

## Spilyay Speaks

### The Forgotten War: Korea

On September 15, 1950, General Douglas MacArthur made the decision to land troops at Inchon, Korea, against the will of all military heads. He said he would be landing troops at Inchon, and after that you may or may not have a new Commander.

This was a big turning point during the early stages of the Korean War. The Allied troops were pushed back to the Perimeter of Pusan, the far south seaport and were about to be pushed out to sea when the decision was made.

The defense of Pusan-Naktong perimeter, where the U.S. troops dug in and were not to retreat anymore. During that battle there were 4,599 killed in action, 12,058 wounded in action, 2,107 missing in action and 401 POWs.

During the Inchon operation, Seoul falls into the hands of U.S. Troops after a week of fighting on September 27. Casualties mount in the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division 427 KIA, 1961 wounded in action and 5 missing in action. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division there were 86 IIA, 10 MIA, and 358 WIA.

The eighth U.S. Army breaks out of the Naktong Perimeter and starts the battle north.

On October 9, 1950, the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division crossed the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel north of Kaesong and attacks toward Pajongyang where 86 GIs were facing massacre. All had their hands tied at their back. On October 20, the first airborne operation with the 187<sup>th</sup> airborne RCT, 187<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. And the 674 E.A. Bn. Made the parachute assault on Sulchon and Suncheon, where they found 75 more GIs executed. And on October 25, the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) launched their first offensive move of the Korean War.

As the U.S. forces pushed north everything was looking good when they said the troops would be home for Christmas. But on November 25 to December 15 the Chinese Communist Forces made their counter offense encircling U.S. troops at the Chasin Reservoir. The troops had to battle their way to Hungnam.

During the battle of Chosin Reservoir to Hungnam perimeter casualties mounted to 4,418. 718 KIA, 192 MIA and 3,508 WIA and 7,313 losses due to the frostbite or infection ailments.

This all took place in the first five months of the Korean War, where today there isn't a peace treaty, just a line between North and South Korea. The U.S. never won the war nor did they lose the war. A lot of unsung heroes from those days in the early 1950s where peace was restored.

--Sid Miller

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## Letters to the editor

### Thank you to vets, military

I would like to take this time to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all of the Veterans and Active Servicemen and Women who made the choices and sacrifices for freedom of all people, the Yakama Warriors Association and our Drum Group (Eagle Thunder) was asked to provide the opening ceremonies with the Marine Honor Guard. It was a great honor to be in front of 10,000 people singing songs for our Native Veterans who were presenting the Colors for the National USO Tribute to Veterans in the Rose Garden on November 5, 2001.

This day brought good feelings to our group and the Yakama Warriors Association; I dressed up in honor of all Indian Veterans in presence as well as my Father, Grandfathers, Uncles, and other family members who previously served in the Armed Forces. The evening was full of various activities and entertainment, re-enactment of the Raising the Flag of Iwojima, Civil War re-enactment, address from Ross Perot, Miss America Katie Harmon, Robert Bush, and various types of song and dance performances.

I was able to meet 2 of the 5 remaining Navajo Code Talkers that were recently recognized by the President of the United States with Military Awards for their Unbreakable Code in WWII, as well as two 100+year old Veterans from WWI.

The Yakama Warriors had given us a wonderful opportunity to stand up for our Indian people and let them know who the First Americans are and to show that we can be proud of who we are and dress in our regalia in public and continue to preserve our culture with respect of our Veterans, my Grandfather the late Arthur Teepee Mitchell was able to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day of WWII and he also dressed up in full regalia and his War Bonnet to show all other comrades and WWII Veterans his true colors and his identity.

Veterans day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November and I would like to encourage the community to take time to think of all Veterans and truly thank them for all that they have done for the United States and for our Indian People to continue to live the lives we have and be free. And to also think of the young members who are currently in active service and reserves awaiting deployment. I can truly say it was a beautiful day for all Veterans and I do look forward to returning to the USO Tribute to Veterans next year. We can never thank you Veterans enough for all that you have done for the good of all!

Carlos Calica

### School board voices gratitude

Dear 509-J Students, Parents, and Patrons,

Thanks for your approval of last week's bond measure. You decision to provide additional elementary classrooms and to meet the need for expansion at Madras High will help us continue providing high quality educational programs for our growing enrollment.

As we enter a time that promises unprecedented growth for Jefferson County, please know that we appreciate



Photo by Orlando Doney

Students at Warm Springs Elementary School honored police and firefighters Nov. 1 in ceremonies at the school.

ate your advice, your opinions, and your continued support. We know you heard what we said about the need for improving our schools and we know that listening is a two-way street. While managing the affairs of a school district that has over 3,000 students and 400 employees is complex, the five of us and the administration are deeply committed to listen to every suggestion and weigh every idea seriously. We know that improving schools is everyone's business and we appreciated hearing from you last week.

Sincerely,

The 509-J Board of Directors:

**Jim Manion, Chair**  
**Bob Ringering, Vice Chair**  
**Steve Earnest**  
**Jeff Sanders**  
**Tom Norton**

### Word of God

The majestic rain of the Lord, through our prayers we are in accord. The word engraved upon our hearts. To withstand all the fiery dart. Through the storms may come to pass. His enduring love will suppress. Through the darkness we will shall not waiver. His all seeing eye will leave us as we walk blindly through the night; with his bolt of lightning he gives us sight. So if ever we feel troubled and bound, be prayful to the Lord for he will give us mind so peaceful and sound. So as the world may bring tribulation and strife, remember his is the way, the truth and the life. Put all our faith, trust and hope in Him. And our lives will never walk dim. Throughout life we may stumble and fail, just lift him up and we shall prevail.

Dion Minthorn

### Focus

I know many of the folks in the USA may be feeling hurt and angry from the terrorist tragedy that happened in New York on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, this year. But those of us who may feel that way should focus on ourselves.

We need to adapt to what we can do now in the present. Not what we use to do. Live now, One day at a time.

Focus on what we can do now, not tomorrow, but today. In my opinion, the battle belongs to the Lord.

Focus on our higher power and the miraculous things he can do. He is just so awesome.

I hope and want to wish all my native people to having a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. They are two blessing holidays of the year. Focus on what's good. We are still alive!

Evette Patt

### Apology

TO: Warm Springs Com-

munity, Robert Charley Family, "Mom" Louise Hellon, Laura B., Dallas Ray and Jim Miller

I am submitting this letter of this letter of apology to the following people, in regard to the incident that occurred on 8/24/01. At this time I endangered 4 lives, including other vehicles on highway 3. This was due to my alcoholism, and no amount of words will every heal the suffering I have caused.

Robert, Nicki, "Joe" & "Mitch" I am sorry I let you down but I hope that one day we can regain the friendship and trust we once had. I loved having the 3 girls throughout the summer, they always kept me busy. I hope in time, that we can start to plan more good times...

To my "Mom" Louise Hellon, thank you a million times over, for believing in me always. You stand by me when everyone else gives up without speaking directly to me. That's going to stop, I won't let anyone hurt you with words every again. You are the reason I can't give up and no matter what Mom I'll always love you for never turning your back on me.

To my son, Dallas Ray Camas, you hang in there and promise son and spend time with your dad. I can keep a promise son, I'll see you next year and Grandma's waiting too.

To my daughter Laura J.L. Bryant, "my girl" thank you for loving, me enough to give me an ear beating! You seem to be my parent sometimes; I love you, baby... losing you hurts the most of all but I'm going to help grandma get her girl home.

To Jim M. wish you'd of stuck it out, I am sorry I let you down too. I needed you after my grandma got hospitalized and then put in High Lookee Lodge. I thought we were going to lose her. You know how I feel and I hope you'll forgive me one day for the mistakes I've made.

Finally thank you Nancy S., Deputy Prosecutor for working with me to get my life back. Also to Honorable Judge Picard, for understanding my situation with my mom & children.

With love & prayer,  
Cherilyn L. Starr

### Hood River voice

To the Editor:

In an Oct. 18 editorial, Council Chairman Patt asserts that opposition to the proposed casino at Hood River is "from a small minority of antigaming activists." This could not be further from the truth. In fact, there is a broad-based coalition opposed to the tribe (or anyone) building a casino complex 2 miles east of town. At this point, the alli-

ance consists of a large majority of Hood River's 5,920 residents, the City Council, Hood River County Commission, U.S. Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge Commission, a host of elected officials, Friends of the Gorge, the private No Casino group and so on.

I question Mr. Patt's declaration that the tribe has "every legal right" to build a casino on the steep, forested trust parcel and recently acquired acreage above (and below) the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. Persuasive legal arguments say that it would conflict with the National Historic Preservation Act and violate rules of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. The site is the wrong location, pure and simple, and an increasing number of Oregon's residents are becoming convinced of that.

Sincerely,  
Darryl Lloyd  
Hood River

### New IHS worker

To the Community of Warm Springs.

I would like to introduce myself to the community members I haven't met. My name is Julian Shields. I am the Indian Health Service social worker at the Health and Wellness Center. I have been here since May of this year. I am from the Ft. Peck Reservation, Poplar, MT.

Our office will provide assistance to all with medical or social service related problems. Some examples include assisting those applying for Social Security Disability (SSD), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Coordinate services with home health agencies and Seniors and people with Disabilities Service (formerly SDS) for patients who need a in-home caregiver.

I would like to inform the public, I will be at the Senior Citizen Center every second Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., starting Tuesday, November 13, 2001. My regular office hours at the clinic are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact me at 53-1196, ext. 4498.

In closing, I would like to thank the Spilyay Tymoo for the opportunity to present the above information.

Thank you

### Laughing is a healing energy.

Thanks to The Warm Springs Forest Products Inc. Les & Perthina White, J.J.'s Auto Parts, Vehicle Pool, Enos Herkshan, Keith Moody, and Nonie Garrison for the donations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rez Car Parade.

The highly qualified committee, Tillie, Keith, Tamara and Enie...Thanks! (Remember-Tradition is the key word).

To all the helpers, I appreciate you efforts, Dorothy Clements, Kelli Picard, Reverend Rick, Radine Kirk, Nonie & Kids, Nadine & Kids you all did a great job. Pusha & Ulla are really proud of you.

This all would not be possible without the infamous "Rez Cars"!

So to all the winners of the awards, Congrats! I was wonderful to hear all the laughter; and witness you all visiting as we shared the meal. So, Enie, it's time to start saving those cans for next year, save the date October 5, 2002.

Char Herkshan