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Celebrating
Native American
Heritage Month
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Sequence of Events

Welcome

Army Staff Sgt. Walter Stanley

Arrival of the Official Party

Invocation

Army Maj. Linda Lesane

National Anthem

Reba Patterson

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker:

Karenne Wood

Director, Virginia Indian Programs
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Closing Remarks

Navy Capt. Sterling Sherman
Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Chief of Staff

Guest Speaker



Karenne Wood is an enrolled member of the Monacan Indian Nation who serves on the Tribal Council. She directs Virginia Indian Programs at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and is a PhD candidate and Ford Fellow in anthropology at the University of Virginia, working to revitalize indigenous languages and cultural practices. She has worked at the National Museum of the American Indian as a researcher and at the Association on American Indian Affairs as a repatriation specialist. She held a four-year gubernatorial appointment as Chair of the Virginia Council on Indians through 2007.

Karenne is the author of *Markings on Earth*, which won the North American Native Authors' Award for Poetry in 2000. She received the Writer of the Year award in Poetry in 2002 from the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers. She is the editor of *The Virginia Indian Heritage Trail*, now in its third edition; and she recently contributed a chapter on Southeastern Indians to National Geographic's *Indian Nations of North America*. Her poems have appeared in *Iris*, *Orion*, and *Shenandoah*, among other journals, and in numerous anthologies. She recently completed a second book of poems, *Weaving the Boundary*, which is currently under review.