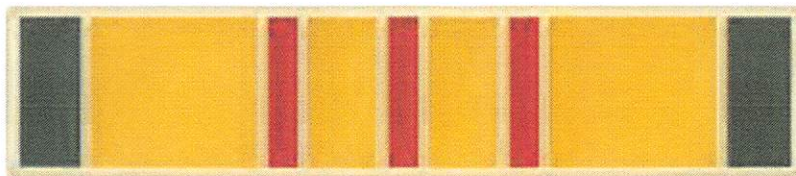
For your convenience, please find enclosed a flyer for public posting. For questions related to updating records with BIA Enrollment, please contact Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer at (907) 271-4043 or jolene.john@bia.gov. For questions related to the Veterans Allotment process, please contact Jennifer Miller, Realty Specialist at (907) 271-1743, Jennifer.miller@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

Eugene R. Peltola, Jr.
Regional Director

Enclosure
Flyer

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Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law
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**Are you an Alaska Native
Vietnam era veteran?***
Or the descendant of one?

**Who served in the Armed Forces during the period of August 5, 1964 and December 31, 1971*

Update your information with the following agencies:

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Enrollment Verification:

(907) 271-4506

Realty: (907) 271-4104

Your Local Tribal

Organization

Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased:

<http://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>

For more information, please visit:

www.blm.gov/ak-native-vietnam-vet-land-allotment-2019