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Just a few words to reflect on the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans held at Sarg Hubbard Park. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of veterans in attendance: also the veterans were accompanied by family and friends, making the experience even greater. A big shout out to all those that stepped up and put in the extra effort to bring everything together. I know that a lot of hearts were touched, again thank you. Don't forget to thank the committees that have worked so hard on our fund raising projects. The committee chairs being Corky Ambrose and Rebecca Corpuz. Some \$4000.00 raised for the building project, please give them and their crews a hardy well done, the next time you see them.

Be thinking about our pic-nic and when you want to burn some dogs. I

always look forward to just having fun, definitely a day for laughter.

Ron Bravo will compile some Yakama Warriors history scrap book. Any news or pictures of the past 23 years will be appreciated. Well I'm out of here, smooth sailing and gentle seas to all. Vic



And here were the details and events the **Warriors participate throughout the month of February and March**

February 21, and 22

First of all I must report on the Sacaton trip where several veterans went down to participate in the 69th Annual Ira Hayes Commemoration Parade on February 22

The day before the parade

Corky and Buddy Barron did not get that much sleep before they attended the dinner at the boys and girls club.

Vic Ganuelas and Robert Wahpat drove down to meet up with Corky and Buddy so that they all could March in the Parade as a group as Corky had submitted the paper work ahead of time. The group was in 40th place in line out of the 120 groups that were in the parade. The two mile march they made and were recognized once they were by the announcer stand. Later they receive a t-shirt and cap for their participation in the parade

march. There were other members from the Yakama Warriors there, but they were not in the parade. They did however attend the Bolin Plaza Ceremony for the 4 & 5 Marine Division.

Thanks to the four that marched in the parade to show off the Yakama Warrior pride.

Unfortunately I did not receive any photos of the parade.

February 28, Spaghetti Feed held at the All Tribes Church off of 97 and Progressive went really great.

The individual donations that were made was a god sent, we could not have done without these members that are always willing to step up and help the Fundraising Committee.

Joe M, Andy T, Stan M, Orillia S, Bravo, Vic W, Loren, and Pamela



I would like to **Thank** the **All Tribes Church** for their support in lending the Warriors the use of the kitchen. The clean up crew or swabbies had several members of the little peoples clan helping them out.

They are: Lilly and Gracie Briggs, Arya Elkington and Rose Marie Woods. If you don't know who they are then you have better make it a point of Thanking these girls at the next detail The Taco Feed which will be held at the All Tribes Church on March 28 from Noon till 6 p.m.

While some were at the Spaghetti Feed, Corky and Glen were at the Agency selling tickets for the Fundraising for the Warriors Building. Ticket sales are going great as the time is limited and so are the tickets as the drawing is getting closer. April 3rd is the day of the drawing.

Thanks to all the **individual donations** for the Oklahoma trip. It's greatly appreciated.

Thanks also goes out to the **individuals** that have send in donations towards the building fund.

It has been set up that one can now go on the internet and directly send donations to **Banner Bank**, but you must indicate "**the Yakama Warriors Building Fund**".

On March the Committee met at the Wolf Den and before the meeting started a Presentation was made to the All Tribes Church Pastor. Corky Ambrose presented Pastor Ann and Pastor Donna **'An Appreciation Certificate** and two mugs so they could enjoy their cup of coffee.



Pamela Mayhue presented them with a donation on behalf of the Yakama Warriors for the use of the church. They were very happy with the cleaning of the floor done by the swabbies.

and the little peoples clan for their clean up chores. The Pastor said "The Warriors could use the church kitchen anytime they wish as long as its not in use by other group. So the next detail was the Taco feed on **March 28**, from Noon till 6:30.

March 15 Tahoma Cemetery

Marine Corps League and the Yakama Warriors shared the duties of performing the Military honors to a WW11 Veteran with a 21 gun salute and playing of taps.



March 15 Warriors took in the colors to Corpuz Promotions Boxing at the Community in Toppenish were Randell Corpuz won another fight. Next one will be in White Swan in April.



March 22, Heritage University Warriors were again invited to bring in the colors to the annual open house for new students that will be graduating this year and attending Heritage University.

March 28 Taco Feed at All Tribes Church. That Friday the Taco feed went well, the ladies did the frybread cooking and we did have enough until just before closing Andy had to make another batch of fry bread, then we ran out of the mix for the Tacos, but all as great.



Thanks to all that helped at the Taco Feed.

March 30, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Gathering

Since the Yakama Warriors were instrumental in having the bill pass through the Senate and House for Washington state. They were asked if they would like to host if 1st Anniversary of Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran at Sarg Hubbard on this date. So Head Warrior Vic Wood called on his sub Chief Corky Ambrose and with the help from Larry Gatlin and Jesse Villanueva they were able to have an agenda. The participants were contacted and invited and were willing to do their part to have this day a memorable day to remember. Howard Campbell volunteered to get the chairs for the audience and have them set up before they all arrived at the park. Jessie and Larry Gatlin set up the sound system and was ready to go at 1 p.m. The Marine Corps League posted the colors for the memorial



and the Warriors carried in the service colors.



National Anthem was sung by Joe Moreland,



invocation was by Robert Lantrip and welcome remarks from Vic Wood, Head Warrior.

Gil Calac shared the story of how that day came to be Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. An emotional story was shared by Mrs. Diep Miller, who became an American Citizen after leaving Vietnam. Afterwards, she was presented with a shawl with the Warrior logo. Presenters were Pamlea Mayhue, Rebecca Corpuz and Mary Diavolikis.



Ron Bravo presented Mrs. Miller with a pin which she wore on her shawl. Robert and Delva Lantrip from Pointman International Ministries, presented Mrs. Miller with the Distinguished Medal of Service.



Poems was shared by Ozuna and Bill Rasmussen.



Vic Wood introduced individual service songs, all members of that service line up with their service flag and Loren Corpuz played their service songs.

Vietnam Veterans of America Larry Gatlin and Jessie

Villanueva place the wreath in front of the memorial. The Yakama Warriors did the 21 gun volley and taps was again by Loren Corpuz and Jeanette Garcia, Miss Yakama Nation. Closing prayer by Stan Miller summed up that day and ended with snacks for all to enjoy. Thanks to all that attended the 1st gathering of Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home. And to all for your donations.

April 3rd the Yakama Warriors held their raffle drawing. Most of the winners were from Yakima. Thanks to Glen Weaver and his nephew Marcus Silas for all the ticket sales they did. Awesome job from these two gentlemen. They sold more tickets than anyone else. Thanks again.

Photo taken the drawing of some of the ticket sellers.



Remember the next fund raiser is the Hamburger feed on April 11 at the Agency. So please come out and help.

Remember, pray for all the members who may be suffering and in the mend from surgery.

Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all for this month and last month.

For the upcoming details they will be:

April 25, at 8 a.m. Stone Setting, Catholic Cemetery in White Swan

April 26, at 10 a.m. Granger Parade with lower Valley Honor Guard

April 26, at 7 p.m. Flag Detail for the Corpuz Promotions Boxing in White Swan.

PLEASE NOTE:

Remember a Ballot is enclosed for you to fill in and return to the Yakama Warriors Association.

Please do this as soon as possible. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

These ballots must be received before May 1st meeting