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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** | On Thursday, May 28th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. EDT, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Fawn Sharp and DJ Emcee One will co-host the *Native Vote Taking Action in 2020* Virtual Rally. This event will serve as the official kick-off for NCAI's Native Vote initiative for 2020 and will stream live online via NCAI's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels to launch voter engagement in one of the most important years for civic engagement in Indian Country.

The evening's lineup features appearances by:

- Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM)
- Mark Trahan, Indian Country Today and The Trahan Report
- Natalie Landreth, Native American Rights Fund
- OJ Semans, Sr., Four Directions, Inc.
- Shelly Diaz, Native Vote Coordinator, Minnesota
- Nichole Donaghy, Native Vote Coordinator, North Dakota
- Jasha Lyons-Echohawk, Native Vote Coordinator, Oklahoma
- Lindsey McCovey, Native Vote Coordinator, California
- Teresa Melendez, Native Vote Coordinator, Nevada
- Travis Lane, Native Vote Coordinator, Arizona
- Anthony Tamez-Pochel, Youth Board Member, Center for Native American Youth

*Native Vote* is a legacy, nonpartisan voting initiative of NCAI which focuses on the key pillars of Voter Registration and Get-Out-The-Native-Vote (GOTNV), Election Protection, Education, and Data Collection. To read more about the Native Vote initiative, visit [www.nativevote.org](http://www.nativevote.org).

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#### Water Shorts

**\$281 million** Amount that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is planning to invest in rural water and wastewater infrastructure, according to an agency announcement this week. The funding for the projects comes from the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program, and will be used for initiatives in 36 states as well as Puerto Rico. [Upper Michigan Source](#)

Newly-published research by Vanderbilt University found that perchlorate, a pollutant found in drinking water, is more dangerous than previously realized. The study, published in the journal *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology*, says that perchlorate heavily disrupts the uptake of iodine, a necessary part of thyroid hormones which are crucial to human development. Researchers say the populations most at risk from perchlorate are pregnant women, nursing women, developing fetuses, and newborn babies. The study comes just as the U.S. EPA dropped plans to regulate perchlorate in drinking water. [Vanderbilt University](#)

*“We did not think of the great open plans, the beautiful rolling hills and winding streams with tangled growth, as “wild.”*

*Only to the white man was nature a “wilderness” and not only to him was the land “infested” with “wild” animals and “savage” people.*

*To us it was tame. Earth was bountiful and we were surrounded with the blessings of the Great Mystery.*

*—Chief Luther Standing Bear (Ogalala)*



[Phil Mosby](#)

**Among the unexpected silver linings of the state's lockdown: The rare stillness of Lake Tahoe.**

Normally roiling with the ripples of boats, the North America's largest alpine lake has enjoyed a sustained glassiness for weeks, said Phil Mosby, a local photographer. He shared video from early May, sampled in the gif above, recorded as part of a web project that invites users to become immersed in the sights and sounds of nature. [NatureMixer](#)

### **Train carrying decommissioned nuclear reactor passes through Las Vegas**

The train carrying a decommissioned nuclear reactor vessel from Southern California is passing through Las Vegas on Thursday afternoon.

*“The earth was created by the assistance of the Sun,  
and it should be left as it was.....  
The county was made without lines of demarcations,  
and it is no man’s business to divide it.”*

*—Chief Joseph Hin-mah-too-yah-lat-keht*

**Calendar**



**JUN2      Online Program - Owl Pellet Dissection LIVE - Webinar**

Tue 5:00 PM PDT · Online Event

Virtual dissections: dissect an owl pellet with me! We will start with a sterilized owl pellet and carefully pull it apart to see what the owl has been eating. We will also discover how an owl pellet is produced.... [See More](#)

**JUN3      Online Program - Reptiles of Nevada - Webinar**

Wed 5:30 PM PDT · Online Event

Join Wildlife Educators to discuss what makes reptiles unique! Learn about various species that live throughout the state and the amazing adaptations they have to survive.... [See More](#)



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Please join us for this live, online conversation with Food Tank President, Danielle Nierenberg, One Fair Wage President, Saru Jayaraman, and Working Food Community Programs Director, Melissa DeSa.



WED, JUN 3 AT 10 AM

[Recipe for Action: Building Food Security in Insecure Times](#)

We'll explore ways that individuals can take action to build a healthier food system in their communities.

Register for free: <https://bit.ly/recipeforactionevent>

**JUN4 Online Program - Fish Food! - Webinar Thu 5:00 PM PDT · Online Event**

Join our wildlife education coordinator to talk fish food! You'll learn about the tiny little critters some of our favorite fish prefer for dinner, what their life cycles are like, and what role these

**Jul 16 Water Rights Q&A Thu 11:30 AM PDT · Western Title Company · Reno, Nevada**  
Natural Resource Attorney Ross de Lipkau will present the fast facts of water rights and real estate. Don't miss it!

For 84 years, *Nevada Magazine* has been the magazine for residents, tourists, and Nevada lovers of every stripe. Our format has changed over the decades as we were a part of different state agencies, experienced wars, cultural changes, and economic fluctuations; some years there were only two issues, and for a brief time during World War II, the magazine ceased publication altogether.

Today, I'm here to announce that *Nevada Magazine*, starting with our coming issue, will now be a quarterly publication. The next issue you see will be Summer 2020, which will encompass the months of July, August, and September. That issue will arrive in mailboxes and newsstands toward the end of July.

The new quarterly publication will have a greater number of pages than our current magazine, with more stories and photographs for your enjoyment. In addition to more print content, you'll see more Web Extras, blog posts, and social media stories. We'll be developing more regular updates to our website and social media outlets to keep in touch with you in between print editions. Our web content will feature timely content, news, entertainment information, contests, and more as we strive to keep the magic of the Silver State in your hands and before your eyes as often as possible.

These changes have been in the works for some time now, and it is either serendipitous or ironic that we are announcing it during the Covid-19 pandemic. I understand that these changes might come as a surprise, but rest assured the entire *Nevada Magazine* staff is as hard at work as ever to tell the rich, historical, cultural, and adventurous story of our beloved state. Our goal to share the best of Nevada is as strong as ever, and we are excited about the opportunity to tell our stories in new ways, reaching even more readers than ever before.

For our current subscribers, rest assured your issues will all be delivered to you. We will be extending subscriptions as needed; one-year subscriptions will now be for four issues. If you previously purchased a one-year subscription with six issues, you will still receive six issues. They will just be spread out over the course of our new schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, as always we are here to help. Below you'll find relevant phone numbers and email addresses.

*Nevada Magazine* has been an important part of our state's past, and with these changes, we look forward to a long and exciting future. Thank you for your continued support

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***"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people"***  
***Eleanor Roosevelt***

**Question:** We hurt without moving. We poison without touching. We bear the truth and the lies. We are not to be judged by our size. What are we?

## **From the National Archives**

### **Searching Still Photographs for Army Personalities**

Searching for photographs of specific service members can be difficult. Within the holdings of the Still Picture Branch at the National Archives, you can find personality indexes to aid in the search for specific individuals in the military.

Recently added to the National Archives Catalog includes a digitized portion of the Army's personality index titled [111-PX: Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files \(111-SC, 111-P, 111-PC, 111-C\), 1940 – 1981](#), covering World War II and the Korean War time period. The index can be useful for locating Army service members as well as notable personalities. A second section covering the Vietnam War time period is available onsite in our research room, and will be made available in the Catalog in the near future.

One important detail to keep in mind while searching 111-PX is that not every service member is included within the index. Typically, higher ranking individuals are the most frequently found in the index and oftentimes, individuals are not identified in the photographs. If you are unable to find the name of a specific individual, that indicates that we likely do not have a photograph of them or if we do, they were not identified in the caption.

### **Searching 111-PX**

To locate the series 111-PX through the Catalog search, simply enter “111-PX” into the search bar of the [Catalog](#). You can also search by the [National Archives Identifier \(NAID\) “530686.”](#)

Clicking on the title takes you to the Catalog description for the series 111-PX. Then, you can click on the blue button “Search within this series” to view all of the related Catalog entries.

Within the Catalog, the records are grouped in an alphabetical range by the last names of individuals within File Units. After clicking the “Search within this series” button, you will see a list of all of the available file units. To search, you will need to locate the group of records that includes the last name of the person you are searching for.

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For example, to search for someone with the last name “Davis,” we would find the File Unit, titled “Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files, 1940 – 1954: Danner – Davis.”

After selecting a File Unit, you can view all of the cards in the alphabetical range. Below the main image viewer is a list of all of the cards. The index cards have Signal Corps numbers associated with each name, which are the individual photograph identifier numbers. Once you have located a card with the name of the person we are searching for, we can then find the six-digit Signal Corps number.

The numbers are typically five to six digits and oftentimes preceded by “SC.” The complete Signal Corps number would combine “111-SC” and the six digit Signal Corps number to be “111-SC-XXXXXX.” In this example, the photograph of Pvt. Adam H. Davis is identified by the Signal Corps number 111-SC-198304.

These numbers align to various series of records within the Still Picture Branch, but will primarily align to the series [111-SC: Photographs of American Military Activities, ca. 1918 – ca. 1981](#). While not all of the related photographs have been digitized or are available in our Catalog, we were able to locate the photograph of Pvt. Davis within the series [111-SC: Photographs of American Military Activities, ca. 1918 – ca. 1981](#) by searching the Catalog for the Signal Corps number [111-SC-198304](#).



111-SC-198304

[Local Identifier: 111-SC-198304](#), Original caption: “Bastogne, Belgium—Weary infantrymen of the 110th Regt., 28th Div., US 1st Army following the German breakthrough in that area. The enemy overran their battalion. (L-R) Pvt. Adam H. Davis and T/S Milford A. Sillars. Dec. 19, 1944”

### Important Tips

It is helpful to know of a few gaps within the series that may cause difficulty while searching. First, a portion of the index covering last names that start with J through K were never transferred to NARA and it is unknown where they could be located. Next, a few cards within the index have only the “Field Number” and no associated or clear Signal Corps number. For example, a card may have only the number “FEC-49-2102,” and no easily identifiable six digit number.

Additionally, the majority of photographs within 111-SC have not been digitized. If you do locate an image that you would be interested in viewing, we invite you to our College Park Research Room to view the photo and any other related photographs as well.

**For the illustrated directions of above, see <https://mailchi.mp/nara/0rjknzxchj-763633?e=addc82077b>**

If you have questions about still photographs, you may contact the Still Picture Branch at [stillpix@nara.gov](mailto:stillpix@nara.gov).

Today's post comes from Sarah Lepianka, Archives Specialist in the Still Picture Branch at the National Archives. For additional information about these records and what you can expect to find within these series, see the original post on the [Unwritten Record blog](#)

Have a question? [Find your answer on History Hub!](#)

History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on [History Hub](#), or search to see if a question has been asked before.

[Citizen Archivists, there's a group just for you!](#) You can share tips and strategies, find new challenges, and get support for your work. Get started with our poll: [What kinds of records do you like to transcribe](#)



[Dee Numa](#) and [2 others](#) shared a [photo](#).

[Beverly Powless](#)

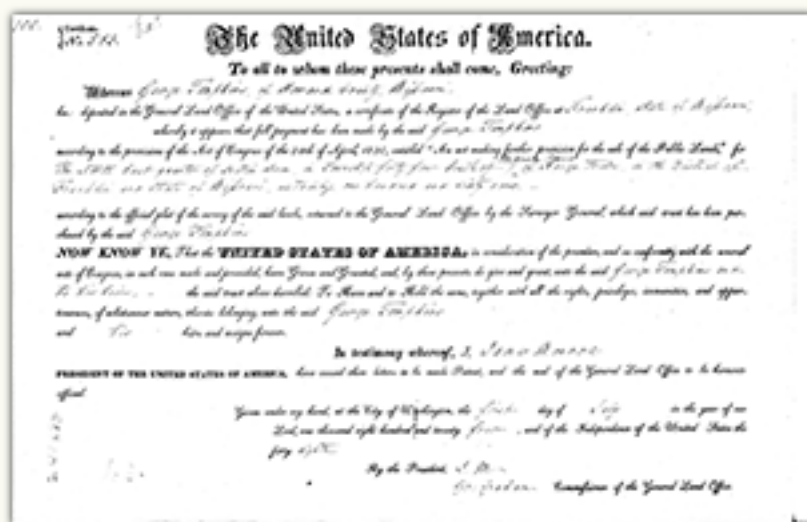
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[At that time a German General said, "the most dangerous of American soldiers is the Indian. H...](#)  
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*“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” —Henry Ford*

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## Another Activity from the National Archives

[Land Patent](#)



**Federal Land Patents** offer researchers a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the Federal government to individuals. In addition to verifying title transfer, this information will allow the researcher to associate an individual (Patentee, Assignee, Warrantee, Widow, or Heir) with a specific location (Legal Land Description) and time (Issue Date). We have a variety of Land Patents on our site, including Cash Entry, Homestead and Military Warrant patents.

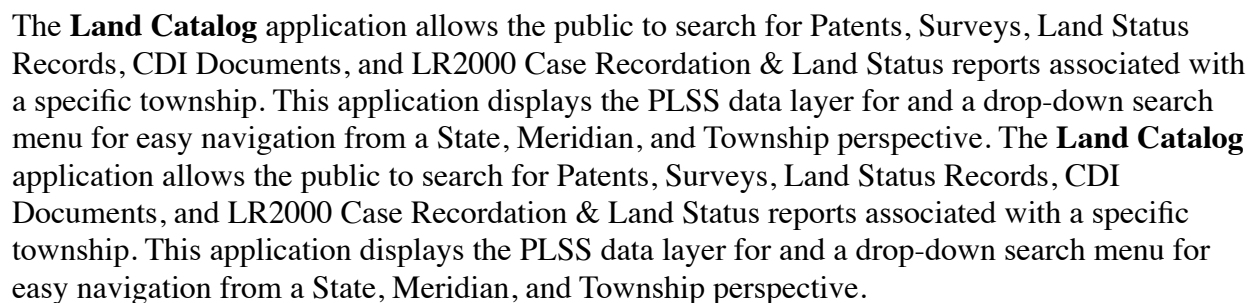
**Survey plats** are part of the official record of a cadastral survey. Surveying is the art and science of measuring the land to locate the limits of an owner's interest thereon. A cadastral survey is a survey which creates, marks, defines, retraces or re-establishes the boundaries and subdivisions of Federal Lands of the United States. The survey plat is the graphic drawing of the boundaries involved with a particular survey project, and contains the official acreage to be used in the legal description.

**Field notes** are the narrative record of the cadastral survey. They are written in tabular format and contain the detailed descriptions of entire survey process including the instrumentation and procedures utilized, calling all physical evidence evaluated in the survey process, and listing all of the individuals who participated in the work.

**Land Status Records** are used by BLM Western State Offices to document the ongoing state of a township's Federal and private land regarding title, lease, rights, and usage. These documents include Master Title Plats, which are a composite of all Federal surveys for a township. Other Land Status Records include Use Plats, Historical Indices, and Supplemental Plats.

The **Control Document Index** includes BLM documents that affect or have affected the control, limitation, or restriction of public land and resources. CDI documents include public laws,

**Tract Books** are used by BLM Eastern State Offices as the basic index for public land title research. Tract Books are simply listings of all the transactions involving surveyed public lands —by State or territory, meridian, township, range, section, and subdivisions. Today, there are 1,582 original General Land Office tract books at Eastern States, showing how, when, and to whom title to Public Domain lands passed from the United States—in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin.



## **'Genius' or 'Amoral'? Artist's Latest Angers Indigenous Canadians**

By CATHERINE PORTER

The Canadian Cree artist Kent Monkman is celebrated for paintings that reflect the lives of Indigenous people, but some feel his new work goes too far.