



ha ha ain't it a _____

Look who is on Santa's lap. And The New Year is here, and so are the events

Not exactly spring. Yet, but it's not far away.

Speaking of spring, it would be a good time to spring into action and recruit some spring chickens into this outfit. None of us are getting any younger and I feel it is very important for us to muster up some Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. I believe once we get our building up and actually have utilities that are a little more appealing, it just might entice some lady vets to join up. Let us be thinking about what we can do to increase our numbers and how we can help young vets to get involved.

We are finally getting some solid estimates on cost for construction. It has been a very interesting process. Want verses need verses

funds. I'm confident that we are not too far from actually committing to the bid dig.

I will sign off for now as I know Rebecca and her gang are waiting for me, to get this finished.

Here is wishing everyone fair weather and calm seas. Vic

January 1, White Swan Long House hosted a dinner for veterans, unfortunately it was not known to sub chief and to most of the veterans, so there were a few that went. The dinner was delayed for several hours, as some of the veterans had to leave.

Like it was mentioned it goes through the sub-chief via an invitation letter. What may have been done before does not necessarily happen at the same time and is not the same as it being presented to the group as a detail. Some may consider "an apology is in order". But, to what I say. It may have been brought up earlier in the year and no other communication since that time it was first presented to the group. Its only common sense to remind a group of veterans, hey a detail or a required presence is requested for such an event. Then there must also be

communicated to the group, when time is nearing.

January 2, Calvin Begay, age 19 Nephew of Head Warrior Vic Wood and step-son of Dustin Hayes and Margie Hayes, had decided to join the U.S. Navy.



The veterans were asked to join as they send this young man off to the Navy. The Warriors were ask to be at this dinner a month prior to the event and again they were reminded a week prior that a going away dinner was in order. This is what I call a good practice that should be followed. At this event, Loren and Rebecca had invited a couple of Navy personnel who were in uniform as they had just finished a funeral detail in Yakima that morning.



Tim and Mel enjoyed themselves at this event. It was the first time that one of them had fry bread. Everyone shared a couple of important things about doing your time in the service of what not to do or say when you're a newbie.

There were about 10 Yakama Warriors in uniform, and it was a good camaraderie between these veterans.

Before the group picture Loren and John Smith played the Navy hymn.





January 7, Warrior Monthly Meeting, held at Harrah, where veterans showed up, even driving in the fog, where the road could hardly be seen. As long as they all got home safely.

The fundraising committee is doing great at the raising funds for the upcoming trip to Washington, DC in May for the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

The group of fourteen have been working diligently in raising funds, and only these few have step up and help.

Treasurer has been doing an awesome job at keeping the financial records order and up to date.

Thanks Pamela and to the secretary Mary, who now has to travel from Sunnyside to come to the

meeting in Harrah. Now that Corky is back in town, details are coming in, but we must also keep in mind that we all must step up to help. Corky has not been released yet, to continue with his dedication to helping the Warriors, and being himself, busy, busy all the time. We still wish him to take it easy and not to do too too much

As Ray James Sr. has been making the caskets on behalf of the Yakama Warriors, He has recently acquired help from his grandson Ray James and Kyle Scott. These two young men have stepped up to help Ray James Sr. in providing caskets to Warm Spring and Yakama tribal members. Great job to these men.

January 18, Martin Luther King Parade, started at the Dollar Store and O'Reilly parking lot. Again for the 6th Anniversary since Toppenish had the Martin Luther King Jr Parade in Toppenish.

Yakama Warriors lead the parade from the Dollar Store Parking Lot to Toppenish Middle School.

And yes, John Smith was there to keep everyone in step. Bob Ferguson even though he was hurting he made the walk along with the Warriors.



Other veterans joining the Warriors in carrying the flags are Darrall Orthloff his son John Orthloff and grandson Hunter Orthloff.



But before the parade started there was hot chocolate, Star Bucks coffee or hot apple cider and donuts to be had before the parade began. The Yakama Warriors had their picture taken with the Mayor Clara Jimenez of Toppenish and Fred Anderson former football player for the

Seattle Steelers and USFL Birmingham Stallions who graduated from Toppenish High School.



At the Toppenish Middle School, High School Band played with Rosa Ortiz and John Cerna doing the welcoming remarks, followed by the Lord's Prayer by Kamiakun tt'awax led by Mrs. Wilfred Redthunder a former Wildcat.

There were two keynote speakers at the gym. They were JoDe Goudy, Yakama nation Tribal Council Chairman and Fred Anderson, retired NFL Superbowl Champion and Toppenish Graduate.

Thanks to Coordinate Care for providing the MLK scarves that all the warriors received before the parade.

January 27, Homeless Program

Yakama Warriors were on hand to bring in the colors at the annual Homeless program at the

winter-lodge this day. They brought the flags in for the opening with Loren and John Smith playing service songs, had their haircuts, and then mingles with the crowd.



Afterwards they were serving on the chow line everyone that was in line for food. They were Volunteered.



There is Buddy, Dwayne, Rebecca, Loren, Dale, and Toby Loes. Thanks to all that helped. Corky was making sure not one got in front of the elders.



Corky was showing off our poster board of what the Warriors have done throughout the year and what the upcoming detail in May will be.



Condolenses going out to the families of:
 Max Corpuz Toppenish, family of Gunny
 Brandon, McMinnville and Norm Johnson
 Olympia. Sheila Strom, Toppenish.

They have lost a loved one since the last
 newsletter.

Wishing all the Veterans and their families that
 are suffering health problems

“Get Well Wishes to all”

That includes the following

- Old Warrior- How-lish, Union Gap –
- Tom Redfeldt Selah – Clair Johnson SS
- Ray James - Max Corpuz
- Terry Piestewa - Loren Corpuz
- Corky Ambrose - William Chisholm
- Swede Larson

The Yakama Warriors Will not be heading to
 Sacaton this year for the Ira Hayes Parade. A
 small group will be busy at the Country Buffet for
 the month of February.

The Next or Up-coming Events/details for the
 Warriors are as follows. Besides these there are
 always the funerals that come up.

February 12 and 13, Warriors Bazaar at the
 Toppenish Winter-lodge: 9 am till 6 pm both days

March 11, Friday Spaghetti Feed at All tribes
 Church at Hwy 97 and Progressive: 9 till 6 p.m

April 15, Friday Taco Feed at All Tribes Church
 same place as the last feed. Time 9 a.m. till 6p.m.