

SPRING POW-WOW

2000 Spring Competition Pow-Wow Winners

Basketcap Special

1. Beverly Allen Yakama
2. Arleta Rhoan Warm Springs
3. Katrina Walsey Yakama
4. Wainanwit Schroeder Klamath/Nez Perce/Warm Springs
5. Rachelle Begay Yakama

Golden Age Women

1. Arleta Rhoan Warm Springs
2. Iola Totus Yakama
3. Aurelia Stacoma Warm Springs
4. Regina Wheeler Yakama/Nez Perce
5. Donna Clark Klamath

Golden Age Men

1. Ron Shoots the Arrow Sioux
2. Frank Plumage Assinibione
3. Ray Blackwater Blood/Blackfeet Sask. Canada
4. Uren "Bunski" Leonard Warm Springs/Wasco
5. Jackson Kit-Tsle Bussell

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

For the last few months, I have been attending an honor guard training in Salem conducted by the Salem American Legion. I have relearned many things that I had forgotten since my discharge from the military.

We have been training quite a bit on manual arms. Also, some drill steps seem a little harder to do now than in 1951. We are doing these things to honor our comrades in arms in their crossing into the Spirit World. We are sending them along in a good way. I think that this is good.

One big thing I've noticed is that there are no young people doing this. To me, this is sad. We need some young blood in there to carry on these ways. All of the people there are my age or older, at least at this particular lodge.

My understanding is that we need a minimum of four rifles on the firing line, two for the flag guard. The volley of shots is not a 21-gun salute, but a volley of three by however many rifles are present, ideally seven.

The 21-gun salute is a Navy term, fired by the Navy big guns. You see, a rifle is not a gun. While in the service, I did sleep with my rifle on more than one occasion because I referred to it as a gun. This is how the command broke us of calling our weapon a gun.

The funeral home is the one that contacts the guard. The family decides what it wants done and the guard will do everything in an honorable way and by the numbers.

Anyone interested in being part of the honor guard, please contact Norman Counts, police chief; Bob Jensen at the clinic; or myself. Some training should be done on the procedures. This really will come easy because most of us did this quite extensively while on active duty.

The folding of the flag almost becomes an obsession to make it come out right. While the flag is being folded, the following words are read to the receiver of the flag and then the flag is handed over:

"The banner of love and devotion, now being folded, is a living memorial of the courageous thoughts of our comrade, the one you came here to honor this day (name). The blue field represents the sky that overlooks our land and denotes watchfulness of God the eternal. The red stripes tell us of the blood, sweat, and tears that have been offered and conquered by our comrade's devotion to the responsible freedom of (his/her) country. The stripes boldly proclaim the peace that (he/she) helped bring to our future generations. This is (his/her) flag, this is our heritage. Receive it with the tears of our minds and the faith of our hearts. Ah-ho."

Wisdom of the Elders

Since before time, geese have flown in a "V" formation. Scientists have decided that there is a purpose for this. It seems that it cuts the air so it will be easier for the following geese. A question has been around why one leg of the "V" is longer than the other. Well now, according to the elders, the reason why one side is longer is because there are more geese on that side.



Arlissa Rhoan, 2nd place,
Women's Traditional

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1. Noella Crazybull Seminole
2. Arlissa Rhoan Warm Springs/Siletz
3. Karen Umtuch Yakama/Nez Perce
4. Leah McGurk Dine/Apache
5. Tisa Pinkham Nez Perce/Cree

Women's Jingle

1. Max Alex Navajo
2. Paula McCurtain Blackfeet/Choctaw
3. Acosia Red Elk Umatilla/Cayuse
4. Bridget Eaglespeaker Blood Alberta, Canada
5. Tilda Waisey Warm Springs