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Pocahontas and the President

submitted by Dr. J.R. Norwood, ACET General Secretary

In a ceremony at the White House honoring Native Code talkers, who are known to have been vital to the success and victory in World War II (and a lesser known fact is that code talkers even were used to aid the victory in World War I), President Trump decided to deviate from the focus on their valiant service to take a swipe at a political opponent, once again making a reference to Senator Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas" (see link below). After his initial use of this reference during his campaign, numerous American Indian organizations denounced the manner in which the name was used. There are some who ignored the response from Indian Country and defended Mr. Trump, both then and now, with the excuse that the name "Pocahontas" is not a racial slur. When honorably referencing the actual historic figure, this indeed is true. However, the name becomes a derogatory racial reference when used as an insult. American Indian names, whether they be historic or contemporary, are not meant to be used as insults. To do so is to reduce them to racial slurs. There are many in Indian Country who have given various perspectives on Senator Warren's claim of an American Indian ancestor. There are many non-tribal Americans who make similar claims of indigenous ancestry. Sometimes it is a matter of documented genealogical fact and sometimes it's merely a matter of family lore. Such private claims, when not used to claim the legal protections or benefits of the citizens of American Indian Nations, cause little or no harm to tribal people. However, degrading an American Indian name or historic tribal reference by using it as an insult is making a racial slur, whether knowingly or unknowingly. The right to determine if it is a slur belongs to those who have been insulted, not the one who made the insult. The appropriate and mature response when one is made aware of such an insult to an entire race of people is to apologize and to not do it again. An even better response after the apology is to try to understand and learn more of the proud heritage of the people that were insulted and why the manner in which you used the reference may be viewed as an insult. Such a response would unite instead of divide. It would heal instead of hurt. This is a "teachable moment" that could be transformed into something positive, if America and its president are willing to learn. We can only hope.

- Trump calls Warren 'Pocahontas' at event honoring Native Americans <http://nbcnews.to/2zJNqjn>

- World News Tonight (@ABCWorldNews) tweeted at 2:52 PM on Mon, Nov 27, 2017: MOMENTS AGO: Pres. Trump at White House event honoring Navajo code talkers, makes joke about "Pocahontas" Sen. Elizabeth Warren. <https://t.co/PgdhbxBrfT> (<https://twitter.com/ABCWorldNews/status/935234798045446144?s=09>)

The Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes (ACET) is an intertribal league of sovereign American Indian Nations continuing from the colonial era of the eastern and southern seaboard of the continental United States.

ACET Member Nations share a common history of colonial and federal governmental contact, including:

- Colonial Treaties
- Colonial Era Reservations or Designated "Indian towns"
- Enrollment in Federal Indian Schools or closely associated Indian Mission Boarding Schools
- Listing as Tribal Communities in Federal Records, Reports, or Studies prior to 1960

Affirmations

1. We Affirm that an American Indian Tribe is a continuing community of interrelated descendants of a historic American Indian Tribe or tribes which has maintained tribal identity in some manner that can be documented from at least the 19th century or earlier.



2. We Affirm the inherent sovereignty of each member nation of the Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes as a gift of our Creator, passed through our ancestors, which was never surrendered to - and cannot be limited or extinguished by - any foreign power.

3. We Affirm the inherent sovereignty and dignity of all American Indian Tribes and call on all other American Indian nations, the government of the United States, and state

governments to do the same. We further assert that the specific focus and makeup of the Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes is not a denial or an attempt to undermine the fact that many historic American Indian Tribes do not share the specific elements of the common histories and specific purpose of this league of tribal nations.

4. We Affirm the inherent right of self-definition and self-governance of all American Indian Tribes and assert that such tribes should be free from foreign interference in any internal tribal matter.
5. We Affirm the right of all American Indian Tribes to negotiate relations with any other tribe or nation, to seek mutual acknowledgment with the federal government of the United States or of any individual state, and to establish a government-to-government relationship with the same.
6. We Affirm that member tribes of this alliance shall seek to support and defend the rights and status of other member tribes and shall never seek each other's harm or detriment.
7. We Affirm the essential equality of all American Indian tribes and deny that any form of recognition from the federal government of the United States or the government of any individual state creates tribal authenticity, defines tribal identity, or establishes tribal sovereignty.

(Ed note: I know pic is politically incorrect but the faces of the honorees were classic.....sdc)

(ACET Continued) Membership

In accordance with its mission and initial focus, this is a regional league of continuing colonial era historic American Indian Tribal nations of the eastern and southern seaboard of the continental United States, which have a common history including either colonial treaties, colonial era reservations or designated “Indian towns,” enrollment in federal Indian schools or closely associated Indian mission boarding schools, or listing as tribal communities in federal records or reports prior to 1960.

American Indian Nations which have signed the ACET Charter are *(in alphabetical order)*:

- [Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe](#)
- [Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware](#)
- [Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas](#)
- [Lumbee Tribe](#)
- [Monacan Indian Nation](#)
- [MOWA Band of Choctaw](#)
- [Nanticoke Indian Tribe](#)
- [Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation](#)
- [Pocasset Tribe](#)
- [Rappahannock Tribe](#)
- [United Houma Nation](#)
- [Upper Mattaponi](#)

<http://www.acet-online.org/>

More than 150 years after the Sand Creek massacre, the whitewashers are still abundant

<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2017/11/25/1717386/-More-than-150-years-after-the-Sand-Creek-massacre-the-whitewashers-are-still-abundant>

Supreme Court won't hear California water agencies' appeal in tribe's groundwater case **Ian James, Desert Sun**

The U.S. Supreme Court announced Monday that it will not hear an appeal by California water agencies in the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' landmark lawsuit asserting rights to groundwater beneath the tribe's reservation.

Groups File Lawsuit to Stop New Diversion and Protect Flows in Colorado River - WildEarth Guardians

<http://wg.convio.net/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=13271&autologin=true#.WhtfqGJlDYU>

62 Natural Wonders of the World at Risk From Climate Change

<https://www.ecowatch.com/natural-wonders-climate-change-2509419084.html>

Costa Rica Runs Entirely on Renewable Energy for 300 Days

<https://www.ecowatch.com/costa-rica-renewables-2511342138.html>

"Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative place where no one else has ever been."

— Alan Alda

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Keystone's Existing Pipeline Spills Far More Than Predicted to Regulators

Valerie Volcovici and Richard Valdmanis, Reuters

Excerpt: "TransCanada Corp's existing Keystone pipeline has leaked substantially more oil, and more often, in the United States than indicated in risk assessments the company provided to regulators before the project began operating in 2010, according to documents reviewed by Reuters." [READ MORE](#)

WildEarth Guardians and Allies Oppose Trump's Plan to Frack Gateway to Yellowstone National Park, Beartooth Front - WildEarth Guardians

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New Maps Highlight Dangers of Powder River Basin Coal Mining – ClimateWest

<https://climatewest.org/2017/11/13/new-maps-highlight-dangers-of-powder-river-basin-coal-mining/>

Lawsuit seeks to block California desert water project

Robert Jablon, Associated Press & Sacramento Bee

Environmental activists sued Tuesday to halt a plan to pump water from beneath the Mojave Desert and sell it to Southern California cities and counties.

Senator Dianne Feinstein Commenting on Cadiz, Southern California Water Project Says Trump Administration Can't Ignore Law

Staff, Sierra Sun Times

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) on Tuesday issued the following statement on a lawsuit to overturn a Trump administration decision that would allow Cadiz to use a railroad right-of-way without any federal review for its water extraction project in the Mojave Desert:

Opinion - Working to solve SLT's water contamination

Jennifer Lukins, Lake Tahoe News

In South Lake Tahoe we take pride in having, hands down, some of the best drinking water you can find. Around town folks carry "Drink Tahoe Tap" water bottles. We turn our noses up at bottled water.

Corrections/Clarification

Shayne. I note about the three photographs at the end of this journal. (#4036)

The woman on the left, with the scarf around her neck, is from Coulterville, and was said to speak Yokuts and Miwok. She is weaving a three-rod basket which is in the Yosemite collection. The large basket next to her is in Yosemite in the collections too I think. Most knowledgeable people think she is Nancy Wilson, wife of John Wilson, of El Portal, and the mother of Billy Wilson according to Office of Indian Affairs enrollment papers. There is no indication she is Paiute. I will concede that there are plenty of Paiute in Yosemite who have been mis-identified as Miwok, but this probably is not one of them.

The woman on the left is of unknown affiliation but she is holding a Yokuts/Miwok basket. That doesn't necessarily mean anything since all the Yosemite people owned each other's baskets. I do believe some people thought she came from the North Fork area, and was Western Mono, e.g., basically Northern Paiute.

It worries me when people put the white-guy anthropologist tags of "Paiute," "Miwok," "Yokuts" on these folks. It would be better to put their family down.

Shelly King-Davis

Intelligent Infrastructure and Water

By Dr. Leo T. Kenny

Dr. Leo T. Kenny is a Senior Sustainability and Environmental Technologist, at Planet Singular, serving in an advisory role to several industry and research consortia. Previously, he held a senior role in Materials Technology Development for Intel Corporation, based in Santa Clara, where he oversaw Intel's programs for green chemistry and alternative assessment methodology development.

In December 2015, I was invited to give a presentation at a sensor conference, where the theme centered on how innovative technologies could exponentially enable a state of global abundance, as described by Peter Diamindis in his book by that name. The premise is that we can achieve a sustainable and abundant existence globally within [...]

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Vandals trash small American Indian school in Minneapolis [JON TEVLIN @jontevlin](#)
November 28, 2017

Vandals broke into the Nawayee Center School in south Minneapolis over the Thanksgiving break, destroying art work, trashing offices and stealing two vans.

In a stairwell that leads to an art room of the Nawayee Center School in south Minneapolis, there is a sign that reads: "This is a no drama zone."

“We stress that this is a safe place for our students,” said Mary Cullen, the assistant director of instruction. “It’s a place where they can be themselves and be creative.”

But when Cullen came to the small charter school that serves mostly American Indian students on Monday morning, she found the place trashed. Chairs and tables were overturned, doors were broken open. Vandals had spray-painted gang graffiti on the walls, on a washer and dryer used to clean the clothes of students who may be homeless, and on the art projects of the 45 students who see Center School as a second home, maybe even a first home.

Cullen said cleaners apparently forgot to reset the alarm over the weekend.

A broken back window still had a board over it. Missing were two vans used to take the kids on field trips; eight computers; cameras and video equipment, and even the school’s hamster and the little ball that allows him to roll around the classrooms during school hours.

“The kids love the hamster,” said Cullen. “They even stole the snacks we keep for the students, and some Midol. ...”

Jasmin Omana, 17, a senior at the Center School, which serves kids in grades 7-12, stood in the hallway. “Did they steal Spike?” she asked.

Spike is the pet bearded dragon. Somehow, Spike survived.

Omana had been working on an art project for nearly a year, a painting of a polar bear with the earth behind it. The vandals spray-painted over it.

Omana spoke quietly. “I just don’t know how people can do this,” she said sadly.

Five suspects were stopped by University of Minnesota police officers inside one of the stolen vans early Sunday, and Minneapolis police later discovered the burglary. Two of the juvenile suspects are students at the school, making the burglary more difficult for everyone in this close-knit building. Most everything has been recovered, including the hamster.

Cullen surmised that someone with a connection to the school was involved because they broke into the cabinet and found the keys to the vans. Plus, the destruction of student projects “makes it feel personal,” she said.

On Monday, the school staff and administration [set up a GoFundMe page](#), hoping to raise \$10,000 to repair damage and replace any goods that don’t get returned by police. By Tuesday, they already had \$12,000 in pledges.

“We’re always poor,” said Cullen. “So anything helps.”

Bob Klanderud, a Dakota Indian and part-time employee who works with the male students on issues of identity, looked dejected as he walked around the school. While students and staff had already picked up the debris and painted some of the walls, there were still broken doors and smears of paint down a hallway.

“This is a critical school,” Klanderud said. “It serves a small number of students, but for them, it’s critical. It’s the only place some of them have that is safe. Our teachers are the best. They care about each and every student.”

The school has small, personal classes and uses a “culturally focused curriculum,” in which students learn through traditional Indian methods. Some of the kids are at risk, others have struggled in regular public schools. Most attend because they form close relationships with teachers.

On Tuesday, the scent of burning sage wafted through the building. As students arrived for class, they rang in through a security door and other students got up to let them in.

Joe Rice, executive director of the school, said this could be a teaching moment.

“Potentially, it could be very disturbing for the students,” said Rice. “It’s an invasion of their safe space. What I’m encouraging people to think about is how this is an opportunity to get stronger.

“Our students need to deal with this kind of adversity all the time,” Rice added. “Our ultimate goal here is to teach kids to be resilient.”

The quick community response also helps financially and emotionally. Most of the donors had probably never heard of the school before, Rice said. Donations between \$5 and more than \$1,000 had come from the neighborhood and as far away as the East Coast.

Nawayee is an Ojibwe word that means “the center,” where students are encouraged to “find their center and find our collective center in the Indian community.”

By Tuesday, amid the splintered doorjambs and broken glass, it appeared that the center had held.

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Congratulations to

[Wanda George-Quasula](#) who is receiving [an a award at the Indian Country Intelligence Networking \(ICIN\).](#)

[“I’m very humbled to be working in Law Enforcement.”](#)

Udall Responds To Trump's Comments At Native American Code Talker Event

By U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) • Nov 27, 2017

Commentary: WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, issued this statement reacting to President Trump's racist slur during a ceremony honoring Native American Code Talkers:

Credit Office of US Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)

"The president should study his history. The Native American Code Talkers are true war heroes whose patriotism and honor during World War II helped ensure our victory against oppression and hatred. The Code Talkers gave back to their country by sharing their language even though they were born into a nation that often denied them their most basic civil rights and even when they faced bigotry and injustice in their own lands. Donald Trump's racist joke – during Native American Heritage Month no less – demeaned the contributions that the Code Talkers and countless other Native American patriots and citizens have made to our great country. This moment in history won't overshadow the contribution the Code Talkers made and continue to make to our nation. But racist comments like that are never acceptable, and are in especially poor taste against the backdrop of Andrew Jackson's portrait. The days when the President of the United States was held as a moral authority around the world were over 11 months ago, but at what should have been a solemn ceremony to honor Native veterans, Donald Trump took low even lower."

<https://youtu.be/msDH2zgKmXo>

[You will NOT BELIEVE what the Navajo Code Talkers just said about President Donald Trump
www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msDH2zgKmXo)

[A Lakota Sioux Reporter Just Gave The BEST Response To Trump's Native American Slur](#)

The prominent journalist set the President straight with a heartbreaking history lesson.

[verifiedpolitics.com](#)

Truckee Meadows Tomorrow Presents:

Historic Preservation and Revitalization of the Truckee Meadows

What: As the community is experiencing rapid growth, economic diversification, and a surge in new investment and development, many of our historic neighborhoods are undergoing transformations. Writer and historian **Dr. Alicia Barber** will discuss how the region's historic structures can play a pivotal role in this revitalization and help to promote a strong sense of continuity and character in a time of change.

When: Thursday, December 7th, 2017

Time: 11:30 -1:00 p.m. (lunch and networking from 11:30-12 p.m.; presentation from 12-1 p.m.)

Where: RTC Conference Room (1105 Terminal Way, Reno - 1st Floor Conference Room)

*Lunch will be sponsored Jacobs Entertainment, Inc.

Please RSVP to Angela Fuss at afuss@lumosinc.com \$10 donation to TMT (free for TMT members)

Oil Exploration in Arctic Ocean Approved by Trump Administration as ANWR Drilling Bill Moves Forward

The fight against new [Arctic](#) drilling took a major setback on Tuesday. On the same day that the Senate Budget Committee passed a bill allowing oil and natural gas drilling in Alaska's pristine [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#), the [Trump](#) administration granted [oil company Eni's request](#) to explore for oil in nearby Alaska waters.

The [Department of Interior](#)'s Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued the permit to Eni yesterday, allowing the oil giant to drill exploratory wells in the Beaufort Sea as early as next month.

"Achieving American energy dominance moved one step closer today with the approval of Arctic exploration operations on the Outer Continental Shelf for the first time in more than two years," the department [boasted](#).

In April, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that initiated the process of rolling back former President Obama's 2016 ban on any new off shore oil and gas leasing in the Arctic Ocean.

Exploratory drilling will take place on Spy Island, a man-made artificial island approximately three miles offshore of Oliktok Point. Eni, which has sat on its leases in the Beaufort Sea for more than a decade, says the new development could lead to the creation of 100-150 jobs in the region and new production of 20,000 barrels of oil per day.

"BSEE Alaska Region staff conducted a thorough and complete review of Eni's well design, testing procedures and safety protocol," said Mark Fesmire, BSEE Alaska Region director. "Exploration must be conducted safely, and responsibly in relation to the Arctic environment and we will continue to engage Eni as they move forward with drilling its exploratory well."

But environmental groups fiercely oppose oil and gas development in the area over risks of a potential spill and say that drilling in the Arctic will exacerbate global warming.

The [Center of Biological Diversity](#) said in a [statement](#) that the area is home to many marine mammals, including bowhead whales, polar bears and ringed seals and birds from all over the world, including spectacled eiders and longtailed ducks. They also noted that the Trump administration provided the public only 21 days to review and comment on the exploration plan and only 10 days to comment on scoping for an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act.

"Approving this Arctic drilling plan at the 11th hour makes a dangerous project even riskier," said Kristen Monsell, an attorney with the organization. "An oil spill here would do incredible damage, and it'd be impossible to clean up. The Trump administration clearly cares only about appeasing oil companies, no matter its legal obligations or the threats to polar bears or our planet."

The Center for Biological Diversity and other groups filed a lawsuit challenging Trump's April executive order. The lawsuit is pending in federal court in Alaska.

Meanwhile, the [Republican-led push](#) to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) moved forward on Tuesday. The bill, which is combined with Senate Republicans' tax reform overhaul, was approved by the Senate Budget Committee in a party-line vote of 12-11. The measure is now headed to the Senate floor.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), could advance with only 51 votes in the Senate instead of the usual 60 as it complies under Congress' budget resolution instructions for 2018.

Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups have criticized the GOP for sneaking the "[backdoor drilling provision](#)" through the budget process.

"It's really not gotten the attention that it should," Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, told [POLITICO](#) about the ANWR provision. "It's not just the budget discussion. It's about everything else that's going on, the flurry of all sorts of other news."

Jamie Rappaport Clark, president and CEO of [Defenders of Wildlife](#), also issued the following statement: "A vote for the Senate tax reform bill is a vote supporting the destruction of America's iconic Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Sen. Murkowski's toxic drilling provision forsakes the conservation values that helped shape our nation and threatens polar bears, muskoxen, caribou and hundreds of species of migratory birds from all fifty states. Congress must uphold America's conservation legacy by rejecting any bill that includes oil drilling in the Arctic refuge."

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Meet Eni, the spill-prone oil company that Trump just unleashed on U.S. Arctic waters. It admitted 500 oil spills in Niger Delta in one year, 349 the next. [#SaveTheArctic](#)
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