

Ted Herrera

Ted Herrera was born in the Coahuiltecan Sacred Land along the Rio Grande where the Peyote grows (Mirando City, Texas) to Maria Lara, a Tlaxcala, Huichol Indian and Eduardo Herrera a Tlaxcala, Carrizo Coahuiltecan Indian.

Ted is one of five Tribal Leaders of the Texas recognized Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

Ted is from the Coahuilteco Nation and lives in San Antonio, TX.

He retired in 1998, as the Kelly Air Force Base Program Manager, for the Production Quality Control Program, where he had oversight responsibilities for writing policy and procedures that governed over 5,000 Air Craft Journeymen in 54 job skills.

In March 2000, started partnership with Hugh Fitzsimons raising Buffalo for ceremonial and economic development.

Ted presently serves on the following committees:

USDA/NRCS Texas State Technical Committee, as an advocate for stakeholders of tribally owned land and land owned by Tribal members.

Mexico–North Research Network, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, addressing the life flow constrains of indigenous people on both sides of the Rio Grande.

As a consultant to the Texas Historical Commission on investigations of artifacts for proper disposition when uncovered by construction work on Texas highways.

As the Coahuiltecan Nation's NAGPRA consultant with the Army Corp of Engineers for Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio TX.

As the NAGPRA liaison with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As the Coahuiltecan Nation's Liaison with UTSA on a language development Program

Liaison between the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Board member of Mantel Rock Native Education and Cultural Center

Board Member of Friends of the Indigenous Elders

Ted is also a member of the following organizations:

Member of North American Iroquois Veterans Association

Member of Nationally Active and Retired Federal Employees Association



Member of Spiritual Elders of Mother Earth

Founder and Spiritual leader of Rio Grande Native American Church

In their spare time Ted and his wife JoAnn of 38 years also enjoy putting on educational programs to educate students of all ages in the Texas public school system about indigenous cultures/traditions. They also maintain strong ties with their extended Huichol families in Mexico who keep them well supplied with arts/crafts to sell at pow wows.