

Fwd: RE: Oneida Nation

Loretta Metoxen

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:23 AM

To: Dorothy A. Skenandore

FYI

>>> "Norton, William" <William.Norton@usmint.treas.gov> 10/10/2013 8:15 AM >>>

Ms. Metoxen:

April, Betty and I are here. The Speaker's office is still receiving lists from the Tribes for the Ceremony. Let us know if we can assist.

Thank you,

Bill

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From: Loretta Metoxen [<mailto:LMETOXE1@oneidanation.org>]

Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:41 AM

To: chriscornelious1@gmail.com; Norton, William

Cc: Stafford, April; Birdsong, Betty

Subject: Re: Oneida Nation

Mr. Norton,

Your first communication arrived just as I was leaving the area for two weeks. We are trying diligently to arrive at answers to your queries. I hope to have a complete list today or tomorrow. We do not know how the Gov't Shut Down will affect this process.

>>> "Norton, William" <William.Norton@usmint.treas.gov> 9/23/2013 4:59 PM >>>

Loretta / Chris:

Betty, April and I met with the Office of the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives today and have the following updates for you. The ceremony is still firming up as being held on November 20, at 11:00 a.m., in Emancipation Hall of the U.S. Capitol. However we still ask that you do not release this date publically. Expect an e-mail from the Speaker's Office in the next few days.

Emancipation Hall is much larger than the Rotunda and much more manageable. There are approximately 600 total seats available.

This is historically the largest event for the United States Mint and the Office of the Speaker but it should move at the same pace.

Based on this, logistically, we ask that the individual receiving the medal on behalf of the tribe be seated in the front row. Ten seats per tribe will be designated near or behind the front row for code talkers or their family members and everyone else will be seated in the general admission.

At this point we need to finalize numbers. Accordingly, we need answers to the following questions by September 25, 2013.

1. Who will accept the gold medal on behalf of the tribe? We suggest that the Chief, Chairman, Governor, or Councilperson but this is ultimately your decision. Please provide their contact information?
2. Are there any code talkers attending the event? If so, please provide their name.
3. Will the code talker's wives or widows attend the event? If so, please provide their names?
4. What are the names of the individuals designated for the 10 seats?
5. What is the total number of individual from your tribe will attend the Code Talkers Congressional Ceremony?

After delivering the medals to the ceremony, the United States Mint can no longer protect them. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to plan how you will secure the gold medal presented to your tribe leader and the silver medals slated for the code talkers or their designated family members. These medals are one of a kind, extremely valuable, and irreplaceable so please consider how you will get them from the ceremony back to your home state.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at the United States Mint if you have any questions.

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Codetalkers Medal Ceremony in Washington

Loretta Metoxen

You replied on 10/29/2013 10:38 AM.

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:45 AM

To: Dorothy A. Skenandore

Dorothy,

I brought up the subject of the possibility of family members of the Codetalkers attending this ceremony to the Business Committee starting five or six months ago. They had no answers. Finally, at their last regular meeting last Wednesday, I asked them again to provide transportation for family members from their Special Projects line. They declined. However, one Veteran is giving up his space and Pauline Schuyler will go instead of him.

That came down to the wire last Friday. So, ONVAC is planning a Codetalkers event at a POW WOW next January or February, in the community.

The Veterans will be putting the Codetalkers design on T-Shirts and distributing them, especially to the young folks—at and before the POW WOW—in honor of the Oneida Codetalkers, including your father, Rupert Adams. All of this near hysteria about travel is because of the Gov't. Shut Down and the Oneida Tribe's cost constraints. As I understand it, the Oneida Tribe will receive a gold medal and the families will each receive a silver medal. Brass medals will be available for sale to the public.