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American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) Board Member and Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Tourism Director LaDonna Brave Bull Allard will make a presentation on "Life in the James River Valley" at the Whitestone Hill 150th Commemoration Event on Saturday, August 24, which begins at 9:00 a.m. CST at Whitestone Hill, Kulm, North Dakota.

Sponsored by the State Historic Society of North Dakota and Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historical Society, the event will include stations throughout the day for Dakota life ways, food demonstrations, military life and settler reenactments, Dakota drum and dances, Dakota War history and more. Food vendors will also be on site for lunch and refreshments.

"The 150th Commemoration of the Whitestone Massacre should always be remembered so this never happens again," said LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, AIANTA Board Member at Large and Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Tourism Director. "This event changed my people forever; we lost our lives, our homes, our land and most of all, our center. I remember my great-great grandmother Nape Hote Win as a young girl of nine who was shot and survived; my great-great grandfather Tatanka Ohitika who called the buffalo for the people was taken as a Prisoner of War. On this day of commemoration, we begin the long journey of healing by bringing my nation together again as a people. We remember, we pray and we heal."

Whitestone Hill State Historic Site is where the Sixth Iowa and Second Nebraska Volunteer Calvary troops under Brigadier General Alfred Sully battled with Dakota (Sioux) warriors on September 3 and 5, 1863. The attack on the Two Bears Dakota (Sioux) village at

Whitestone Hill was the last battle of the 1863 campaign, and the last major battle between soldiers and American Indians east of the North Dakota's Missouri River.

On the actual anniversary date, Sept. 3, Dakota and Lakota will gather at Whitestone Hill for a private observance.

A panel discussion will also be held to discuss "Preservation of Whitestone Hill – from the past, present and future." The panel will include: Whitestone Hill Battlefield Society Board Member Alden Flakoll, Program Director for North Dakota Humanities Council Dakota Goodhouse, AIANTA Board Member and Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Tourism Director LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, Tribal Historian for Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Historic Preservation Office Tamara St. John, and Historic Sites Manager for the State Historical Society of North Dakota Diane Rogness.

**A tentative schedule of events can be found below in Central Standard Time:**

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stations and Demonstrations
- 9:00 a.m.  
Opening Prayer by Kevin Locke of The Kevin Locke Native Dance Ensemble
- 9:15 a.m.  
Life in the James River Valley by LaDonna Brave Bull Allard
- 11:00 a.m.  
The Military Context of Whitestone Hill – Tactics, Artillery and Non-Combatants by Historian-Archeologist Richard M. Rothaus
- 11:45 a.m.  
Remembering Whitestone Hill by Historian Aaron Barth
- 1:00 p.m.  
Identity and Story of the Native People of Whitestone Hill
- 3:00 p.m.  
Panel Discussion: Preservation of Whitestone Hill – Past, Present and Future
- 4:00 p.m.  
Dance by Kevin Locke
- 5:30 p.m.  
Buffalo Supper – RSVP required; \$10 per person in advance and \$15 the day of the event. For more info contact: (701) 328-3508 or (701) 391-6011.