

From the Flight Deck

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Lost the flight deck. But it is FROM THE FLIGHT DECK



with rainbow behind him.

All hands report to the Flight Deck, Man your Battle Stations, it's November. Yes it's here, November the busiest time of the year for us. Again Corky has us pretty booked up. I want to "Thank" him for all his patience. The scheduling and disbursing of troops through this hectic time is not an easy task. Some are still calling.

We are still negotiating between wants, needs and budget. I do want you all to know that the wants is working very hard to get us the best bang out of our dollar (Your state Dollars.) It is hard to go into a lot of detail because at this stage issues and constantly changing. Just know that we are on it and I believe we may be close to actually seeing major progress soon.

Oh yea, we found the missing Vietnam flag. It was safely stored; it was so safe we forgot where we stored t. Anyways, back in one and ready for Veterans Day.

Just to let you know the history of the flag: Stan Miller donated the flag to us in memory of his brother, Orrin Miller, United States Army, Vietnam. We are pleased to once again have it in the ranks.

I must get this message off to Rebecca so that she can get going on the newsletter. Again Thanks for all you do. Calm seas and gentle Waves to All. Vic

Details and Upcoming events, like it is said at meetings and common sense would make you realize that the phone works both ways. And if we don't have your current phone number we can't call you.

You can call your contact person: they are
A-E Rebecca
F- H Gil Calac
I-Mc- Corky
M-V Stan Miller

Also if you are receiving the newsletter, it means you are a member already and do not need to fill in a new application.

Error in the last newsletter, while not an error it was just a forgetting a word.
It was not \$5000,000.00 just \$500,000.00. one less zero.

Also the group photo of the marines and Warriors that were at Pendleton Elders Dinner, the group photo was with Ashley Wolf a Marine stationed in Hawaii as a helio mechanic.

September 19, POW Recognition Days held in Americas Georgia. As you see in the photo below, the ride into the National Cemetery, where the bikes and cars with families are in the parade to honor all of the POW's and WW2 veterans at the Cemetery.



Next photo you see Michael is selling the Book of His father Phillip Coon titled “A Soldier’s Silent Prayer”



Kat working with Michael prior to the POW Recognition Dinner in American Gerogia.



**September 25, 2015, Heritage University
American Indian Heritage Day Flag raising.**

Warriors were requested to raise the flags at the Heritage University for the American Indian Heritage Days.

Welcoming remarks were from the Vice President for Marketing David Wise, Invocation was by our own Chaplin, Stan Miller followed by the flag Raising Ceremony with the Yakama Nation Flag with a traditional song by Heritage student Jacob Billy, US Marine taking studies at the Heritage. Raising the American Flag by the Yakama Warriors while the National Anthem is played by Loren Corpuz followed by Taps and Amazing Grace.

Once the Warriors were done with the flag raising they headed to Wapato to the All Tribes Church for their Fundraising the Taco Feed. Warriors get no break.

There was also a bake sale at during the Taco Sales. After the Taco Sale photo was taken with the rainbow in the background. Actually there was two rainbows in the background. (arrows are pointing at the rainbows)



September 29, Yakima Fair, Yakima

The Warriors in War bonnets, leading the parade of colors at the Yakima Fair for the opening day ceremonies of the Military and Senior's day.

Approximately twenty-one registered to take the colors in, only nineteen showed and out of that, four did not call to say they could not make it.

Calls were made twice and text were sent.

War bonnets were worn by several members, all flags were carried except for one flag that is still missing.



Waiting for the clock to chime for 12:30 to start the parade of colors.



This year was different as the Warriors had Stan Miller in his war bonnet carrying the eagle staff at the front and four more warriors in their war bonnets behind him and Harvey James in his war bonnet carrying the POW-MIA flag at the end

The warriors marched to the flag pole, here Loren and John played the National Anthem and the service songs, Taps, ending with Amazing Grace.



As their service song was played military service men stood tall.





Marine Corps League Auxiliary member Sena Moreland brought up the rear. Another member, Melissa James stood by the sideline looking on and presented arms when required. Appreciated that these ladies participated in this event.

Warriors after, marched through the side street where vendors were able to see the parade of colors.

October 2, AGENCY Hamburger Fundraiser

Warriors are really working hard to raise funds for their up-coming trip to Washington DC on Memorial Day May 2016.

Here they are having a Hamburger Sale with all the trimmings in front of the Tribal Agency. Thanks to all that stopped by and purchased

A hamburger or hot-dog and baked goods.



At the Agency with dessert and soda or water. All proceeds will be for the DC trip in May.



October 10 the Warriors headed to Ellensburg for the annual Central Washington University pow-wow. Michele Cyrus and her staff of volunteers has made this Pow-Wow possible. There were several vendors, swan dancers, traditional dancers were there along with two

drum groups. Here the veterans were being honored with an honor dance.



October 16 & 17, Spaghetti Feed and Yard Sale held at the All Tribes Church, where the Warriors are making their mark on raising funds for their upcoming trip.

October 23, Robert Delsi and Henry Brown members of the Yakama Warriors Association, and both Vietnam veterans were being inducted at the Veterans Hall of Fame in Phoenix Arizona. This event was attended by Robert's wife Josie, friends Loren Corpuz and his wife, Irving Pinkham and Glenda all close friends of Robert and Henry.

Colonel Wanda Wright (L) USAF (Ret) Arizona Dept. of Veterans Service Director was presenting the certificates along with Michele Reagan Arizona Secretary of State ®.



Very glad that Josie took time out from the Toys for Tots deal which has her very busy dealing with all the minuet details of being co-ordinator for Toys for Tots. If ever one complains of little things they have to do, they should see what Josie has to deal with on a daily bases of coordinating such things as Toys for Tots. Thanks you Josie for all that you do, that people do not see.

This event of Honoring Veterans into the hall of Fame was well attended for the twenty one inductees for the night. Congratulations to S.Sgt. James G Sylvester, S. Sgt. Henry S Brown and Sgt. Robert Delsi for their induction to the Veterans Hall of Fame.



For those that are always teasing, there was a Canadian Sharon A Borgen, who served with the Marine Corps for eight years, was also inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame.

Rebecca got some new members for the warriors here is one new member. Lt. Col Edward Carr A highly decorated Vietnam Veteran from Wichita, Kansas.



Welcome aboard to the Yakama Warriors Sir.

October 24, Yakima Stand-down held at the Modern Living Building at the Fair grounds. Again the Warriors brought in the colors for the annual opening ceremony. Robert Ferguson played the trumpet with John Smith on the drums. Thanks to the veterans that helped the Warriors with the flag detail. These will also be the two new members David Larson and Brad Coughenour.

October 24, Also on this date, Ken Buckles was being inducted into the International Educators Hall of Fame in Santa Ana, California. As it was mentioned on the last newsletter Ken was nominated by a marine from the UMAVA of LA. He credits his accomplishments and Thanks his friend Jim Gadbery, Vietnam Veteran, who was a principal, teacher and a coach and mostly his wife Melinda. For standing by as he educated students about the men and women that served and died for this country. Congratulations Ken for your dedication.

At Priest Rapids, A ceremony was underway for Don Tahkeal. The Piestewas from Flagstaff were honored to have been invited. Several members of the Warriors were there for support and to meet up and visit with Terry and Percy Piestewa.

Sending Get Well Wishes to veterans :
Don Newquest Yakima WA,

Alexander Jefferson Tuskegee Airmen
Gunny Brandon, McMinnville, OR
Terry Piestewa Flagstaff AZ.
Jim Keller, Apache Junction AZ
Ray James Loren Corpuz, Toppenish
Bill O'Neil, Yakima Corky Ambrose,
Don Pierce, Mabton, Clair Johnson, SS
Dave Rabbie, Mabton
To all others that are ill

FUNDRAISER”

The Yakama Warriors have started doing their fundraisers for the upcoming trip to Washington DC.

They have been requested to be the seventh veterans group out of 567 Veterans group in the United States to participate in the parade of colors at the **One hundred and forty eight Arlington Memorial Day Ceremonies in May 2016**. Also to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

So if you would like to donate to this fundraising, please do not hesitate to send your donation to the Yakama Warriors Association indicating for the DC trip. This would be greatly appreciated.

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I would like to Thank the first donatators:
Mr & Mrs. Antino Mendez from California

UPCOMING DETAILS: Be there at least 20 minutes prior as Time is given when starts.

Nov 4, 11;30 to 12:30 Buena Head Start
Toppenish

Nov 5 8:40 a.m. Satus School, Wapato
9:45 a.m. Camus School Wapato

Nov 6, 9 a.m. Adams Elementary School,
Wapato

1:15 Prosser School
6:30 Sundome Yakima Rhodeo

Nov 7 8:00 George Colby Memorial Wapato
Long House

Nov 9 1 p.m. Garfield School, Toppenish

Nov 10 9:30 Wapato High School
1 p.m. Franklin Middle School Yakima
Tieton & 19th
1:30 Mt. Adams Middle School, White
Swan

Nov 11 8:00 Agency
9:00 Wapato long House Breakfast
1 P.m. Sarg Hubbard

Nov 12, 11;30 – 12:30 Wapato Head Start

Nov 14, Head Warrior and wife's Anniversary

Nov 20 and 21 Winter-lodge Craft Sales