

Fall/Winter



WALKING SHIELD, INC.

SERVING AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILIES FOR 30 YEARS

8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, October 22, 2018

Barona Creek Golf Club, Lakeside CA

10:00am Shotgun Start



Attention All Golfers!! Walking Shield is gearing-up for the 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit our American Indian college. Funds raised will help offset the rising cost of college tuition and college related expenses. The dream of attaining a college degree becomes possible through your participation. ****Join us for a great day!****

Please visit our tournament site at walkingshield.org



There are many ways to get involved:

- ⇒ Sponsorship opportunities
- ⇒ Donate merchandise for our silent auction and opportunity drawing
- ⇒ Join us for lunch
- ⇒ Make a tax deductible donation directly to Walking Shield, Inc.

Education Program



Congratulations to High School Graduates (left to right) Jesse Johnson, Salutatorian from San Pasqual Band of Missions Indians; Nawishmal Turner from Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians; Asa Cook, Valedictorian from La Posta Band of Mission Indians and Thunder Lopez from Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians. All were honored at the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association graduation celebration and are recipients of Walking Shield Scholarships. May you realize your academic goals as you continue on your educational journey.



Walking Shield is excited to announce that we received a grant from Los Angeles Scholarship Investment Fund (LASIF) to fund 56 scholarships to Los Angeles County students for the 2018/2019 academic school year. San Manuel Band of Mission Indians also awarded us with a generous grant for our 'Emergency Fund' to help American Indian college students complete their college journey by assisting them with college related expenses. With the generous support of our donors, 17 of our students were able to achieve their dream of earning a college degree this past year.

Thank you San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and LASIF!

A Note of thanks.....

I would like to take this time to thank Walking Shield for being a resource for Native students in California. The past two years I attended Cal Poly Pomona as a Native woman pursuing my education. While at Cal Poly Pomona, Lynda Estella Gonzales the Education Support Program Manager at Walking Shield has helped me with buying my books for school, obtaining a parking permit so that I can park on campus, and purchasing a laptop for me to use towards my education goals. With all the support I have received, I was able to graduate with my Bachelors. I graduated from Cal Poly Pomona this past June with my Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Human Resources. During my last quarter at Cal Poly Pomona, I applied for the graduate program pursuing my Masters in Business Administration. I am currently a grad student now in the program. I would like to thank your organization for helping me reach my education goals. Your organization has helped me tremendously with books, parking permits, and scholarship funds to help me out. I appreciate everything Walking Shield has done, and especially Lynda Estella Gonzales for always being there for me. As a Native woman, I am helping all Native women by being a role model so that more Native students can continue their education. If your organization needs anything, I am here to volunteer and help.



Thank you,

Erica L. Ben (Navajo) – Grad Student Cal Poly Pomona - MBA

Walking Shield has helped me with money for school as well as gas cards, living expenses, books and parking permits. With their assistance I was able to graduate from Cal Poly Pomona in two years. Without Walking Shield, I would have had to get a part-time job which would have made it very difficult for me to graduate on time. Last summer, I interned at Northrop Grumman as a pricing and estimating analyst on Advanced Extremely High Frequency satellites. I graduated this past May and next week I will start my permanent position as a Cost Management Analyst at Northrop Grumman. Everyone at Walking Shield has been so kind to me and I greatly appreciate their help.



Danielle Morris (Assiniboine Sioux)



HUMANITARIAN AID UPDATE



Holiday Gift Program

There were smiles all around as children from 48 tribes and organizations participated in Walking Shield’s annual Holiday Gift Program. Over 26,000 toys, dolls, stuffed animals, games, art supplies, sports equipment, books and clothing items were shipped across the continent. For many, these would be the only gift they would receive. Many thanks to our benefactors for their loyal generosity; a special shout-out to the volunteers who pulled and palletized the precious cargo. We couldn’t have done it without you!



Backpack and School Supplies Drive

Backpacks and school supplies are always in high demand. Walking Shield is inundated with requests from the many tribes that we assist. While we gladly accept school supplies year round; our target months are July and December when students are headed back to school. We extend a sincere “thank you” to all who have supported our efforts to get the much needed supplies into the hands of our students. **Please contact Walking Shield if you would like to donate supplies.**



Walking Shield is pleased to introduce a new member of our team: **Elizabeth Williams** has joined us as our new student intern. Elizabeth is working on her Master’s of Social Work at Humboldt State University, where she is in her final year of the program. The daughter of first-generation Lebanese and Greek immigrants, Elizabeth grew up on the East Coast outside of Washington D.C. in Northern Virginia. She has lived her life playing music as a freelance guitar player, while managing lounges and concert halls. She lives with her dog right across the street from Dog Beach in Long Beach, CA.

“I chose to obtain my MSW at Humboldt State University specifically, because of its focus on tribal communities. I believe that you must recognize multiplicity at every level, for there is always interaction. All life is a circle and everything has its place in this circle. We are all connected and in this together. Our purpose as social workers is not singular, it is for the greater good of the community. I chose to intern with Walking Shield because I believe in their mission of improving the lives of American Indian families. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward in this greater cause.”

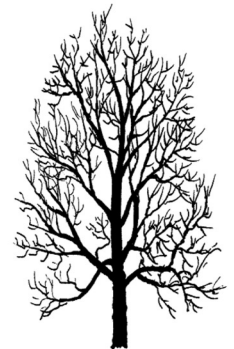
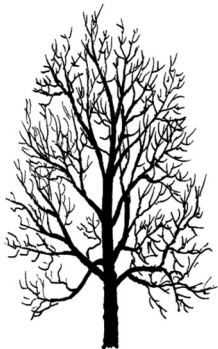
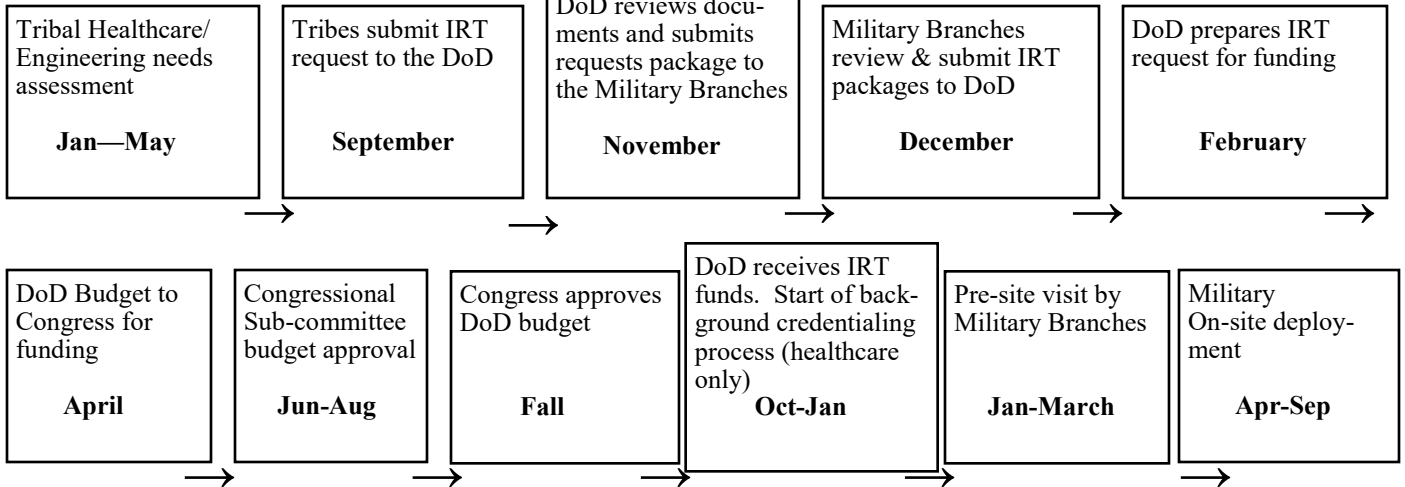
Please join us by giving Elizabeth a very warm welcome to Walking Shield!



Operation Walking Shield

In 1994, Walking Shield, Inc. created Operation Walking Shield as a joint civil-military cooperative program. This program is designed to offer opportunities for military personnel to utilize their skills and talents to improve the quality of life for Native Americans living on our nation's Indian reservations while at the same time enhancing their deployment readiness. Through this collaboration, Walking Shield is able to facilitate requests for Medical/Dental Support and Infrastructure Support from the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program. To request services, a tribe must complete an assessment of their needs and submit a "Request for IRT Civil-Military Partnership" by September 30th. **The entire approval process takes 16-18 months, the timeline below illustrates the many steps required to ultimately schedule the requested services.**

(DoD = Department of Defense / IRT = Innovative Readiness Training / OWS = Operation Walking Shield)



OneSight Update



OneSight and Walking Shield were back on the trail in 2018 with two successful eyeglass clinics:

- ◇ Hoopa, California in April
 - ◇ Blackfeet, Montana in May
- Upcoming:**
- ◇ Red Cliff, Wisconsin in October
 - ◇ Colorado River Indian Tribes, Arizona in November



“A sixth grade boy was nearly legally blind when the OneSight program visited his school several years ago. After going through various steps of the complete vision exam provided by OneSight, he received his new glasses. While looking at the white board in his classroom he pushed the new glasses above his nose and said “blind.” Then pushed them back on and said, “clear.” He repeated the motion several times, “blind, clear. Blind, clear, Blind, clear.” The boy looked out the window of his classroom in awe and the optometrist asked him to walk outside with him to get a better look. “Wow! I never realized how beautiful the world is.” the boy said.

Walking Shield, the Klamath-Trinity Unified School District and K’ima:w Medical Center have collaborated to provide the logistical support to bring the clinic to Hoopa every three years for the past nine years.. *Excerpt from the Two Rivers Tribune, Hoopa, California on 4/10/18.*



Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe Hoopa, California

1,278 exams total
971 students
307 adults

725 needed glasses



Blackfeet Tribe Browning, Montana

1,525 exams total
1,134 students
371 adults

1,163 needed glasses

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