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In honor of Joseph Zubert, Army - Served in World War II
Hometown: Eveleth, Minnesota
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Thank you so much dad for everything you did for our country and for everything you do for me everyday

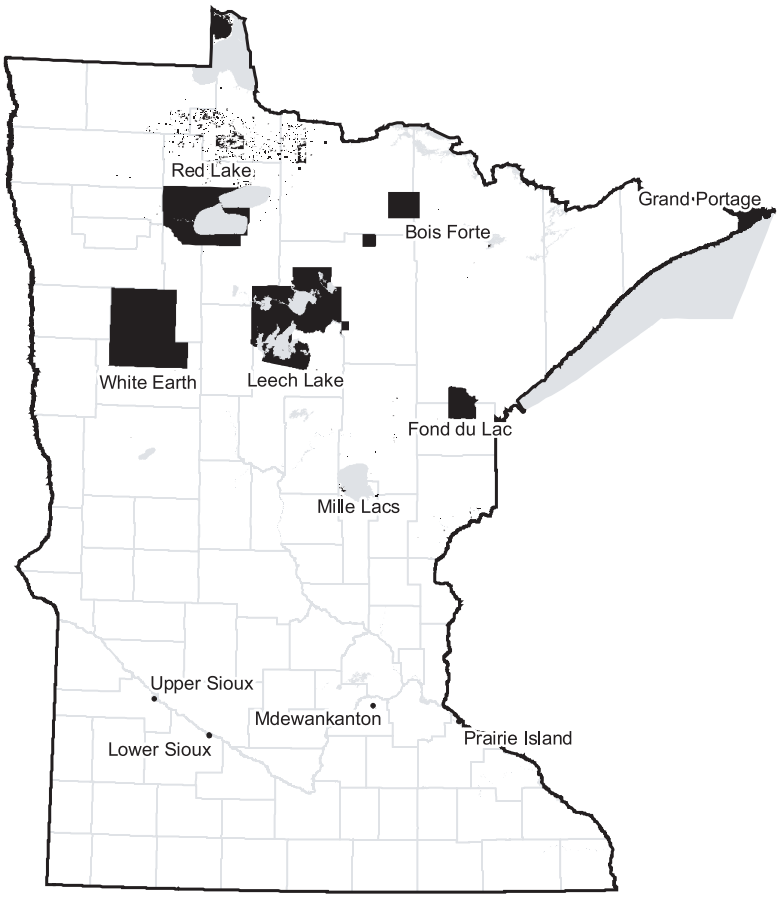
MINNESOTA'S FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

Federally recognized American Indian tribes are ones that were in existence, or evolved as a successor to a tribe that was in existence, before anyone else inhabited the United States. Tribes exist in a "domestic dependent nation status" and have a government-to-government relationship with the United States. They possess certain inherent rights of self-government and are entitled to certain federal benefits, services, and protections.

There are eleven federally recognized American Indian tribes with reservations throughout Minnesota. Seven of these are Anishinaabe (Chippewa, Ojibwe) and four are Dakota (Sioux).

The seven communities of Grand Portage, Bois Forte, Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake, Fond du Luc and Mille Lacs comprise the Anishinaabe reservations. These reservations are located throughout northern Minnesota, from the central lakes region of the state to the north eastern tip.

In the southern region of the state there are four Dakota reservations: Shakopee Mdewakanton, Prairie Island, Lower Sioux, and Upper Sioux. Like the reservations in northern Minnesota, these areas of land were set aside by United States government treaties.



Minnesota Indian Reservations

MINNESOTA'S FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa-Nett Lake
P.O. Box 16, 5344 Lakeshore Dr., Nett Lake, MN 55772
Phone: (800) 221-8129 **Fax:** (218) 757-3312
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa—Vermillion
1610 Farm Road South, Tower, MN 55790
Phone: (218) 753-4905 **Fax:** (218) 753-4053
Web site: www.boisforte.com
E-mail: kevin.leecy@boisforte-nsn.gov
Tribal Chair: Kevin Leecy

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, MN 55720
Phone: (218) 879-4593
Web site: www.fdlrez.com
Tribal Chair: Karen R. Diver

Grand Portage Band of Chippewa
Box 428, Grand Portage, MN 55605
Phone: (218) 475-2277
E-mail: Norman@grandportage.com
Web site: www.grandportage.com
Tribal Chair: Norman Deschampe

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
115 N.W. 6th St., Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633
Phone: (218) 335-8200 **Fax:** (218) 335-8309
Web site: www.llojibwe.com
Tribal Chair: Arthur "Archie" La Rose

Lower Sioux Community
Box 308, 39375 Cty. Hwy. 24, Morton, MN 56270
Phone: (507) 697-6185 **Fax:** (507) 697-8617
Web site: www.lowersioux.com
Tribal President: Lyla Jean Stacy

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Government Center, 43408 Oodena Dr., Onamia, MN 56359
Phone: (320) 532-4181
Web site: www.millelacsojibwe.org
Tribal Chief Executive: Marge Anderson

Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Rd., Welch, MN 55089
Phone: (800) 554-5473 **Fax:** (651) 385-4180
E-mail: rjohnson@piic.org
Web site: www.prairieisland.org
Tribal President: Ronald Johnson

Red Lake Band of Ojibwe
Box 550, Red Lake, MN 56671
Phone: (218) 679-3341 **Fax:** (218) 679-3378
E-mail: fjourdain@redlakenation.org
Web site: www.redlakenation.org
Tribal Chair: Floyd "Buck" Jourdain

Shakopee-Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community
2330 Sioux Tr. N.W., Prior Lake, MN 55372
Phone: (952) 445-8900
Web site: www.ccsmdc.org
Tribal Chair: Stanley Crooks

Upper Sioux Community Pejuhutazizi Oyate
Box 147, 5738 Hwy. 67 E., Granite Falls, MN 56241
Phone: (320) 564-2360
E-mail: kevinj@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov
Web site: www.uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov
Tribal Chair: Kevin Jensvold

White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: (218) 983-3285
Web site: www.whiteearth.com
Tribal Chair: Erma Vizenor

STATE TRIBAL RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN INDIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MN Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155
Law provides: The 17-member council provides advice on policies, goals, and the operation of chemical health program services. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Section 254A.035, subd. 2)

AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
3801 Bemidji Ave., Suite 5, Bemidji 56601; 161 St. Anthony Ave. Ste 924, St. Paul, 55103
Phone: (651) 296-0041 **Web site:** www.mniac.org **E-mail:** miac@paulbunyan.net
Law provides: The council includes representatives from Minnesota's 11 tribal governments and two elected members representing Minnesota residents enrolled in non-Minnesota Indian reservations to advise the governor, the legislature, and state agencies regarding policies, programs, and services affecting Indian citizens and to create public awareness of their needs. The law also provides for an advisory council on urban Indians appointed by the council and consisting of five members from the vicinity of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Section 3.922)
Executive Director: Annamarie Hill

AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MN Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155
E-mail: dhs.child.safety-permanency@state.mn.us
Law provides: The 17-member council assists the commissioner of human services in formulating policies and procedures relating to Indian child welfare services. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Section 260.835)

OMBUDSPERSON FOR INDIAN FAMILIES
1450 Energy Park Dr., Ste 106, St. Paul 55108
Phone: (651) 643-2523
Law provides: The ombudsperson shall monitor agency compliance with all laws governing child protection and placement, as they impact Indian children through work with the courts, court officials, policy makers, service providers, social workers, guardians ad litem, and training. The ombudsperson has the authority to investigate decisions or acts, and other matters of an agency, program or facility via complaints, systems and personnel, or upon personal initiative. (*Minnesota Statutes,* 257.0755)

URBAN INDIAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL
3801 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji 56601
Phone: (218) 755-3825
Law provides: The council advises the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council board of directors on the concerns of Minnesota Indians who reside in the urban areas of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes,* Section 3.922, Subd. 8)