

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries honors employees for their years of service



Receiving thirty-year awards were, Larry Sprouse, Douglas McConnell, Raymond Boatman, pictured with Irvin Raines and General Manager, Rick Saunders. Not pictured, Kenneth Bierman.



Warm Springs Forest Products thanks Kim of Farnstead Catering for the wonderful meal.



James "Buckwheat" Scott was not embarrassed to eat two dishes of food.

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries held their annual employee picnic June 20, 1998 at the Community Wellness Center. All employees were invited to participate in a softball tournament with their departments and to play in the horse shoe tournament.

Softball games started in the morning and went on until lunch was served about 12:00 noon.

Winning the softball tournament was the Small Log Mill swing shift with second place going to Administration-Office. Winning the horse shoe tournament was Ronn Blann and Richard Rodriguez.

Years of Service awards were presented after lunch was served. Names were also drawn for the raffle items purchased by the mill. There were four awards given for thirty years of service to Douglas McConnell, Kenneth Bierman, Larry Sprouse and Raymond Boatman. For their many years of service they each received Pendleton jackets. Five employees received wrist watches

for twenty-five years of service. They are: Frank Trimble, Albert Gregory, II, Gary Gassner, Patrick Mitchell and Mark Baxter.

Norman Nathan received a mantel clock for twenty years of service.

Receiving chrome pen & pencil sets for ten years of service were Harvey George, Jameson Mitchell, John Katchia, Sr., Truman Lumpmouth, Donald Sohapp, Loyd Thurman, Robert Bailey, Sr., Ian Tohet, Raphael Caldera, David Torres, Vincent Culpus and Robin Gunshaws.

Five year award recipients received pins. Five-year employees were William Lilze, Joseph Smith, Robert Story, Bill Filbert, Regan Calica, Leffert Miller, James Shield, Allen Jones, Leonard Bailey, Jose Calica, Bobby Thurby, Omar Winishut and Morris Johnson.

Three year pins were given to Clinton Switzler, Roy Jackson, David Andrews, Christopher Jack, III, Darrell Black, William Cochell and Larry Dick.



Annual horseshoe tournament was held and won by Ronn Blann and Richard Rodriguez.

Ground breaking ceremonies held for All Warrior Memorial June 26

On June 26, 1998, "The All-Warrior memorial," ground breaking ceremonies took place at the Museum grounds. The weather held out fairly well, however there were a few rein drops just enough to let you know it was raining a little.

The Ceremonies started out at 10 am with the Washut service of one Seven songs. Followed by the Grand Entry of all the Veterans with the Carlos Calica drum sinning the songs. The veterans posted the colors. A lifetime member of Elliott Post No, 4217, Jimmy Salem, gave the invocation in Traditional manner.

Former Governor Vic Atiyh, one of the featured speakers said it was a great honor for him to be involved in this memorable occasion and that the Veterans here truly deserve something like this for all their services they done for the

country. Atiyh was modest about his role in the military and said to just refer to him as one of the GI's.

B. I. A. Area Director from Portland, Oregon, Stan Speaks another featured speaker for the event remarked on how the Indian Veterans participated and were willing to step forward when duty called. He said that this went way back in time as many men served as Scouts for the army in the late 1800's, and that this was a true tribute to all the Veterans here in Warm Springs.

James Noteboom, who is one of the Tribal Attorney's, and is presently a Colonel with the Oregon National Guard, was another speaker for the ground breaking ceremonies. While he was speaking it started to rain a little and he jokingly remarked that we ordered this rain just to give a sample of what it might

be like what the Veterans went through sitting in a foxhole with the rain coming down. The men have always were willing to defend the country going into the service when called. He remarked that during the first World War before the men were even citizens of the country they were willing to fight for the country and serving in the armed forces.

The three Chiefs were scheduled to do the ground breaking but it was decided that it would be more appropriate for some of the senior veterans to do the ground breaking. Claude Smith Sr. and Delbert Frank Sr. were called upon to do the honors, both who are veterans of the World War II, Claude Smith sr. in the European Theater and Delbert Frank Sr. was in the Pacific Theater of Operations

There were other groups on hand for the ground breaking

ceremonies who traveled several miles to be here with the Warm Springs Veterans. The Yakama Warriors were on hand headed by David (Coyote) Mann.

From Vancouver, WA, the Northwest Indian Veterans

Association (NIVA) headed by Jack Quency were on hand also who teamed up with the Yakima Warriors and some Veterans from Warm Springs to make a firing squad for the Rifle Ceremonies. After which Walter Langnese III gave Taps.

The Honor song by the Calica drum after which the Veterans retired the colors to end the ground breaking ceremonies. After which everyone went to the longhouse for lunch which was prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.



The Rifle Ceremony was performed by Veterans from Yakama Nation and Warm Springs.



Vic Atiyah was a guest speaker for the Groundbreaking Ceremony.



Veteran, Claude Smith, Sr., breaks ground for the Memorial Wall as other Veterans watch. Left to right—Sidney Miller, Gerald Danzuka, Delbert Frank, Sr. and Raymond "Captain" Moody.