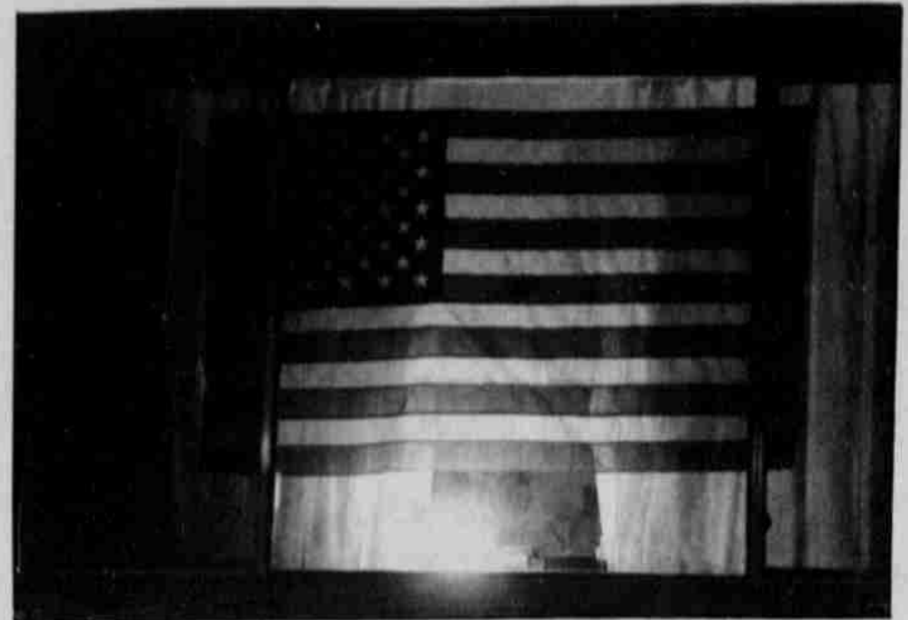


Families, community show pride, support for troops



Children, relatives and friends serving in the military were as much a part of the Warm Springs Patriot's Parade, January 25, as were those directly participating.



Night vigil for troops is part of support at one Warm Springs residence.



Madras Jr. High students (left to right) Dennis Smith, Kelly Wewa, Dennis Smith and Saul Trevino tie yellow ribbons on tree at school in honor of troops.

Anxieties, feelings shared at meetings

Tears of fear and anger flow freely and distraught emotions are willingly shared. The open communication strikes a common chord of concern among parents of those currently stationed in, or who are on their way to, the Persian Gulf. The parents and other community members meet weekly at the Community Counseling Center to discuss ways in which to handle stress and anger relating to the war and ways to show their support of the soldiers who are so far from home. Just talking and sharing seems to take the emotional edge off the feelings that relate to world events which have turned lives upside down.

The group, as a whole, feels their most important mission is to deliver a strong message of pride and support for the troops in the Gulf. They organized a candlelight prayer service at the start of the war; yellow ribbons have been added to the landscape, and, a parade

was held last Saturday in honor of the troops. All are united efforts through which total support is exhibited.

Group members describe their emotional highs and lows, referring to the experience as riding on a "rollercoaster" or "yo-yo." This is where the camaraderie of the group strengthens individuals. The rollercoaster carts won't crash nor will the yo-yo string break as long as the warmth and caring of the support group members are received openly.

It has been difficult for some group members to share their feelings of fear and anxiety. But as time passes, the parents are finding it easier to express themselves. They are even able to laugh at the funny stories that are told. The closeness gained through the support group reinforces the "family" feeling of the community. Group members know they are not alone in dealing with the crisis at hand.

Local Indian veterans news related

Our allied forces, the Indian Veterans of Warm Springs, have joined in support of Desert Storm personnel serving in Saudi Arabia.

Enos Herkshan attended the January 22nd meeting and proposed that we endeavor to combine the Northwest Indian Veterans Association of Warm Springs, the VFW Post and Auxiliary, and all Veterans in Warm Springs and the surrounding areas. As we endeavored to at an earlier date, this was a welcome proposal! Enos, with a

network of Indian Veterans, informed that we have 6+ service people from Warm Springs, 16 from Yakima, 360 from Navajo country, and 1 from Umatilla in the Persian Gulf War. Also, Charlotte Herkshan, in conjunction with Mental Health, has started a support group for families of service personnel, which are well attended.

This meeting also brought about again, discussion of dissolving or reorganizing.....the need to clarify

our position in the community and our purpose in continuing with so little participation of both Post and Auxiliary members. Determination is that we are a service organization and there is competition of many other organizations and meetings daily. The post has 51 life members and the Auxiliary has 55 to-date.

The Mid-Winter conference was attended by Kathleen Foltz and she reported that markers and burial rights may be curtailed for Veterans. Also, the Post and Auxiliary are rotating soon to a Spring District meeting for District 10. A list of allowable items that can be sent to Desert Storm personnel was also obtained.

Dawn Smith's grade school class has been taking names for her class to write to our people in the armed forces. The Yellow Ribbons are seen in the community on fences, trees, cars...waiting for the return of our own "Native Endangered Species."

Dates to remember:

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.—Family Support at Community Counseling.

February 12—VFW Post & Auxiliary meetings at 7 p.m.
April 4-6—Travelers Sobriety/Veterans Powwow.

February 26—Joint meeting with the Northwest Indian Veterans Association of Warm Springs. We can only stress to all members how important this meeting will be, especially due to the now in progress conflict. Support, love, prayers and just being there is of the essence. Not only for the servicemen but to all their families as well. Please mark your calendars and come to contribute your ideas. This will be our regular "Potluck night" so we are asking you to bring, if you can, one of your favorite dishes to share with your fellow comrades and sisters. You can also help by inviting anyone and everyone to our meeting.

Write to these soldiers while they are away

—Bill Chemema—
U.S. Marines

Cpl William O. Chamema, Jr.
585-76-8711
BSSG-5 HQ DET-5-1
5th MEB DET 2
FPO San Francisco, CA 96693-8550
Mother is Shirley Smith.

—Gary Smith—
U.S. Army

PVT Gary MM Smith
C Co. 2nd BN 58th Inf.
Commandos RN 249
Box 55720
Ft. Benning, Georgia 31905-5720
Parents are Geneva Charley and Campy Smith.

—John Nettleton—
U.S. Army

PFC John C. Nettleton 317-82-1749
D Company 3/69 AR, 24th ID
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APO NY 09315

Correction—

In the last issue of Spilyay Tymoo, the parents of Roy Tulee were listed incorrectly. Parents of Tulee are Patricia Tulee of Warm Springs and Roy Bilagody of Arizona.

—David Redfox—
U.S. Navy

Redfox David P. 541945960
Midway CV41
FPO San Francisco, CA 96631-2710
Mother is Marcia Macy

—Wayne R. Miller—
U.S. Army

PVT Wayne R. Miller
544-80-2632
1st IDHHC
APL APO New York, NY 09310
Parents are Lucille Schuster and Robert Miller

—Raymond Calica, Jr.—
U.S. Army

SPC Raymond Calica
543-86-4654
CCo 317 Engr. B.N.
Operation Desert Shield
APO New York, NY 09760-0640
Parents are Wauna Calica and Ray Calica, Sr.

—Shauna Queahpama-Craig—
U.S. Army

PFC Queahpama-Craig, Shauna
540-76-6798
Box 1274 D 1/1 ADA
APO New York, NY 09123
Parents are Madeline Queahpama and Richard Craig.

—Tamera Smith Coffee—
U.S. Army

SPC Tamera A. Coffee
411 MP Co. 720 MPBN
89 MP Bde
APO New York, NY 09616
Mother is Mary Miller Smith.

—Lora Lee Burns—
U.S. Army

PFC Lora Lee Burns 541-66-8700
Co. 502st Sig. BN.
101st A.B.D. Div. (Air Assault)
APO New York 09309
Mother is Philomena A. Halfmoon; aunt is Jean Danzuka.

—Hiram Yaw—
U.S. Navy

Yaw, HR SA 540-84-0640
R Div USS Mars AFS-1
SPO San Francisco, CA 96672-3030
Mother is Barbara Yaw; father is Kenny Blackwolf.

—Alvis Smith, III—
U.S. Army

Spec. Smith, Alvis III
Charley Co. 43rd Engineer
36th Rear Detachment
Ft. Benning, Georgia 31905
Father is Alvis Smith, Jr.



Nettie Showaway and Sylvia Wallulatam join with others in activities honoring the military and supporting troops.