

SMOKE SIGNALS

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We are now in the fall version of our yearly trek. Before we know it, Veterans Day will be upon us. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is only about 60 day away. We need to start thinking of a event gathering program.

For those who missed the picnic, you missed a great time. The food was fantastic and the games were a blast. Great time was had by all. Thanks for all the hard work putting this event together. Next year we will need to remember to schedule our picnic before camp so that everyone has a better chance of attending.

Keep up the good work and remember to keep our fellow vets in prayer,
Smooth sailing to all/ Vic

May 24, Memorial Day at the Reservation Cemetery, some photos of what happened before the start of the ceremony. Our Head Warriors decided that he had to sit down, Maxine decided to try the chair also. As it happen when she sat on his lap, the darn chair broke. We had to help the Maxine get off, of the lap of our head warrior. Then right after that it was back to business. I will include these in this newsletter as promise, a photo or two or three.



Where is Mike?

Here Mike is telling Vic to Let Maxine up as the chair was broken.



June 14, Troy Monholland and Corky Ambrose headed this event as **Old worn out flags were burnt** at the Black Rock Golf Course in Sunnyside. This event went without a hitch and Loren was there to render the playing of Taps for all that were there to witness how this was done.

June 20 -22 Muckleshoot Pow-wow, Warriors were the host honor guard at the Muckleshoot Veterans Pow-wow. Here they are as everybody gets to line up for the grand entry on Saturday afternoon. All veterans in attendance received their service flag.



As the Veterans were lining up.

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(Photo before the Grand entry with Taylor Miss Indian World from Fort Hall, Idaho with the Warriors that were at Muckleshoot)
Even our own Buddy Hoptowit was able to be there way in the background for this photo.

June 26, Retirement of Nancy Regan at the HIS Toppenish, Warriors were there to see Miss Regan, a USN veteran retired from the tribal Indian Health Services. So many years and so many friends she made. She will be missed.

June 26, Phillip Coon.

Michael, son of Phillip Coon, called Loren to inform him of his dad passing and requested him to come and attend the funeral and to play for his dad's military funeral at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

Mr. Phillip Coon, was a prisoner of War during World War II, Bataan Death March Survivor and was a slave on the Hell ships. If you had not read of his life experience, you can read the Tulsa World News. It will tell you of the treatment and how this man survived during his ordeal.

With the permission from his son I am able to include the photo of Michael Coon, his dad, mom with Loren at the Living History Days 2012 in Portland.



Mr. Ken Buckles was able to have Mrs. Helen Coon join her husband two years ago to share their stories to students at the Living History Days. She was also on the Creek Choir that traveled the world, singing the songs in the creek language. She will be greatly missed by the choir family.

That same week of June 23 to 29, there was the Festival, Rodeo and baseball tournament going on. Saturday June 28 in Okmulgee Oklahoma there was a parade where Mr. Coon was to have rode in a convertible. Since they did not want to cancel the Parade, they made it so that it was a parade where Michael Coon rode for his dad.



In honor of Phillip Coon, another member of the Yakama Warriors Association, Robert Delsi from Arizona was asked to carry the Eagle Staff in memory of Philip Coon. He led the parade with a Seminole Veteran who also was at the Living History Days last year in Portland. His name is also Philip Coon, and there is no relation there.

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The Seminole Veterans Honor Guard from Seminole Nation invited Loren to ride with them and play his trumpet along the route of the parade.



After the parade we were invited with Michael to attend a special dinner in honor of his father at the Elders diner where Robert presented necklaces to elder veterans and Loren played for the elder veterans who are member of the Lumbee.



After that Michael took us on a tour of how his father was honored while he was alive. They had named the Muscogee Creek Native Elders Housing



Project, and the street was also named after Mr. Coon.

We also visited the museum where he is depicted behind the barbed wire fence while he was a prisoner of war.



That evening at the Okmulgee Festival, Roberta RedBone paid tribute to the Coon family by singing the song "Drums", which Johnny Cash had recorded in his album Bitter Tears

It was a great honor to have known this veteran and be able to have witness such love for this veteran for what he stood for and for Loren to have been able to play in front of such a large delegation of veteran groups that were there to pay their respect.

After the tribute Don Louder Sioux Lakota and member of the Warriors presented Michael a plaque in memory of his dad.

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Back in Tulsa, the day before Loren and Rebecca were to fly back to Pasco. Michael Coon took Loren to have a hamburger at Toby Keith's Restaurant at the Tulsa Casino. So if you are ever in Tulsa go have a hamburger on Toby Keith at his restaurant. Be sure you have your service card.



The Fundraiser Committer have started another Building Fundraiser, tickets will be \$5.00 each and the drawing will be November 4, before we really get busy for Veterans Day Ceremonies.

The Committee members are as follows: Corky Ambrose, Dwayne Drake, Gil Calac, Glen Weaver, Loren and Rebecca Corpuz.

July 3 Spaghetti Feed held at the All Tribes Church off, of 97 and Progressive went alright. Like Vic Wood mention on the last newsletter it was alright. As we did not make as much as before because everyone was on holidays. The individuals that help was great, it seems that you always get the same people volunteering and the same ones make most details. As a group we all have to work together. I am very grateful to the

ones that show up or sending someone in their place to help.

Remember we have the Warriors picnic August 16, and maybe the pictures might be on here. One never knows what pictures makes this newsletter.

July 12, 2014 Grand Ronde Veterans Pow-wow, honoring all veterans and especially acknowledging the Korean veterans at the Saturday afternoon pow-wow.

Loren Corpuz played the service songs after they acknowledge the Korean veterans.



We have our new member from Grand Ronde, Mr. Frank Perry

July 13, Flag detail at the Veterans Office in Yakima for the annual car show. Ray James brought the flags for the group to present. Thanks to Murray and Howard Campbell, Dwayne Drake.

July 15, Grand Ronde Elders Dinner held at the Grand Ronde Casino, here veterans were honored and their service song played. A photo of Corky and Loren with the oldest woman veteran Pearl. She was 102.



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July 19, Moving Wall at Cle Elum at the Putnam Centennial Centre.

Presentations of colors was by the VFW post 1373 and the Yakama Warriors. A poem was read by Sarah Zabik, National Anthem by Aubrey Abbott with the invocation by Major Jonah Brummett. Thanks John Smith for drumming the VFW group in and to the Toppenish Creek Drum group that was there to sing the warriors in.



Wreath laying was by our new member Command Sergeant Major Morris and Rebecca Corpuz.



Echo Taps by of the VFW Post 1373 and Loren Corpuz.

Group picture at the Wall with our new member



Thanks goes out to Ms. Sherry for organizing this event , it was well attended by the public, veterans and their family members. Here are the Warriors ladies.



The photo taken before the event started and seats started filling up.

Thanks also goes to the ladies that served the bbq and the snacks prior and after the presentation.

On July 21 at Branding Iron, we ran into Buddy Hoptowit and we joined Buddy for breakfast and just happened to look around with a member of the Warriors was having his Birthday and was just about to nibble at it. We told him that's a great photo.



Can anyone guess what kind of cake that was?

July 22, Carroll Palmer Retirement from land Enterprises. The Warriors were invited to the luncheon at the Wapato Convention Centre. Where the Warriors brought in the flags and had a great meal with the new retiree.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Palmer (above photo)



(Oh these two are just so happy)

Here we were served with delicious beef and salads and desserts. John Smith, you missed out on the Watermelon.

The Warriors along with the Tribal Council and Land Enterprises were names as they had pooled together to purchase a saddle for the retired Carroll Palmer.

July 26 Wiley City Parade

Yakama Warriors in their war bonnets lead the Wiley City Parade after they had a rest prior to the parade as you see here.



Thanks to the members that showed up. There might be something in the future for the ones that show up for these details.



Do you see Gil has his feet up resting on the table before the parade after he had coffee and donuts. Can't tell how many he had.

August 16 Warriors Picnic taking place at Harrah Park.

Opening prayer by Stan Miller. Loren Corpuz play his trumpet along with John Smith before we all got to busy.



Again, Thanks to Washington Beef who sponsored our Picnic by donating the hamburgers, Safeway donated the hot dogs and Italian susages. The Marine Corps League and Auxiliary for all the soda and water.

The ladies and men of the Warriors, for all the side dishes and salads and desserts. Frank Cameron came from Ellensburg to attend this function, it was nice to see him. Norm Johnson drop by from Olympia to say hi to the Warriors.

Sharon Hallman and Bill Ingram came from Sunnyside, and arrived just in time to join in a team.

Dave Rabbie came from Mabton and had a hallo and a song had to be played for him. Look at that smile!

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This was top off by Joe and Sena Moreland who made and decorated the cake like the Warriors flag. Darn, I miss a piece of the cake! Since our usual chef (Margaret) was not here this time for the barbequing, we had to have the navy chef to do the barbequing.



Margaret and the family were having a Birthday Party for Corky at their house. Happy Birthday to you Corky.

Joe, you did a marvelous job on the cake. The Cake was presented to Vic Wood prior to



eating.

After everyone had their fill of food, it was time for some games. There were four games the teams had to compete in and score.

The games were: Frisbee, rope around, ring in the hole and the last one was the wood skis. The rope

around and the ring in hole was donated by Dwayne Drake.

The Wood skis was made by Loren Corpuz the day before. The team had to trek to the pole around it and back in as little time as possible. We had to get our math student Colton Redfeldth calculate, dividing some points off and then subtracting from the score the percentage to come up with the winner. There were four teams, the Captains had four people under them they had to have one woman in their team.

The team captains were **A:** Vic Wood, **B:** Stan Miller, **C:** Andy Thompson, **D:** Gil Calac

The winners are posted in the following order of standing. I'm posting the most fun game where they all had to work as a team.

Vics **A-team**



Vic is staying by his team and urging the leader Gail to keep the ones behind her so they do not miss-step.

Andy's **team C;** with no training in marching the boxers did the woodski in less time than Vic's A Team by 18 seconds. Thanks Randell, Adam and Sharon Shellenburger.



8. Stan's **B-team**, had Bill Rasmussen do the cadents for the group and they did alright they finished in 9.15 minutes.



Gil's **D-team** - below



Gil was trying his darnest to get his group instep, unfortunately they only made it half way to the post. But, they had fun doing it. It was just too hard for Pamela to keep them going just even to the post.

Dudley and Karen from Grand Ronde made it in time to join in the **“Lets make a deal”**. Unfortunately, I did not keep track of the winners who got what. Some winners were hesitant to play, no wonder some were zonk prizes range from oversize eyeglasses, to a sponge foot ball. Then there were prizes like the hummingbird pin, to \$5.00 gift cards from KFC, numerous other prizes. Everyone that participated or just being there received a prize.

I would like to Thank the following Organizations: Washington Beef, Safeway, Healthy Heart, Budget Septic for the port a pottie, A1 Jumpers for the use of the Jumper for the kiddies. And all that came to have fun. And guess what? We did not have any watermelon, darn John Smith was sooooo upset that he had to have some cantaloupe, instead, but, he was happy that there was chicken.

Certificates of Appreciation: given out to the members who did the detail in June for the VFW at the Convention Centre I Yakima.

August 30 The big fundraiser at the All Tribes Church, we had breakfast Burritos, Taco Feed and Yard Sale All in one. The group started early to get things set up lets say at 6 a.m. they started the burritos, and the frying of bread about 10 a.m. Most of the stuff that was donate sold, the Tacos all sold out by 4 p.m. Andy had to make more dough. The Burritos we had some left over. The men were in charge of the outside sale and the ladies in side Taco sale. The total amount will be mentioned at the meeting on Thursday Sept 5th.

THE RIDE HOME 2014

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITATION DAY a Presidential Proclamation September 18th -20th taking place in Americas Georgia.

Our Bugler Loren Corpuz has been requested to play at this years Ride Home event which has partnered with Georgia Southwestern State University as they have graciously offered to host this years event. You can view this if you go to: [www. Com Ride home 2014.](http://www.ComRidehome2014.com)

Get Well Wishes to the Following people:

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| Steve Kinsley | John Albery |
| Pamela Mayhue | Dan Montgomery |
| Cathy Corpuz | George Colby |
| Clair Johnson | |

NOT or NOTE

New member of the retirees from work : Pat Shellenburger and moving close to Chalias, so if you need to visit stop by his place. Address unknown ☺