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**TO: County Veterans Service Offices
Tribal Veterans Service Offices**

SUBJECT: Tribal Liaison Announcement

To Wisconsin's County Veteran Service Officers,

I'm thrilled to announce that WDVA has hired Melissa Doud as our new Tribal Liaison starting Monday, April 24th. As Tribal Liaison, she will be responsible for outreach to tribal veterans and veterans' representatives and bringing suggestions, questions, and concerns from the tribal veteran community back to WDVA.

Melissa is a proud member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in northern Wisconsin. She is a 20-year Army veteran and has been to various duty stations around the world, including a tour in Iraq. She remains active in her local veteran group and regularly connects with Tribal veterans throughout Wisconsin at cultural events.

Her professional experience includes, positions with Chippewa Valley Bank, the Lac du Flambeau Business Development Corporation, and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) where she recently served as the Program Director for the Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network (WNATN). She successfully built a network of WNATN representatives from various Tribes in Wisconsin through her leadership and engagement.

You are all invaluable partners in serving Wisconsin veterans. I know Melissa will be a tremendous resource for connecting state resources and feedback to WDVA.

Thank you,

James Bond, Secretary-designee