

October 8, 2012

ND Tribal and State Relations Committee
RE: VSO placement on ND's Reservations

Senator David O'Connell Chairman,

I have been asked to provide information concerning placement of Veteran Service Officer's (VSO's) on each of the state's reservations. Below is a breakdown of the Tribal Veteran Service officers (TVSO's) and County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO's) located on or next to the states reservations. Also listed are the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (ND DVA) outreach services being conducted on the states reservation's.

1. Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation-Band of Chippewa

- No Tribal VSO
- Rolette County-Gordon Boucher CVSO
- Bottineau County-Dwight Nahinurk CVSO
- ND DVA outreach every other Friday

2. Fort Berthold Reservation-Three Affiliated Tribes-Newtown

- Thomas Crowsheart TVSO
- Jim Bear-Assistant TVSO
- McLean County-Todd Schreiner CVSO
- McKenzie County-Jerry Samuelson CVSO
- Mountrail County-Skip Wing CVSO
- Mercer County-Ronald Crowley CVSO
- Dunn County-Leslie Ross CVSO
- ND DVA outreach second Thursday of every month

3. Standing Rock Reservation-Fort Yates

- Wenelle Clown-TVSO (ND and SD)
- Sioux County-Giles Heinen CVSO
- Corson County South Dakota-Loy Carda CVSO*
- South Dakota DVA works with and visits regularly*
- ND DVA outreach third Monday of every month

4. Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe Fort Totten

- Frank Greene-TVSO
- Benson County-David Daeley CVSO
- Ramsey County-Earl Hanson-CVSO
- Eddy County-Jerry Valdivia-CVSO
- NDDVA outreach: Rotates Thursday's and Mondays

5. South Dakota/North Dakota-Sisseton Sioux

- Jeri Opsal-TVSO (SD)
- Richland County –Bill Peschel CVSO
- Roberts County Larry Goette (SD) CVSO*
- South Dakota DVA staff work with and visit regularly*
- NDDVA-VAMC Working on a stand down

I am available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you may have on the service to the veterans located on our states reservations.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Wangen
Commissioner
ND DVA