2019
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HONOR THE PAST,
EMBRACE THE FUTURE.

10:30-11:30AM—OPENING CEREMONY
SIDNEY R. YATES AUDITORIUM, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
(These events will be Livestreamed)
- Color Guard – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- Drum Group – Zotigh Singers
- Welcome – Mark Cruz, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs for Policy & Economic Development, DOI
- Blessing – Spike Bighorn, Associate Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services, BIA – Assiniboine and Sioux
- Opening Remarks/Keynote Speaker Introduction – Tara Sweeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, DOI
- Keynote Speaker – Nick Hanson, Eskimo Ninja – Ilulissat – Native Village of Unalakleet

1:30-2:30PM—VETERANS HONORING DAY
SIDNEY R. YATES AUDITORIUM, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
(These events will be Livestreamed)
- Presenter – D.G. Smalling, Artist
- Color Guard – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard

“ROCK YOUR MOCS” DAY
A celebration of Indian Country unity and individual tribal cultures through the wearing of one’s traditional footwear at work and everywhere. #RockYourMocs2019

10:00AM-11:00 AM—RED SHAWL DAY
SIDNEY R. YATES AUDITORIUM, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
(These events will be Livestreamed)
- Raising awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and all American Indian and Alaska Native victims #RedShawlDay
- Color Guard and Posting of the Colors – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- Drum Group – BIA Office of Justice Services Drum Group
- Speakers – Linda Bearcrane Couture, Supervisory Victim Specialist, Office of Justice Services Victim Assistance Program, BIA – Drow
- Wendy Bremer, BIA Victim Specialist – Blackfeet Tribe
- Gwen Kasero, BIA Victim Specialist – Laguna Pueblo

11:30AM-12:30PM—D.G. SMALLING
BISON BISTRO, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
(These events will be Livestreamed)
- Welcome – Dennis Zotigh
- Color Guard – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard

11:00AM-2:00PM—INDIAN TACO & VENDOR DAY
BISON BISTRO, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
- Enjoy an Indian Country treat (#IndianTacos) and peruse the Indian arts and crafts tables
- Native entertainment by “Good Medicine: A Stand-Up Comedy Show” Featuring:
  - Suzanne Windsor – Piscataway
  - Brian Baha – Navajo (Diné)
  - Meddis Pennington – Cherokee Nation
  - Gigi Modrich – Jicarilla Apache
- Traveling Song – Lance Fisher – Northern Cheyenne

10:00AM-12:00PM—CLOSING EVENTS & CEREMONY
SIDNEY R. YATES AUDITORIUM, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
Native performances by:
- Color Guard – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- Drum Group – BIA Office of Justice Services Drum Group
- Kíña Eckemweller (singer) – Ilulissat – Native Village of Unalakleet
- The Sampson Brothers (traditional hoop dancing with contemporary hip-hop)– Lumhe and Samshe Thompson – Muskokw Creek and Seneca
- Traveling Song – Lance Fisher – Northern Cheyenne

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2019 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE
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