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Just a short hello to all. Hope every one is doing fine. It's almost November and the Veterans Day race will begin. Have your tennis shoes ready.

Recently we did a Day of Remembrance Flag detail in West Richland. This event truly made me realize the sacrifice that many of our Washington families have made for this country and its people. To hear the names and then actually see the families, reality ten fold. We must continue to pray for these families and in our own way help out when ever possible.

Also on the same weekend we presented the colors at the Heritage Day held at Sacajawea Park. We were a little shy of help, so we adapted and over came, there were several Boy Scouts troops on location. We asked and they accepted our invitation to join our

color guard. I'm sure Rebecca has pictures. We also sent the troops thank you cards. I was proud of these young men, their behavior and respect for what they were doing was nice to witness. We carried every flag on that day and had many positive comments from the crowd. Again I want to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to the organization. One last thing we are going to have some fund raising events coming up. Put on your thinking caps for ideas. Here's wishing everyone calm seas and gentle winds. Vic



**Here were the details and events the Warriors were invited to participate in.**

## **August 3, Wedding Ceremony at the Toppenish Longhouse**

began at 11 am with the Washat Service followed by the Explanation of Traditional Yakama Wedding and Yakama song for Mardell Patricia Wallahee and Patrick Louis Luke.

The Ceremony had the Yakama Warriors Association as honored guest and the Marine Corps League to do the honors of the sword presentation as the bride and groom and all the matrons and groomsmen proceeded to the front for the wedding vows. League Member in their dress blues were Tom Redfeldth Commander of the Marine Corps League, Ted Best, Randell Pritchett, Nick Myers and President of the Auxiliary

Rebecca Corpuz did the honors of the sword presentation.



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### August 5, 2013

**This was not a detail but its from the "People Magazine" the Tribute for Heroes Veterans at Citi Field July 16 for the Major League Baseball's All Star Game on July 16 on FOX.**

Thought I'd share it. We were in Walla-Walla in September and found this article dated August 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was an article of our very own Gil Calac. You see as he was in People Tribute for Heroes. If you want to read the article you can purchase the magazine Title PEOPLE Special Collectors Issue, August 5, 2013.

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### August 17, 2013

#### **Warriors Annual Picnic**

Was again held at the Harrah Park.

First off I would like to THANK the following for their donations: Budget Septic for the donation of a Port a Potty, Safeway Foods for their donations, Washington Beef for their generous donation for the Hamburgers that was enjoyed immensely by all.

A-1 Jumpers for their discount donation on the Jumper.



(Here we presented them with an Appreciation Certificate)

Fort Simcoe Job Corps for the cake that they had made for the Picnic which unfortunately was not pick up.

So when you see these people please Thank them.

So what happened at the Picnic you say, while the cooks did a fantastic job with the meal, and ones that brought the food was great, The Marine Corps brought the soda and water.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. Presentations were made to Gil for the work he did with Norm Johnson in passing the Bill for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. Rebecca Corpuz presented a canvas photo to Gil seen here.



Loren honored Dad Lantrip with an Army medallion for his 82 Birthday. The bolo tie was made by Mrs. Swanson.

Then the games that people play first there was the drawing of what they saw in front of them and John Smith really was taking his time at drawing Pamela: Flo Alberty, Bob Lantrip: Lois Thompson, Vic Wood: Pamela Drake, Dwayne Here is what they came up with.



Then it was dress your partner, as you see here

LOIS was dressing Andy to be a cheerleader

Teresa was dressing Murray to be a Princess

Pamela was dressing Head Warrior, Vic to be a Viking warrior and

Glen was being dressed by Mrs. Campbell as an Indian warrior with long braids and aprons.



I had a helper pick the candidates for these, Thanks goes to Demitrie Divolikis.

They practice folding a flag and doing the rifle detail.

Dave Rabbie brought a friend with him who was a survivor of



Iwo Jima.

So for everyone to see, here is the group photo from the picnic.



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**August 18, Camp Chaparral** Veterans Retreat started. As usual the Veterans Affairs Office held their annual Camp Chaparral. There were over 150

participants taking part in discussions and listening along with craft workshops. This week in August is dedicated to veterans, spouses and counselors that want to rough it out for a week in the gorgeous mountains on the Yakama Reservation. The opening ceremony takes place on Monday morning with the raising of the eagle staff and the colors. The participants followed the flag of their service and formed a circle. The participants are directed into their groups lodge names.

This year might be the last year for Vic Ganuelas to participate in helping and executing the events that took place at the Camp.



His family has been tremendously helpful with the ongoings before the start of the camp. His family does the drawing and paintings for the

group houses that the participants are grouped into. Here are some group pictures that were taken.



**August 23, Welcome Home Veterans, Columbia Point Marina Park**

A small group of Warriors took time out to do the presentation of colors for the opening ceremony at the Columbia point Ceremony. Invocation was by a Member of the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee with the Welcoming remarks by Larry Werst.

Special Remarks read by Cathy Schaeffer from Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers and Keynote Speaker Lourdes (Alfie) Alvarado-Ramos Director of Veterans Affairs Washington State.

There were informational booths, children activities and lunch

compliments of Walla Walla VA Voluntary Services, Jonathan M Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center and by the Columbia Basin Veterans Coalition

**Sept 29, 2013  
Honoring 3 Tribes Battle ground at Spokane**

The Warriors did the flag detail for the Honoring of the Battle that had taken place in Spokane back in the 1800's.

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**August 31,  
Corpuz Promotional Boxing Held at Toppenish Community Centre**

Warriors made history as they brought in the colors to the First Corpuz Boxing Promotional Fight held at the Community Centre in Toppenish.

History made this night as there were open pro-heavyweight fight and a semi pro-fight. The Main Pro Event being between Randell Corpuz @ 2 win- 2 loss -1draw and Nate Washington, making his pro debut fight at 147 lbs. I would not stay for a fight as it's not my cup of tea, but this night was different as two females made their semi Pro fight.

Carol Azure @ 128 lbs against Lateet Olney @ 130 lbs. It ended that this fight was a draw. There was a councilman and member of the Area Agency on Aging was helping with the popcorn popping. Warriors received a T-shirt depicting the boxer Randell Corpuz.

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**Sept 2, Wapato Labor Day Parade**

**The Flag "It stands for freedom, democracy and the right to live your life in freedom".**

Warriors participated in the Annual Wapato Labor Day parade. It's sad to say that people don't honor the flag for what it stands. Someone had said before if it was not for the military and the flag you would not have the freedom.



**Sept 6 & 7th, Sobriety Pow-  
Wow Toppenish Community  
Center**

Stan Miller was the MC for the annual Sobriety Pow-wow held at the Community Center.

This night was an honor to be there at the Sobriety Pow-wow, to see our young people come out and enjoy the night of dancing and having fun.

The grand entry on Friday ran a little late, but went great after the opening ceremony and the playing of the service songs by Loren Corpuz.

Friday had about 9 drum groups and Saturday went down to five. Also on Saturday there was the potato dance of which there were two married couples trying to outdo on another, one couple Army (Mary and Paul Diavolikis) and the other couple Marine (Loren and Rebecca Corpuz). While the Marine thought it would be best to let the Army win. The Marines did not want to dance the whole night away with a potato on his face so he let the Army win. Great time was had by all.



(Paul and Mary doing the  
Potato Dance)

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**September 14, Spokane  
Honoring Native WWII  
Veterans**

I would like to Thank Corky Ambrose for the drive to and from Spokane this day. When we arrived in Spokane, it was a welcome site to see the tent up and coffee already brewing. All the Warriors that were there went and had a cup of coffee, mingle and visit with each other. Opening ceremony started on time with warriors bringing in the colors with veterans behind them.



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**September 24, Military  
Appreciation Day and  
Ceremony Detail at the Fair**

There were twenty members of the Yakama Warriors at the Flag detail at the Fair.

Before the detail took place Buddy Barron bought everyone breakfast that morning. Buddy knows everyone needs food to do a great job.



The wives walked around to different booths to see what was new and what we cannot live without.

Several warriors wore their war bonnets.



To everyone that was there,  
comments received:  
“ Great job again Warriors”  
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**Sept 28, Heritage Days  
Sacajawea Park,**

Ross Dunfee, of the Interpretive Centre gave the Warriors a tour by retelling the story of Lewis and Clark Expedition.



The detail started with Vic Wood recruiting. When there are not that many for a detail, he does the next best thing, he recruits. Yep, he recruited the Boy Scouts of America Post 148 and Post 126 from Kennewick Here are our recruits. They did not hesitate to come up and grab a flag to carry it in with the Warriors. We are honored to have the Boy Scouts join the Warriors in Carrying the Flags for this detail.



We all marched down to the river where the Corps of Discovery arrived by dugout canoe for the presentation of colors. Our Head Warrior named the service songs before they were played by Loren Corpuz, accompanied by John Smith the drummer.

Thanks goes first to Vic Wood who picked up everyone and drove to Sunnyside where Buddy Barron volunteered his service of his vehicle to drive the warriors to Sacajawea Park and buying breakfast upon arrival. Thank You Buddy from all of us.

Next year this time if you do not have anything to do go to the Heritage Days at Sacajawea Park, it's free and you will see and hear story telling and historical presentation through out the day.

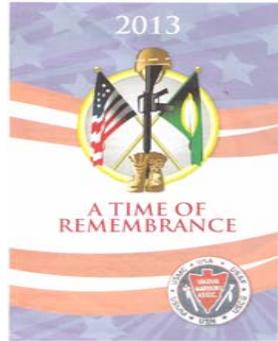
**Sept 29 A Time of  
Remembrance 2013, West  
Richland Area Chamber of  
Commerce**

It was a privilege and an honor for the Warriors to attend this Annual Day of Remembrance and have the honor of their logo

placed on the front page of the agenda.

This is the seventh year this event has taken place.

The weather was not cooperating so the warriors did not wear their regalia.



The Warriors were invited to do the Opening Ceremonies and Invocation for the Fallen at the annual Time of Remembrance in West Richland.

Vic Wood Head Warrior and Corky Ambrose Sub-Chief lead the Warriors in a fabulous detail of carrying the Flags. Stan Miller the Religious leader for the Warriors did the opening invocation and the Benediction after the Roll call. Gil Calac sang the Horse Song to honor the fallen warriors. Corky Ambrose shared the meaning of the Horse

song to the audience.



Guest Speak Command Sergeant Major Lourdes R Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Director of Veterans Affairs for the state of Washington was there to do the honors of being the guest speaker. Alvarado-Ramos was in active duty for over 22 years. She is pictured here with the Warriors that wore their war bonnets before the ceremony began.



(pictured with the warriors Sgt Major Lourdes Alfie)

Loren Corpuz and John Smith had the honor of playing the service songs, for the families of service men and women that had

passed and ones that were present.

The Firing Detail was by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5785, Kennewick, WA.

Sack lunches that were available to the attendees were a welcome to all, as some member were Diabetic and had to have something to eat. We would like to thank the Sponsors and Volunteers of the Time of Remembrance Committee and West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to the warriors that got up early in the morning to attend this detail, from Yakima to Sunnyside.

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### **Helping a Veterans family member**

Here is a story I would like to share, about a Vietnam Veteran who passed away in Arizona, he was a Canadian native from Manitoulin Island.

It was a call from Canada to see if I was able to help this brother of this veteran go to Arizona and retrieve his brother remains and belongings. So, I called the National Commander Don

Loudner of the National American Indian Veterans Inc. from South Dakota a member of the Yakama Warriors, to see if he could speak to this young man. Then I called another member of the Yakama Warriors from Arizona, Robert Delsi and his wife Josie and ask them if they could also help this man in his need. So with a couple of phone calls, I had this man picked up at the Phoenix Airport and taken to Casa Grande where his brother had lived. I am very grateful to Josie and Robert as they know whom to call, and what needs to be done when a person is told they would have to wait for a week before getting a death certificate. These two made a phone call and this young man was able to retrieve his brothers' remains and do all the necessary paperwork. He was able to retrieve his brothers' remains from the mortuary, pack his belongings, clean his house and return to Manitoulin Island. I also would like to thank several other people from Casa Grande that help Richard Lewis clean the apartment of his brother. His Brother will receive a military funeral.

There are still Canadians Natives coming to the states to join the Military.

Loren and I had the privilege of honoring these veterans with a Distinguished Medal of Service on behalf of Pointman Ministries, Yakima Outpost.

No matter what ones nationality is, they might just be a veteran.

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**On August 29**, Corky and Loren presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Washington Beef for their generous donation



Corky and Loren still have a couple of presentations to do, so they should be in the next newsletter

**October 09**, Corky and Buddy presented Gene and Pat Startup with a Pendleton Blanket for all the work he did for the Warriors,

honoring him for his service as a Merchant Marine Veteran.



**Quartermaster still has items for sale, covers, ball caps with logo, pens, patches and military pins**

**So give him a call** "Loren Corpuz 509 480-4625

**GET Well Wishes goes out to**

Chaz Wyman, White Swan  
 Jerry McNew, Satus  
 Pat Shellenberger, Yakima  
 Steve Kinsey, Yakima  
 Mr. and Mrs. Potts, Wisconsin  
 Eddie Dick, White Swan

**Birthday Wishes to All the Birthdays this month and last month.**

