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Midway with Head Warrior Vic.



Smooth Sailing on the calm seas he said as he boarded the ship.

Well, here we are November and the foot race has begun. Veterans Day, Veterans Day Pow-Wow, school visits and other details. It's a very busy month I always look forward to November. Just want to encourage everyone to join in whenever possible.

For those of you that don't know we recently met with the Yakama Nation Veteran Affairs Committee about possibilities of working together for a common cause, that cause being a home for our veterans. I was very pleased with the positive exchange of ideas and the enthusiasm of all who attended the meeting. Our building plans are in the hands of an architect and are undergoing to scale modifications and usability scrutiny. I'm very excited about this process, now, we will have a better idea about cost and other important information.

Please help out with the many fund raising projects Corky and the crew are working on, remember many hands make little work. We need every hand to successfully reach our goals of continual travel and especially the goal of having our own building.

Well I will get out of here and pass this on to Rebecca, Mary and Pam so that they can get the news letter out.

Keep our Vets in prayer and may all your seas be calm. Vic

Our Head Warrior Vic Wood recently had his birthday in September on the day of the monthly meeting. There was no birthday cake, So the best I could do is send him one via the newsletter.



August 9th, Joe Garcia had his family reunion at the Lincoln Park. He had the warriors bring do the flag presentation as they were honoring all his family members that were in all four services. We all had steak and hamburgers with then, I had pork chops, were they delicious. Lots of food and it was fun to be able to see all the service men and women in his family. There was a total of 15 members in his family that served in the military. The oldest member was now 84 years old. Photo of the Warriors and family members that were in the service is unavailable at this time.

August 30. Our Sale of Burritos, Tacos and Yard Sale went as well as expected. We made over a thousand to add to our Building Fund. Thanks to the ones that work very hard, I know the next day their backs were hurting. These are real troopers, Vic Wood, Corky Ambrose, Loren Copruz, Pamela Mayhue, Flo Alberty, Vic Ganuelas Sr., Dwayne Drake, Joe Moreland and to Ray James, and to all that brought items for sale.



Thanks to grand daughters of Chris Ganuelas for taking the photos of the guys working. As Pamela and Rebecca were busy in the kitchen with the Indian Tacos.

If you had the burritos they were made Joe Morland, Pamela and Rebecca. Early in the morning before the set up was completed.



Vic carrying the burritos so they can sell them outside.

Our next fundraiser is November 21 & 21 were we have secured the use of the Winter-lodge of have our first ever **Sale Day**. We will have table open to vendors at **\$20.00 a day** Friday and Saturday. We will have about 50 tables that can accommodate in the winter-lodge. The warriors will have one table for food and other items for sale.

Now for the September and October details that some of the Warriors did were the following.

September 5 and 6 This is the 5th Annual Sobriety Pow-wow at the Toppenish Community Centre, Where the Yakama Warriors took in the flags, service songs were played.

On Saturday evening, Since the Warriors were delayed scarce, I had to interrupt Jerry McNew's supper at Branding Iron to help us bring in the colors that evening. Thanks for Jerry for the call and for showing up. He was not in his Warriors uniform and I told him, all he needed was a cover which I had an extra one in the car. Thanks again Jerry and to all that were there.



This picture is from Friday evening

September 13, Wapato Memorial

In honor of the Medal of Honor recipient from Wapato, a ceremony was performed at the Wapato Memorial on Saturday at 10 a.m. for the renaming of the street that leads to the Wapato Middle School.

The Warriors were on hand to perform 21 gun salute with Loren Corpuz on the trumpet and John Smith on the drums for the playing of Taps.



After the detail we all went to have coffee at Wolf Den and that is where Glen Weaver met the famous drill sergeant that used to call the cadence using the Marines Hymn that Glen would hear everyday while he was stationed in Pendleton, California. That was Gunnery Sergeant Jerry Lopez. Glen was ecstatic to have finally met the man. I must find that photo as I had promised Glen I would include it in the newsletter. Fortunately, at the moment its available.



Sept 16 thru Sept 22 Loren was invited to attend **The Ride Home 2014** in Americas Georgia. They flew out on the 16 to Tulsa where Mike Coon picked them up and drove to Americas Georgia. In Memphis they stop at Beal Street for look see, then drove to Americas the next day. With the time difference of three hours everything was ahead by three hours for some two hours. At a gas station in Mike met Patricia Fullhart, adopted family members and rode in the motor scooter car with his friend all the way to Americas.



At the Hampton Inn all settled in and visited with members that were there last year. We met with a member there Mr. Mims, who joined the Yakama Warriors last year at the Living History Days in McMinnville. They were happy to see Loren and I, and were informed that if it was not for the Newsletter they would not have known about Mr. Philip Coons passing in June. The next day started at 6 a.m. where they all met at the Wal-Mart parking lot for the escorted ride to Andersonville Military Cemetery.



The cars were lined up for about 5 miles and in front of us were the 3 buses loaded with veterans. And behind us loads of cars. The Lighthorse Explorers are young men from Muskogee with their commander who was a drill sergeant in the USMC and now a police officer with the Muskogee Tribe did the flag presentation. They had their work cut out as this one was their first out of state duties they performed. They did it with grace and honor.



At the National Cemetery Colonel Floyd J Thompson of the United States Army from 1956 to 1982 was honored as the longest held American POW. His daughter Laura Thompson was there to receive the flag and the POW Medal. *Pictured on the left with her is Loren.*



In the other photo is Colonel John P Albano US Army retired and his wife.

A visit to the museum showed where the prisoners of war were while in the prison camp of the Bataan Death March. The Survivors had made a cross that the was there on display. Philip Coon along with other prisoners made the cross of cement in secret while being prisoners. Later when rescued, the United States was allowed to retrieve the cross and bring it back to the United States.

At the request from Mike Coon, Loren play Taps inside the Museum by the cross in memory of all that perish in the camp and Amazing Grace for all that were there.



We also ran into Joe Hudson POW from Iraq/Afghanistan.

Back to the GSW University the Hero's Dinner to all Pow's. The master of ceremony, Robert Ousley, Major US Army retired, did an outstanding job. Proclamation was read by Barbara Grzyb. Welcome remarks from President Dr. Kendal Blanchard of Georgia SW State University. The Missing Man Table ceremony read by Dave Reeve and performed by the Lighthorse Explores 106.

Special presentation made to Mr. Sandler for his service and finally after seventy (70) years he receives his medals. His daughter and son in law were there by his side as he received his medals.



Then Michal made presentation to Moe Moyer and to Kat McLaughlin for all they had done in honoring his dad while he was alive. He presented Moe with a vest



and Kate with a shawl.

Without Kate and Moe and all the Ride Home Board of Directors this event would not have been possible. They did such an awesome job putting the Ride Home Ceremony together. The evening ended with Loren playing Taps and Amazing Grace. Saturday was another not so early start, this time we were back at Wal-Mart for the escort to the GSW University Dome for the Picnic. This was also the day when all the POW's were being recognized from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. All the POW's received the medallion of The Ride Home. Ending the program, Loren played all the service songs. As he played the Air Force hymn, a young gentleman was so happy that he decided to act like he was flying.



Bernie Martin is now a member of the Yakama Warriors as filled out the application after he did his flying.

Sept 23, Yakima Fair

Just in time Loren was back to play along with Jeanette Garcia for the Warriors at the Elders Day at the Fair on Tuesday. Here you see the warriors were at the Fair early in the morning. These warriors are so dedicated in the details they are involved. This year was different. The

opening ceremony began at 12:30 after they did the opening ceremony they marched around the agricultural building and between the vendors. So all can see what the Warriors do when requested to do flag presentation.



Great comments were made to all veterans that attended this detail. Thanks to all that made this day another one to remember.

September 27, Heritage University held their flag raising ceremony

In honor of the Native American Month, Several Warriors were there to do the honors. .



Thanks to the veterans that attended this detail.

September 28, Time of Remembrance. Tabletop Park. Richland.

Where families of fallen heroes are brought together to share.

A time of remembering all heroes of Washington. Thanks to Shirley Schmunk, founder and for inviting the Yakama Warriors to this annual event. This year was different, the Warriors led by Vic Wood with a rifle and Vic Ganuelas bringing up the rear also with a rifle.



Andy Thompson and Ray James in their war bonnets and Dwayne Drake brought in the US Flag, State flag and the POW-MIA Flag and posted those three. Other flags were brought in and were not posted the Warriors flag, the Red KIA flag and the Iraq-Afghanistan flag. John Smith drumming the warriors in. After the opening remarks, the National Anthem was sung the VFW from Richland posted all service flags and did the 21 gun volley with Loren Corpuz playing Taps and then him and John playing Amazing grace to end it all.

Several of us went to eat at the Peking Palace for some Chinese food and all came home with a to-go box.

October 2, Coeur d'Alene ID, held their Elders Dinner, and were short of veterans to carry the flags. It was an honor for to be asked to carry the eagle staff for the opening ceremonies of the Elders Dinner.



October 7, 2014, Wapato High School Dedication. The Wapato School District invited the Yakama Warriors to be part of the Dedication ceremonies at the School on October 7 at 6 p.m..

After the Welcome remarks from John Francisco President of the Wapato School Board, the Yakama Warriors did the flag presentations with approximately 15 warriors carrying each a flag. With Vic Wood Head Warrior and John Smith drumming the warriors in it was a sight to see, everyone in step. While the Warriors were in formation the National Anthem was sung by the Wapato High School En Vox, (meaning the school choir). They did an awesome job. Then the flags were retired. Some stayed to listen to the rest of the speakers, ribbon cutting and tour, while some had to run to another meeting.



October 11, University Washington, Ellensburg held there powwow at the Japanese Gardens at the University grounds. Warriors were to bring in the flags, unfortunately Jeanette was unable to be there to play her trumpet. John Smith was there along with Robert Ferguson, Jake Mann, Ron Bravo and Andy Thompson.

October 20, Yakima Convention Centre, Warriors again took in the flags at the annual convention gathering of student and teachers involved in condemning violence, drugs and bullying in schools. Miss Washington Taylor Plunkett (Miss Washington Outstanding Teen) was there and had her photo taken with the warriors.



Our buddy Murray Campbell who has been absent from the valley was there and what else was he doing when we walk in he was eating. The Warriors all had something to eat before the flag presentation and Loren Corpuz played the service songs and ended with Amazing Grace. National Anthem was sung by a young lady Miss Domingo of Philippine descent and she played the guitar while she sang.



Ticket Sales for the Upcoming Drawing is schedule for November 14, as sellers are trying there hardest to have all tickets sold by then only a thousand of them at \$5.00 each. Drawing will be November 14 at 1 p.m. at Tribal Agency.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 5, 8:15 Wednesday Satus School Wapato School Presentation

Nov 6, 0900 Thursday Wapato High School
0900 Wapato Middle School

Nov 7. 8:30 Friday Camas School Wapato
8:30 Adams Elementary Wapato

Nov. 9 12:30 Sunday West Hills Memorial Cemetery

Nov 10, 08:30 Monday Harrah School
10:30 Tribal School
12:30 Garfield School Toppenish
2:45 Emerald Care Nursing Home Wapato

Nov 11, 08:00 Tuesday Agency Flag Raising
09:00 Wapato Long house Breakfast
 Warriors going to Chehalis, bus will be leaving from Longhouse
 The rest of the Warriors to do the detail at Sarg Hubbard at 1 p.m.

Nov 14, 1 p.m. Friday DRAWING at Tribal Agency