

## **First Tribal Veteran Service Officer to serve as the President of the Tribal/County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin.**

83 String is the motto. 11 Wisconsin Tribes and 72 counties.

Bruce Wilber Jr of the Menominee Nation is acting President and will be sworn in this Fall as President.

The Tribes will have a drum and honor song at the Fall conference in Kenosha for the swearing in ceremony.

As Senator Baldwin stated “You have made history as the first Tribal Veteran Service Officer to hold this position. You are a credit to the Menominee Nation and to all Native Americans who have bravely served our country. I am grateful to have you as a partner in advocating for the rights and benefits of our Veterans, and I look forward to working with you”.

Working with other Tribal Veterans Service Officers and with County Veteran Service Officers blends knowledge of VA systems, forms and claims and enhances both delivery to our Tribal Veterans, and the ability to share Tribal culture and service to our country.

Many County Veteran Service Officers embrace our joining the Association and we are grateful for their inclusion of our unique sovereign status and mission to serve Tribal Veterans in our Communities.

Twice per year the Association meets and covers several days of training to maintain accreditation and share experiences with the “I have a Veteran session”. These scenarios help all participants navigate VA requirements for submitting claims, appealing and forming changes to the VA and WDVA processes for serving Veterans.

Tribal and County Veteran Service Officers aid all Veterans free of charge to the Veteran.