

LORETTA V. METOXEN

Born and raised on the Oneida Indian Reservation in Northeast Wisconsin, Loretta entered the U.S. Air Force after graduation from high school in 1950, serving as an Airborne Radar Technician during the Korean War. Upon her honorable discharge from military service, Loretta went about the joyous task of raising seven children. Loretta and her husband Floyd continue to reside on the Oneida Indian Reservation where they are actively involved in many community and civic organizations.



With a sincere interest in the Oneida Nation Government process, Loretta was elected to her first term on the governing body of the Oneida Indian Nation in 1967 and has faithfully served her people for over 29 years as a member of the Oneida Business Committee. This leadership, along with other elected leaders has guided the economic development of the Oneida Nation to become the largest employer in northeast Wisconsin, an area that includes the city of Green Bay. Prior to being elected to the position of Vice-Chairwoman, Loretta served as the treasurer of the Oneida Indian Tribe where she instituted strict fiscal policies and finalized an investment portfolio for the Oneida Nation.

Throughout her career, Loretta has gained an excellent working knowledge and concern about issues at the local, state, and national levels. At the local level, she has worked to focus attention on the needs of the homeless and was author of the first Homeless Transitional Housing Program funded in America and located in northeast Wisconsin. At the state level, her past service included 11 years as chairperson of the Great Lakes Intertribal Education Committee, focusing on education of Native Americans of all ages. Loretta's efforts on the national level is reflected in her two-year tenure as President of the National Coalition of Indian Education, a national organization of Indian educators working to improve the education of Native American children in America.

Recognized as an expert on Native American history and more specifically, Native Land Claims, Loretta serves as guest lecturer for Mt. Senario College, in addition to frequent requests to speak to educators and students on topics of historical and social significance to Native Americans. Highly respected throughout the Native American

community, Loretta continues to be concerned about all issues relevant to all Americans. She currently holds the position of Tribal Historian.