

Vets Memorial Fund Raiser Brings Navajo Code Talker to Town

■ Roy Hawthorne will waive his usual speaking fee in support of the Tribe's planned Veterans' Memorial.

By Ron Karten

With the memorial going up and money still to raise, the Cultural Resources department has prepared a fundraiser for Friday, November 1 in the Tribe's new gymnasium.

The current schedule includes a social hour and silent auction (starting at 5:30 p.m.), a salmon dinner (6:30 p.m.) and at 7:30 p.m., a presentation by Navajo Code Talker, Roy Hawthorne. Also under consideration is a showing of the recent movie, *WindTalkers*, Saturday evening, with a minimum donation. The movie stars Nicolas Cage, about a soldier who, according to promotional materials, guards and befriends "a young Navajo trained in the one war time code never broken by the enemy, the Navajo Code," during World War II.

In a "personal experience" piece, Hawthorne wrote, "Baptism by fire was on Okinawa where I went ashore with the first assault wave of the Seventh Regiment, Second Battalion... During an assault on Dakesha Ridge my unit was pinned down for two days under heavy enemy fire, during which time the antenna on my radio was shot off. Using a pair of field wire cutters I succeeded in reconnecting the damaged antenna, making possible the transmission of messages in Navajo Code calling for artillery fire and air strikes. This was one of those intense, heated battles where strong men were psychologically reduced to basket cases and needed to be carried off the ridge."

Hawthorne has reportedly waived his usual \$4,000 speaking fee in support of the memorial.

Tickets — available through the Cultural Resources department and the main switchboard in the Tribal Governance Building — are \$22.50 for

Veterans, Tribal members and community members. Contributors from the Oregon Historical Society, the Art Museum and special friends of the Tribe and Veteran's groups will receive special invitations requesting \$75 contributions for the evening.

The memorial, originally estimated to cost

\$300,000, grew to \$360,000 as the plans developed, according to Steve Bobb, the memorial's designer and one of its visionary supporters and fund raisers. It is being built now and the dedication is planned for Memorial Day, 2003.

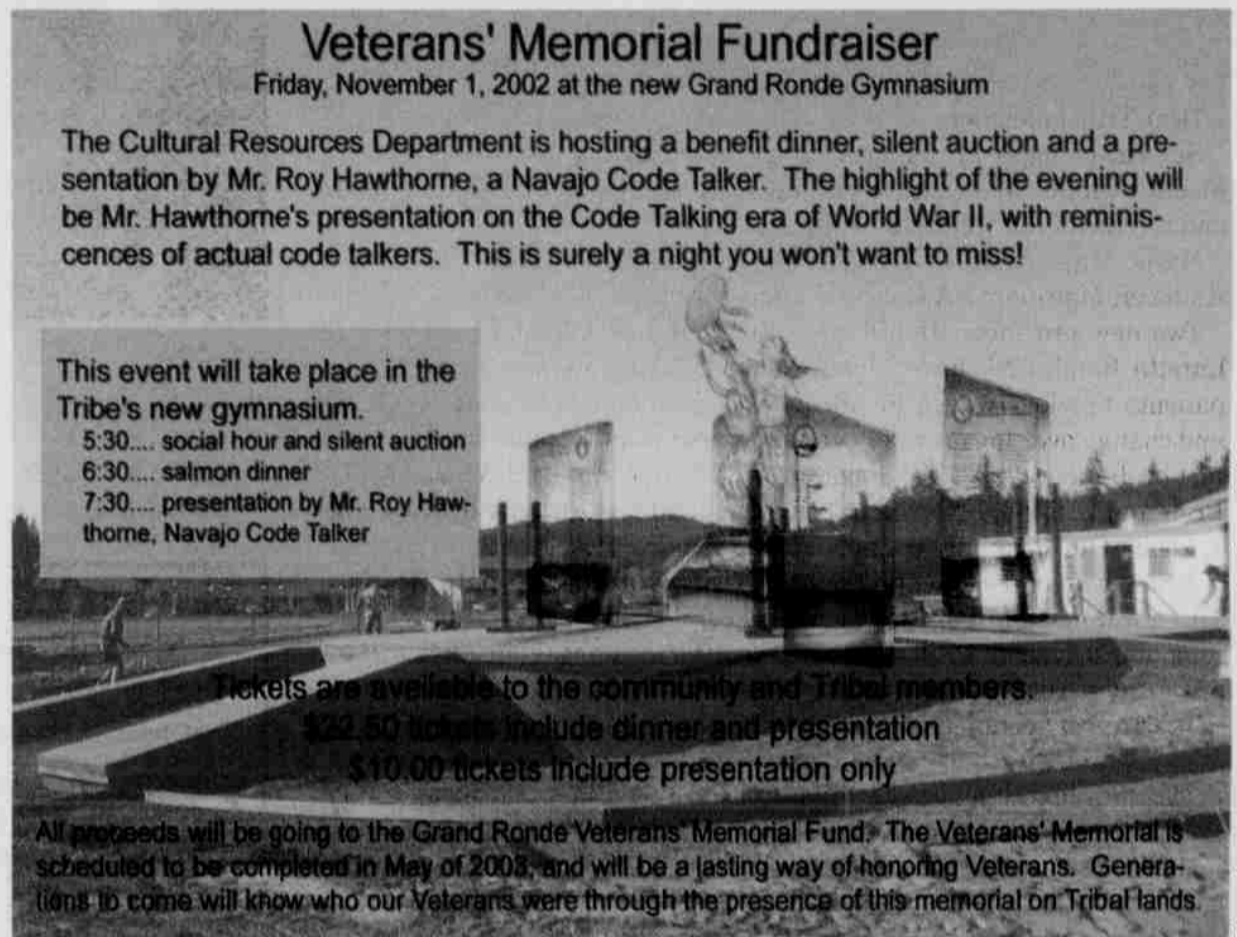
Veterans' Memorial Fundraiser

Friday, November 1, 2002 at the new Grand Ronde Gymnasium

The Cultural Resources Department is hosting a benefit dinner, silent auction and a presentation by Mr. Roy Hawthorne, a Navajo Code Talker. The highlight of the evening will be Mr. Hawthorne's presentation on the Code Talking era of World War II, with reminiscences of actual code talkers. This is surely a night you won't want to miss!

This event will take place in the Tribe's new gymnasium.

5:30.... social hour and silent auction
6:30.... salmon dinner
7:30.... presentation by Mr. Roy Hawthorne, Navajo Code Talker



Tickets are available to the community and Tribal members.

\$22.50 tickets include dinner and presentation
\$10.00 tickets include presentation only

All proceeds will be going to the Grand Ronde Veterans' Memorial Fund. The Veterans' Memorial is scheduled to be completed in May of 2003, and will be a lasting way of honoring Veterans. Generations to come will know who our Veterans were through the presence of this memorial on Tribal lands.

Photo by Willie Mercier & Drawing by Steve Bobb

Can you help find the Branch of Service for these Tribal and Non-Tribal members?

Do you recognize any of these names? The Veteran's memorial Ad-Hoc Committee is searching for verification of which branch of service each of these individuals served in so we can place their names on the appropriate granite monolith (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps or Navy). The project is beginning to take shape and we are coming up fast on our deadline for the first list of Veteran's names to be sent to the monument company to be sandblasted into the black granite. There is NO CHARGE for having a name placed on the Memorial, only verified military service. Please make the appropriate notations and return to our office at the Old Depot. We are there every Wednesday or you can drop it in the mail to Veterans' Memorial; P.O. Box 53; Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Phone number is 503-879-4584.

Tribal members

Gaston, Veronica, Eileen — 3/11/1969
Greene, Tricia JoAnn — 2/26/1973
Grenz (Parazoo), Kimberly Ann — 8/25/1967
Haller, Wilbur Norman — 8/18/1925
Herrins, Michael D. — 9\28\1965
Hiebert, Harold — 12/16/1948
Husak, Kenneth Robert — 4\29\1951
Ibabao, Conrad — 7\13\1948
Kellogg, William (Bill) — 2\21\1945
McGee, (D) Dennis Melvin — 10/17/1944
McKinney, John B. — 8/21/1924
Peters, Jr. Henry D. — 6/20/1924
Pichette, Earl — 7\20\1919
Porter, David B.
Porter, Riley S. — 2\27\1922
Porter, Jr, Steven D.
Quenelle, Leonard LaVerne — 7/4/1935
Rife, (D) William Leonard — 9\7\1923
Riggs III, Lewis Leo — 1/22/1943
Rowland, Mark A. — 3/7/1951
Scheese, Larry — 11\16\1945
Simmons, Marcus — Had a purple heart-died in Italy killed in action.
 Uncle to Bill and Sampson Simmons
Simmons, Jr. Sampson — 11\7\1939
Simmons, Sr. Sampson — 10\2\1908
Simmons, Walter — 9\2\1941
Stephens, Gerald Blake — 10\31\1931
Stephens, Herbert — 2\14\1929
Thanos, George — 10\5\1935
Williams, Gary — 9\4\1935
Young, John Anthony — 8/6/1957

Non-Tribal members

Andross, (D) Lester — Buried Buck Hollow
Atteberry, (D) George Charles — Last known address:
 123 SW Harrison, Sheridan, OR 97378 — 1\3\1919
Bannon, Charles Leroy
 797 NE Yamhill St, Sheridan, OR 97378 — 10\12\1966
Barnett, Charles Lavon
 7360 Ash Avenue, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 — 6\24\1937
Button, (D) Arlie — Buried Buck Hollow
Cook, (D) Miles Hugh Pudy — Buried Buck Hollow
Delph, Ross
 600 SW Mill #17, Sheridan, OR 97378
DeMartino, Bill
 30520 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OT 97347
Dixon, Hazel
 54470 Hebo Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Evans, Elton
 PO Box 265, Willamina, OR 97396
Gearhart, Jesse — Buried Buck Hollow
Gerard, Paul
 Rt 2, Box 281, Sheridan, OR 97378 — 4\23\1912
Gregg, Richard
 48247 SW Hebo Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Harding, (D) Kenneth L. — Buried Buck Hollow
Kraemer, Benno Dominic
 53555 Sourgrass Road, Grand Ronde, OR — 6\28\1916
McLaughlin, Robert — Buried Buck Hollow
Maerez, Alan
 352 NE Faulkener Court, Sheridan, OR 97378
Pelfrey, James R.
 435 SW Monroe St, Sheridan, OR — 5\1932
Price, Ross Gene
 146 NW Florence (PO Box 386), Sheridan, OR 97378 —
 10\11\1927
Read, (D), Donald Ray
 925 SW Mill St, Sheridan, OR 97378 — 11\15\1936
Simmons, David R.
 PO Box 713, Willamina, OR 97396 — 7\20\1949
Loving, (D) Doyle W
 50465 Hebo Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

(D) = deceased