

## **Native Film Challenging Bush's Brilliance to Utilize Violence As a Way to Solve Problems Headed for California Schools and Native People**

*"The Sand Creek Massacre" is a documentary film about an open wound in the souls of the Cheyenne/Arapaho people. On November 29, 1864, 700 troops savagely slaughtered over 400 Cheyenne/Arapaho babies, children, persons with disabilities, elders and women. This act became known as the Sand Creek Massacre.*

March 25, 2007 -- CENTENNIAL, CO -- A documentary film based on an award-winning documentary short film, "The Sand Creek Massacre", and driven by Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho people who tell their version about what happened during the Sand Creek Massacre via their oral histories, is going to California. It is going to be screened at the San Bernadino/Riverside Counties Native American Community Council on April 19, 2007 and the California Center for Native Americans, date to be announced. The availability of the film will be made to local school districts.

"We must learn how to communicate better. We must learn how to get along," Lucian Marvin Twins, Southern Cheyenne, Sand Creek Massacre descendant, said.

"This statement summarizes my commitment to helping others learn an alternative to violence to solve problems," said award-winning writer/filmmaker Don Vasicek. The Cheyenne/Arapaho people in my "The Sand Creek Massacre" film directly addresses it. Ignorance is the source of fear. Fear blinds one to their intellect. Fear is the source of killing others to solve problems. I believe that we are more intelligent than that. We simply need to utilize it at the appropriate times. One only needs to see."

Chief Eugene Blackbear, Sr., Cheyenne, who starred as Chief Black Kettle in "The Last of the Dogmen" also starring Tom Berenger and Barbara Hershey, and "Dr. Colorado", Tom Noel, University of Colorado history professor, are featured.

A clip can be viewed and the film can be ordered for \$24.95 plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling at <http://www.fullduck.com/node/53>. Accompanying lesson plans/curriculum are also available.

Vasicek's web site, <http://www.donvasicek.com>, provides detailed information about the Sand Creek Massacre including various still images particularly on the Sand Creek Massacre home page and on the proposal page. This project is a powerful educational tool!

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