



Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

Ceremony Honors Veterans' Bravery

Veterans from several wars and those who served in peacetime were honored May 29 at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.

Siletz Tribal Vice Chairman Alfred "Bud" Lane III welcomed the crowd and served as emcee. Tony Molina, coordinator of the Siletz Honor Guard, gave the Memorial Day address, which preceded the presentation of flowers by those in the audience.

Members of the Siletz Royalty performed *The Lord's Prayer*. The West Coast Boyz drummed and sang during the opening procession and following a rendition of Taps by Dave Teem.

The Cultural Heritage Committee provided lunch at the Tribal Community Center following the ceremony.

Left: Bud Lane, Alan Fish and Ed Ben listen to Tony Molina.

Left, below: Selina Rilatos, Leeann Duarte, Phil Rilatos, Sharon Rilatos, Elaine Rilatos-Smith and Shawna Gray take in the ceremony.

Below: Noni Lundy and Sue Molina talk to Leslie Lundy, Jr. Miss Siletz Princess, and Makiah Woodruff, Little Miss Siletz.



Courtesy photo

Vance Farlow, Cynthia Farlow, Tiffany Bellinger, Melissa Bellinger, Tippi Hedren and Dub Bellinger

Bellinger Meets Tippi Hedren Again

Tribal member Dub Bellinger met Tippi Hedren, movie star/actress, in December 1968 when she was traveling with Bob Hope and performing for the troops with the USO show in Vietnam.

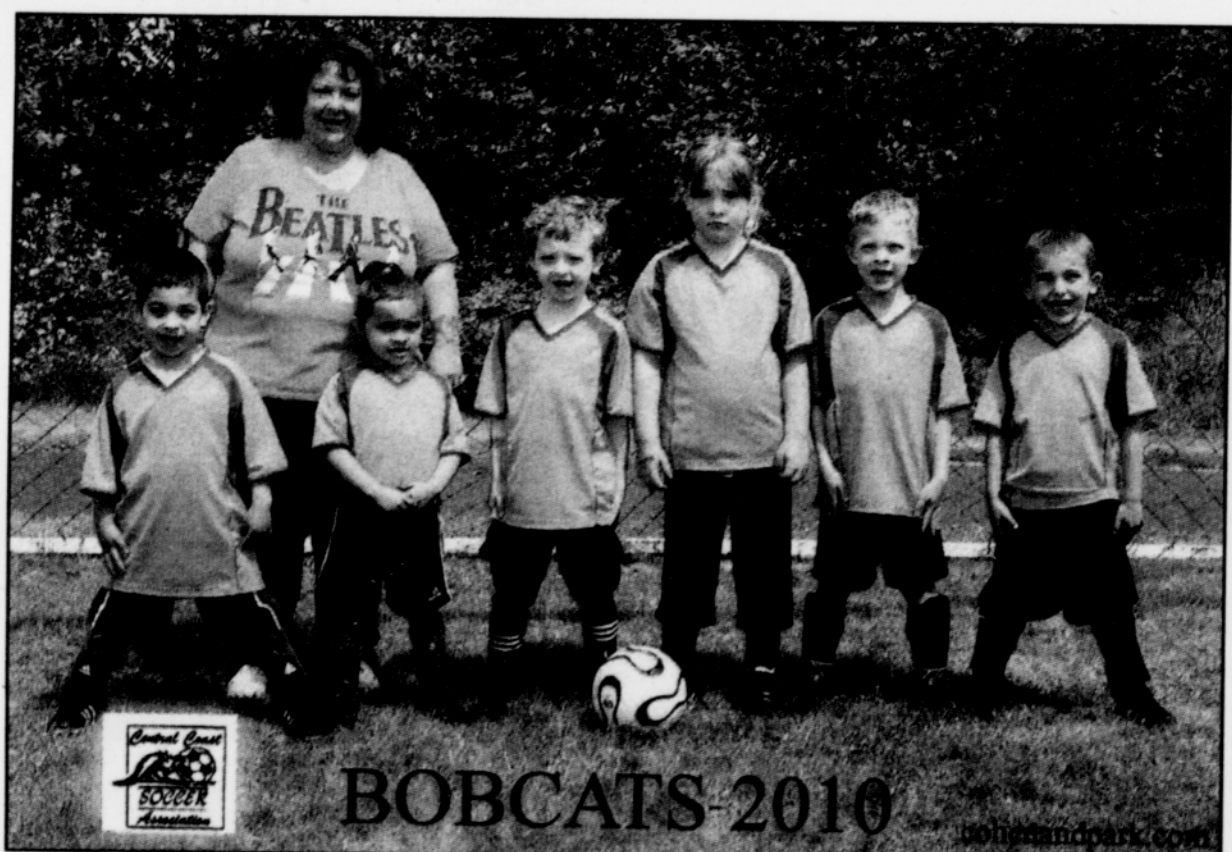
In talking with Dub, Tippi asked where he was from and he told her Southern California. She replied she was too and then asked if there was anyone she could call for him when she got back home. Dub said he would sure be happy if she called his mom to let her know he was OK.

When Tippi returned to the States, she called Dub's mom and let her know he was OK. Dub's mom, MaryJane Bellinger, was thrilled to get that call. Dub got a letter from his mom telling him Tippi had called her and that made him happy.

Then this past May, Dub's sister, Cynthia Farlow, told him Tippi was coming to Lincoln City, Ore., as part of the Mor Art Gallery grand opening on Memorial Day weekend. So after some 40 years, Tippi's and Dub's paths crossed again on May 29.

When Dub told Tippi who he was, they both just hugged and had tears in their eyes. Then they would continue talking and hug again. Dub said he was so glad that after all these years and especially during Memorial Day weekend he was able to thank her in person for calling his mom.

Dub and Tippi made plans to see each other again this fall after she returns from filming a movie in Spain. It was truly a remarkable occasion.



Courtesy photo by Cohen and Park

Coach Selina Rilatos, Joshua Johnson, Chelo Garcia, Christian Hume, Ella Chrisman, Trevor Norton and Mateas Rilatos

Coach Proud of Bobcats Soccer Team

By Selina Rilatos

The Siletz Bobcats soccer team did a wonderful job and had a lot of fun playing soccer. Joshua, for all of the marshmallow thoughts and fishing, did great for his very first time; Chelo, with the moves and no fear of the goalie spot was awesome; Christian, for his gentle spirit and good sportsmanship; Ella, with the will and want to play; Trevor, for his enthusiasm; and Mateas, for the drive.

The Siletz Bobcats were awesome. You made me very proud to be your coach.

Siletz Veterans Office Open Daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz from Monday through Friday to help you get all the information you need for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those who are currently serving. Call Tony at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.