

## **Ft. Polk, LA and the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma -Chronology of Consultation Activities**

Spring 1998 – Caddo Conference. Ft. Polk representative Jim Grafton and Dr. Diane Mann, Corps of Engineers, did a presentation and indirectly “approached” Caddo about Ft. Polk’s archaeological collection.

July 1998

Stacey Halfmoon, NAGPRA representative, visited Ft. Polk to see the curation facilities, the base, and the artifacts. Met cultural resources staff.

Began building relationship. Ideas were shared about how Ft. Polk might integrate tribal concerns and interests, when possible (e.g., like replanting native plants in OK, approval of curation methods at Ft. Polk, establishing a reburial cemetery on base).

January 1999

Vernon Hunter (Tribal Chairman), Stacey Halfmoon, Robert Cast (Tribal Historian), and Rebecca Davidson (Environmental Director) went to Fort Polk for an informal meeting to discuss ideas for cooperation. Out of this meeting came idea for Bone ID course to be put on by the Corps for Ft. Polk staff, with Caddo presentation on tribe’s perspective on NAGPRA and NHPA .

May 1999

Course held at Fort Polk on identification on non-human bone and increasing awareness of NAGPRA regulations.

July 1999

Informal meeting at Barksdale AFB, LA attended by Caddo tribal representatives, Barksdale personnel, Jim Grafton (Fort Polk), and Paul Green (ACC). Diane made connection with AF, since they are near Polk and Caddo ancestral lands.

Review by Caddo of draft comprehensive agreement between Caddo Nation and Fort Polk.

June 2000

Meeting at Fort Polk to plan Native American Month. Stacey Halfmoon was asked to help coordinate Ft. Polk’s celebrations in November.

July 2000

Plans for signing ceremony made at Caddo Tribal Council Meeting.

November 2000

Coordinated Caddo Council going to Ft. Polk for the opening celebration of Native American Heritage Month and the signing of Comprehensive Agreement.

Nov-Dec 2000

Review by Caddo of draft MOA between Caddo Nation and Barksdale AFB.

March 2001 - Input for planning annual consulting meeting and ideas for cooperative programs solicited at Caddo Tribal Council Meeting (annual meetings required by CA).