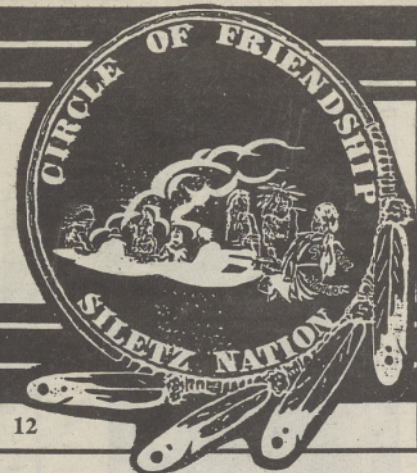


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This Issue is Dedicated to the Memory of Manuel Rilatos

Memorial Day 1992

In years past some of the American Society has forgotten our Veterans, forgotten the sacrifices they have made on behalf of all of us. The Gulf War has changed that to some degree and now we see Veteran's again walking proudly in our society. We can be proud that the Native American Society has never turned it's back on those who have served in the military and that we take those moments in each of our celebrations to honor these men and women who have given so much.

Memorial Day 1992 festivities again exemplified the debt we owe to these brave men and women and to all of our loved ones who have gone before.

Honor Guard Frank Simmons, Ray Blacketer, Lawrence Moody and Leroy John led the procession from the Tribal Center to the Veteran's Memorial to the beat of the Siletz Drum. They were immediately followed by Flag Bearers Nathan Metcalf, Janice Metcalf, and Walt Klamath, the Siletz Royalty and a lengthy procession of Tribal Members.

Invocation was given by Frank Petersen, welcoming speech by Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley and the Memorial Day Address by Delbert Bell. Wreaths were presented and placed at the base of the Memorial from the Area Offices, the JOM Program and the Elders.

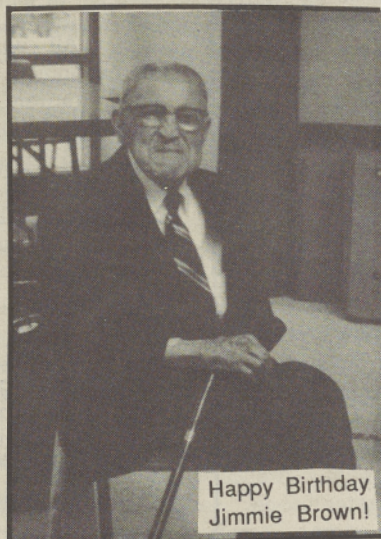
Immediately after, a buffet was served sponsored by the CTSI staff to an estimated 200 people.

Jimmy Brown celebrated his 90th birthday on this day complete with a beautiful cake and happy birthday sung by the entire crowd.

Paul Washington Cemetery was decorated with love and dedication as it is each year making it shine like a jewel on this lovely spring day.

It was a day of honoring our Veterans, ancestors and loved ones; a day to visit with those we don't see often enough; a day of reflection for many on our own lives and the sacrifices of others; a day to enjoy the beauty created in remembrance, share good food and fellowship and in some cases a day to mourn.

We all will miss Manuel Rilatos and extend our sympathies to the Rilatos family on his passing.



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