Annual powwow honors veterans with grace, style



Blackstone, of Canada, was host drum for this year's powwow. The popular drum drew out many a recorder.

Vets from near and far gather to celebrate the comraderie they all have in common.



Art Mitchell, right, received a special combat medal from Sgt. Tony Richardson.





Zachary Adams was a real crowd pleaser during Tiny Tots competition.

Tiny Tots Boys

1. Keith Jackson 2. Jordon Yazzie 3. Atcily Nez Begay Boys Fancy/Grass 7-12 1. Gary Villa 2. Eric Stanley 3. Gene Harvey, Jr. Boys Traditional 7-12 1. James Walsey 2. Colby Walsey 3. Preston Smith Teen Boys Fancy/Grass 13-17 1. Joseph Foltz 2. Solomon Scabbyrobe 3. Windy Harvey Teen Girls Fancy/Jingle 13-17 1. Emily Jim 2. Kathy Eaglespeaker 3. Erin Samuels Men's Fancy/Grass 1. Todd Tendoy 2. John Totus 3. Willie Totus Women's Traditional 1. Louise Scabbyrobe 2. Delilah Begay 3. Ramona Whiteplume Grant Waheneka Veterans Special 1. Bill Johnson 2. Charlie Tailfeathers 3. Uren Leonard 4. Gene Harvey Bruce Jim Family Sponsored Men's 50 + 1. Richard Walsey 2. Charlie Tailfeathers 3. Kenny Scabbyrobe 4. Uren Leonard

Swan.

Girls 1. Dezba Walsey 2. Angela 3. Rachelle Baday Girls Fancy/Jingle 7-12 1. Suzi Walsey 2. Janice George 3. Mary Lee Totus Girls Traditional 7-12 1. Erica Dave 2. Adriane Merrifield 3. Natasha Mares **Teen BoysTraditional 13-17** 1. Russell McCloud 2. Elton Cardinal 3. John Moses, Jr. Teen Girls Traditional 13-17 Clarrissa Cawston 2. Dawn Slickpoo 3. Tilda Walsey Men's Traditional 1. Kenny Shane 2. Merle Eaglespeaker 3. Cy Wallahee Women's Fancy/Jingle 1. Karen Lucei 2. Thea Redbear 3. Danelle Tailfeathers Madeline Jim Sponsored Women's Jingle Contest Karen Lucei Women's Fifty + 1. Arlita Rhoan

2. Aurelia Stacona 3. Millie Colwash

Women's All-Around

- 1. Levina Colwash 2. Bridgette Scott 3. Thea Redbear

 4. Uren Leonard
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 5. Reggie Winishut
 4. Delilah Begay

 Singing Contest
 5. Virgilina Walsey

 1. Indian Nation
 6. Danelle Tailfeathers

 2. Grey Eagle
 7. Arlissa Rhoan

 3. Eagle Spirit
 8. Irvana Littleeagle

 Women's Grass Dance
 Men's Jingle Dance

 Charmaine Watts
 Merle Eaglespeaker

 Erin Simaganis was crowned senior court queen. Originally from

 Poundmaker, Saskatchewan, Canada, Erin attends school in White

An unusual headdress made for an impressive appearance.



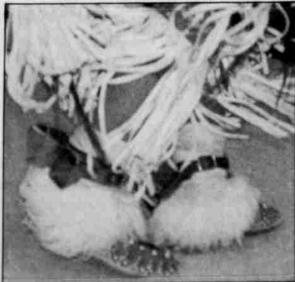
The men's traditional competition had many entrants.

Spilyay Tymoo photos by **Robert Medina and Donna Behrend**





Lara Ike participated in the Jingle dress competition.



It was nearly impossible to freeze the fast action of traditional dancer's feet.