

## On this Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a national holiday reserved to honor and to remember the fallen men and women of the armed forces with grave decorations.

The day was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971, and established that Memorial Day was to be celebrated on the last Monday of May.

According to the 2010 Census over 150,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. By that same year, 27 Native Americans had been awarded the nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor.

Each year at Arlington National Cemetery there is a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave.

Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On November 11, 1921 Chief Plenty Coups, a Crow chief who led the Crow forces at the Battle of the Rosebud, participated in full regalia at the dedication ceremonies of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Lifting his arms toward the heavens, he gave his emotional oration:

*I feel it an honor to the red man that he takes part in this great event, because it shows that the thousands of Indians who fought in the great war are appreciated by the white man.*

*I am glad to represent all the Indians of the United States in placing*

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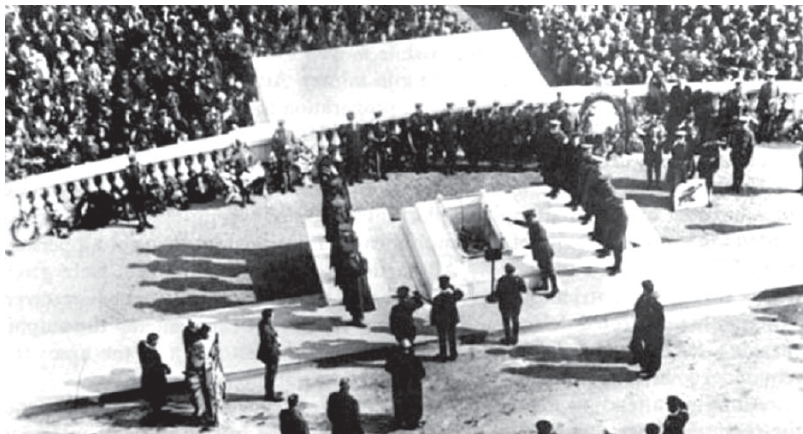
*on the grave of this noble warrior this coup stick and war bonnet, every eagle feather of which represent a deed of valor by my race.*

*I hope that the Great Spirit will grant that these noble warriors have not given up their lives in vain and that there will be peace to all men hereafter.*

*This is the Indian's hope and prayer. My goal is to pave the way for other Norther Cheyenne and Native American students to study at great colleges and academies. In that regard if someone asks me if I am a warrior in uniform I say, 'Yes, I am.'*

One soldier who is not unknown to our people is Tommy Boileau Keo. The son of Levi and Kris Keo, Tommy died in 1984. He is the most recent military casualty who will be remembered as a young man who enlisted and served for the honor of his family, for his people, and for his country.

— Susan Guerin, Ladies Auxiliary



Burial of unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, November 11, 1921. (Source U.S. Army)

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## Howlak Tichum

Woodrow Les Poitra – 'Woodz – WDZ' ~ 1986-2018

Woodz Poitra walked on at 7:30 a.m., April 7, 2018.

He was born December 8, 1986 to parents Lester R. Poitra and Peggy Williams. He had five siblings, with two older brothers passing away before him. His brother Silas M. Poitra expired in 2005, and Spencer W. Poitra in 2011.

Woodrow leaves behind his daughter Jackalynn L. Poitra, his parents, brothers Willard and Joshua, and his sister Wilona. Woodrow grew up around his nieces Laura, Jackie, Renee, and nephew Tyrell.

He leaves behind his many bro'z who he remembered with a smile, "You know who you." Woodz made this comment and had his mom write it down before his passing.

Our deep apologies to all who did not hear about his passing until afterwards.

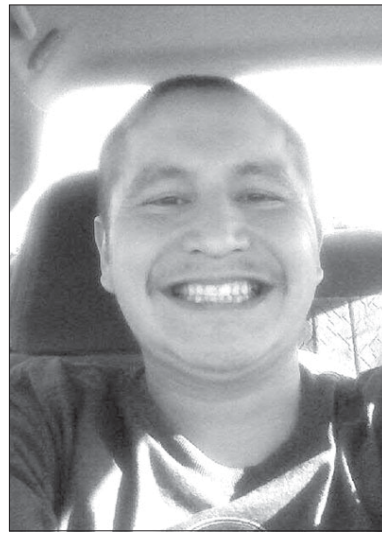
I would like to thank with all my heart, my co-workers from the Behavioral Health Center for financial help.

Thank you Urbana Manion, Marcella Hall and Ursula Gibson for financial support during our stay at the hospitals with Woodrow.

Thank you to Marie Smith for prayers and financial support to his daughter for snacks.

Thank you to the Shaker members who came and prayed with Woodrow at the Redmond hospital. He enjoyed the songs and praying.

Thank you George and Debbie Williams and their children for coming in almost daily to sing and pray with Woodrow. These were special



ers who remained to help with my son's body Sunday night.

Specials thanks to all others who I may have forgotten to name.

Our deepest respect to the young men who stepped forward to help.

A special thank you to his Auntie Marty for all her support during his passing and continued tot support each day since.

He is deeply missed with his great sense of humor in the home. "F the dishes, use paper plates."

"A wise ole elder once told me..." The wise elder was his big bro Archie Caldera.

Woodz P. Jackalynn Poitra, Wilona Poitra, Peggy Williams, Marty Crittenden, Jackie Poitra, Renee Poitra, Laura Thomas-Poitra, Willard Poitra, Tyrell Poitra, Joshua Poitra and Sarah Arnold, Lester Poitra, Sandra, Rhonda and Roslanda Clements.

Not to forget his brother-in-law Anthony Parra, and nephews-in-law Tanner Vandal and Leander Smith Sr.

On behalf of the late Woodrow Poitra, we his family thank the staff of the South Wasco Maupin school. Your understanding and consideration has been outstanding, as Jackalynn Poitra spent time with her Dad, without the worry of being away from school. We all thank you very much for your support to Jackalynn during this struggle in the hospital and after all the services were completed.

*Thank you all.*

moments for him.

Many thanks to Priscilla Frank, Suzie Slockish, Marie Smith, Alberta Comedown, grandchildren and grandchildren, for all the donations for the giveaway.

Thank you to William Sam, Jennifer Smith, Colleen Sandoval and Julie Sam for the great meals.

Thank you to the drummers and Shakers for the wonderful services you provided.

Specials thanks to Edward Lucei, Emily Yazzie, Colleen and the Shak-

## Hatfield Fellowship seeking applicants for 2018-19

The application deadline for the 2018-19 Hatfield Fellowship is May 31. Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated and capable Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in a congressional office.

Placement of the Fellow has traditionally rotated through the Oregon Congressional delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C. and Indian Country.

Fellows are given an invaluable

opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that directly affect Native Americans.

The Hatfield Fellow will begin his or her Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, followed by an eight-month term in an Oregon congressional office.

The Fellowship includes a monthly stipend, relocation and

travel expenses.

This life-changing opportunity is extended to tribal members from the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, as well as members of tribes in Idaho, Washington, and Montana. Preference will be given to members of Oregon tribes. Applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (or graduating in June 2018) and be at least 21 years of age to apply. For more information see [thecommunityfund.com/hatfield-fellowship](http://thecommunityfund.com/hatfield-fellowship)



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