

March 4, 2010

Letter to the AGIF Membership

RE: Appointment of California Department of VA Assistant Secretary of Native American Veterans Affairs



**Pete Molina, Commander
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Mr. Pete Molina, the AGIF/CA Fresno Chapter Commander, was ceremoniously sworn in as California Dept. of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) Assistant Secretary of Native American Veterans Affairs on March 3, 2010. Mr. Molina is a well-known proponent for Veterans benefits and rights for Native Americans and all Veterans.

California will go down in the annals of history for having the first Native American in the nation serving as an Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs.

Mr. Roger Brautigan, CDVA Secretary, congratulated Mr. Molina, as well as Mr. Donald Loudner, Commander of Native American Indian Veterans, on his appointment, and spoke on how he also made history with the confirmation of his appointment.

Mr. Francisco Ivarra, AGIF National Commander, also spoke, congratulating Mr. Molina and introduced various California Forumeers in attendance. AGIF/CA was well represented at the swearing in ceremony with members from San Jose, Santa Maria, Fresno, Modesto, Sacramento and Women chapters from the Hector P. Garcia, San Jose, Sacramento and Santa Maria attending.

Well over 200 people attended the ceremony and a reception afterwards with pictures taken with Mr. Molina and all personally congratulating Mr. Molina and his family, who also attended.

Thank you.

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