

Sorry it's not the flight deck. But it is FROM THE FLIGHT DECK
September 11, 2015

On this special day America and the American population experienced the horrific sights and sounds that many veterans live with day after day. I know each of us would give anything for that to have not happened. It did change our lives and the visions of that day will not soon be forgotten.

I hope this finds all in good health and with smiling faces. Fall has come and we are on our way to Veterans Day and all the madness connected with that special day. Please help out whenever and wherever you can during this time. Sometimes we are required to break into several groups, this allows us to cover the many schools that request our presence. That is the price we pay for being so good at what we do. Thanks

The building committee is meeting about once a week at land enterprise, our goal is to get the biggest band for our buck, so that our building will be as accommodating to our needs as possible, the state gave us \$500,000. and then asks for 3 % back for administration fees. We also may have to pay prevailing wage and zero. So our money is dwindling, even before any building occurs. The committee has several floor plans to consider. Each plan is scrutinized for operational effectiveness and budget concerns. I just want you to know that your committee is working very hard and has been very dedicated in this adventure.

So if anyone has several hundred thousand dollars to spare let us know.

Please continue to pray for our members that are ill and maybe just having a rough time. We as a unit are strong, our task is honorable, and our commitment is unwavering. Thanks to each of you, may your seas be calm and your skies sunny. Vic



September 9, 2015

Time for our monthly newsletter, since everyone has had a long summer off. We are back for more fundraisers. But first of all the news from the Warriors. This will be a short newsletter, because only short details. Ending with a great story, which is true.

The last newsletter was sent out before we left for our holidays. Now that I'm back, here goes. Before crossing the US/Canadian Border, we ran into a Vietnam Veteran at a rest area in Upper Michigan. He

saw Loren wearing his Warriors cover. His name is John Doonan of Westland Michigan. At the rest stop we presented this Veteran with the Civilian award from Pointman Ministries and Thanked and welcomed him home. John Doonan was very thankful. He will be sending an application into the Warriors soon.

Loren was busy in Canada. There was a funeral for a veteran we had honored several years ago with the Distinguished Medal of Service from Pointman Ministries. His son and daughter asked Loren to play song Tattoo and Reveille as they laid this veteran down. This veteran served the United States during the Korean conflict. He was one of the few veterans to have gone back to Korea to honor the Canadian Veterans that were lost over there.

Later on the coming weekends Loren was asked to play at several Powwows to honor the Canadian and American servicemen and women.

At the Wikwemikong Pow-wow, Loren and I presented Distinguished Medals of Service again on behalf of Pointman Ministries to both Canadian and American veterans, some with dual service. Canadians volunteering to serve with the United States Armed Forces.

We do this on behalf of Pointman Ministries, wearing the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary covers.

A group photo with their medals

From L to R :Preston Tonepah Hote Jr. USMC, Cpt Anna Maria White Cdn Army, Alex Fox US Army, unsure, Reid Christie Cdn Army and Loren.



Here I'm pictured with Dave White Jr. Active Cdn Army.



I must remind the readers that this award is a civilian award, started by Robert Lantrip, Outpost Leader of Pointman Ministries of Yakima who wanted to "Thank all servicemen and women for their service". Robert and his brother are also members of the Yakama Warriors.

August 26, Warriors were off to Boardman, OR for the flag detail for the Travelling Totem Pole. They met with

the sculpturist of the totem pole and his brother who are traveling toward Montana.



Jessie and Vic Ganuelas Sr. with Jessie's brother



Big winner that night was Corky Ambrose and Rebecca Corpuz.



Warriors presenting colors before the Seven Drums.

AUGUST 26 EVENING the Warriors headed to Wapato for the Housing Project Night Out. Here they are with the flag presentation and Loren with the playing of his trumpet.



She was presented with a Pendleton blanket, a shadow box of medals she had earned from her service with the government. Then after the presentation there was cake to be had and juice.



August 28, the Warriors went to Wish-ram Cemetery for the unveiling of the memorial for Chaz Wyman . Before the ceremony this was seen on Mt Hood wearing a dixie cup.



This would signify that Chaz was watching that the Warriors did a great job.
Then the two eagles, over the mountain.



September 9, The Warriors did an awesome job at the Wapato 69th Annual Parade. Corky lead the parade with the Warriors eagle staff. John Smith kept these men in step.



In the next photo, I think is where Ray James rode with the Chief of Police, not sure. But it could have been in a Wapato police cruiser wearing handcuffs.
Hey I was just told he rode with the Police Chief. I would bet that he was in the front seat and not in handcuffs.

Ray has been a very good man. Besides, his wife would not let him do any bad stuff.



September 11 Warriors went to the annual elders Dinner at the Pendleton Casino.

Soy Redthunder led with one of the eagle staffs and followed by several others with Corky Ambrose carrying one other eagle staff, followed by veterans that were there.



Loren played the veterans in and played service songs when the veterans were recognized.

Then the honoring of the Eldest Veteran male and female. By Golly it was Bud Barron, who was honored as the oldest veteran and a young lady, Ashley Wolf, as the female veteran. She is stationed in Hawaii as a helio maintenance mechanic. Here they are pictured being presented with Pendleton blankets.



They had a special honoring for one of the visiting elder veterans from Toppenish. Yes, they honored Corky Ambrose with a Pendleton blanket.



Group photo of Marines and Warriors to honor with Ashley Wolf. Toni Cordell flexing her muscles.



L to R: Art McConvle, Vic Ganuelas Sr., Bud Barron, Toni Cordell, Richard VanAlla, Ashley Wolf, Loren Corpuz, Evans Starr and Ken Sonic

September 12, Harrah Parade, the Warriors leading the annual Harrah Parade.



Followed by several emergency fire vehicles, a Wapato band and several different floats with the tractors bringing up the rear with the police.



Great news from across the United States from members of the Yakama Warriors Association. Thank you for sharing your stories.

First one is from Elsie Mendez, wife of Antonio Mendez from Westminister, California.

This was shared to me by Mrs. Elsie Mendez. The Honor Guard group that Antonio Mendez is a member, took in colors for one of the Clippers games. He was recognized as a WW2 veteran along with his wife Elsie. They were shocked to see their photo come up on the big screen at the game. It was an honor for Antonio and his wife.

There was a special surprise birthday bash for Antonio to celebrate his 93rd birthday at the American Legion in California. Mr. Mendez is a member of the United Mexican American Veterans Association and also with the Yakama Warriors.

(Elsie & Antonio and Ralph Colin)



This WW2 veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe and highly decorated WW2 veteran. He was recently honored with a trip on the Honor Flight to Washington DC in June of this year. By his side was his close friend, another member of the Yakama Warriors, Ralph Colin. While they were in DC, Ralph had contacted the Brigadier general Johan Andries from the Belgium Embassy who greeted Antonio and presented him a medal. No other veteran in that group fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mrs. Mendez informed me that she is very proud of her husband and hoping that we will see them at the Living History Days in McMinnville with Ken Buckles this November.

I want to Thank Mr. and Mrs. Mendez for their donation to the Yakama Warriors for their upcoming fundraiser. Thank you Antonio for your service.

Next, are two individuals who are members of the Yakama Warriors Asssocation.

A little history first. In 1998 a committee of the Unified Arizona Veterans began developing the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame to recognize Arizona veterans from all eras, all branches of service and all walks of life. The Veterans Hall of Fame founded by Unified Arizona Veterans Inc. in 2001 is now recognized by the Arizona Dept. of Veterans Services and Office of the Governor.

The Hall of Fame recognizes Veterans who have honorably served their country through military services and for significant contributions on a local, state or national level, who have served and inspired their fellow citizens with deeds and accomplishments. Those that continue to serve their communities, and fellow veterans, after their military service.

Robert Delsi, Purple Heart recipient, a Vietnam Veteran, disabled from the war but very active with the Marine Corps League in Phoenix, the Ira Hayes Post, is one of the fifteen who will be inducted. He goes beyond the call of his country. Robert is very active attending memorials, meetings, and always being there for soldiers coming home. **Robert will be one of the fifteen veterans inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame in Phoenix Arizona on October 23.** He is another member of the Yakama Warriors Association. And very proud of it.



He's getting interviewed by Channel 15 Phoenix for the Hall of Fame. Thanks to his wife Josie for sending me the info and photo of Robert.



Most of you know Robert. He is the one always presenting necklaces which is his passion. Here he is presenting one to Loretta Swit at Portland last year.

The third one is the one and only Ken Buckles, Ken will also be inducted into the International Educators Hall of Fame in Orange County, Santa Ana, California on October 24 the day after Robert Delsi. Ken was nominated by a Marine Corps Veteran from the United Mexican American Veterans Association of LA. He was nominated due to the fact that Ken has been instrumental in organizing and running the Living History Days for over nineteen years, working with over 40 high schools and educating them about the men and women who joined the military and served with pride.

Ken, along with his wife Melinda, are always busy with the next years Living History Days, dealing with hotel and flight reservations for the groups that would be attending. It has been a great honor to have work with Ken when asked to lend a hand. This year the Living History Days will be celebrating 20 years where student meet and listen

to the stories from the veterans of WW2, Korean and Tuskegee Airmen and Vietnam veterans.

This is Ken and Melinda Buckles as they arrived at the hotel in Newbury last year.



Congratulations to these individuals for the fine work that they do for others.

Sending Get Well Wishes to veterans :

Don Newquest, Toppenish WA,
Alexander Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman from Michigan
Gunny Brandon from McMinnville, OR
Terry Piestewa, Flagstaff AZ.
Jim Keller, Apache Junction AZ
Ray James, Toppenish WA Loren Corpuz, Toppenish
Bill O'Neil, Yakima Corky Ambrose, White Swan
secretary Mary Diavolikis, and treasurer Pamela Mayhue

To all others that are ill

Flag Display Cases:Warriors have for Sale:

Handmade flag display cases made out of Oak or Maple. Cost per Display Case is \$70.00 each. if you would like to purchase one.

You can contact Corky Ambrose, 509 930-5051 or Pamela Mayhue, 509-949-2602 of the Warriors.

Fundraising :

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

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

So if you would like to donate to the 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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UPCOMING DETAILS

September 25 Taco Fundraiser Sale, All Tribes Church, Wapato

September 25, Heritage University Flag Raising Honoring Native American Day 9:30

September 29 Yakima Fair Flag Presentation 0800

October 2nd Hamburger Fundraiser Sale at the Agency

October 9th Yard Sale All Tribes Church in Wapato

October 16 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser, All Tribes Church, Wapato

October 10 CWU Pow-Wow at Ellensburg 9 a.m.

October 24 Stand Down at Yakima Fair Modern Living Bldg

October 24 Priest Rapids, Don Tahkeal Ceremony

Nov 7 George Colby Memorial

Nov 20 and 21 Winter Lodge Fundraising Craft Sales