

Report to the COA and COF Boards

Legislative, Executive Branch, and News Media Outreach and Other Activities

1-31 August 2019

1 – Judy and Jim participated in the regular meeting of The Military Coalition

-Jim sent a second letter to the new Smithsonian Secretary asking him to support inclusion of the USPHS and NOAA in the National Native American Veterans Memorial

12 - Jim sent a letter to the Kennedy Center president enclosing a news article about state Attorneys General asking media companies to eliminate smoking from their productions. He asked the Kennedy Center to do the same for stage productions.

15 – Jim sent a second letter to the National Congress of American Indians asking them to urge the Smithsonian to include the USPHS in the National Native American Veterans memorial

-Jim sent an email to staff of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee asking them to contact the Smithsonian about the design of the National Native American Veterans memorial

-Jim submitted an OpEd to *The Washington Post*. It called for the Kennedy Center to stop glamorizing smoking by allowing it in stage productions.

19 – Jim reached out to the National Public Radio group that does stories on veteran issues and pitched them on the National Native American Veterans Memorial story

- John met with CAPT Rebecca Reyes to gather lessons learned from her experience organizing a workshop on second careers for pharmacists. COA will host a similar workshop on February 5 at the University of Maryland College of Public Health.

21 - Jim sent a letter to the Smithsonian Secretary expressing his surprise at finding out that the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Native American Veterans memorial would be a secret one and not open to the public

-Jim reached out to a reporter for *The Washington Post* about the National Native American Veterans Memorial

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-Jim reached out to the DSG and the Director of HQ in response to a COA dental officer's story of how messed up special pay remains. The dental officer had requested COA's help and had authorized release of his email to the higher-ups at PHS HQ.

27 - John spoke with CAMRIS staff regarding a marketing partnership for COA to share information about CAMRIS job opportunities with members for an annual fee.

- John spoke with RAM USA staff to discuss a potential RAM event in Arizona before the USPHS Symposium.

28- Jim attended a regular meeting of The Military Coalition's Veterans Committee

29- John spoke with staff from The Ohio State University College of Nursing about a potential marketing partnership to recruit students for the OSU online nursing degrees and certificates

30 - Jim sent letters about the Smithsonian's National Native American Veterans Memorial to eight members of the Smithsonian's Board of Regents

1-31 - Jim edited all of the stories going into the August issue of *Frontline*

REMINDER: Please let Teresa know if you are a board member/trustee and have items for discussion during the Joint Board Workshop