

Corps birthday salute



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison is served the first piece of cake by fellow Elder and Marine Corps veteran Steve Bobb Sr. during the Marine Corps birthday celebration at the Elders' Activity Center on Friday, Nov. 8. The Marine Corps was established on Nov. 10, 1775, making it 238 years old. Its birthday is celebrated every year in Grand Ronde.

Elder Bingo moved

Elder Bingo will be held at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Elders' Activity Center. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

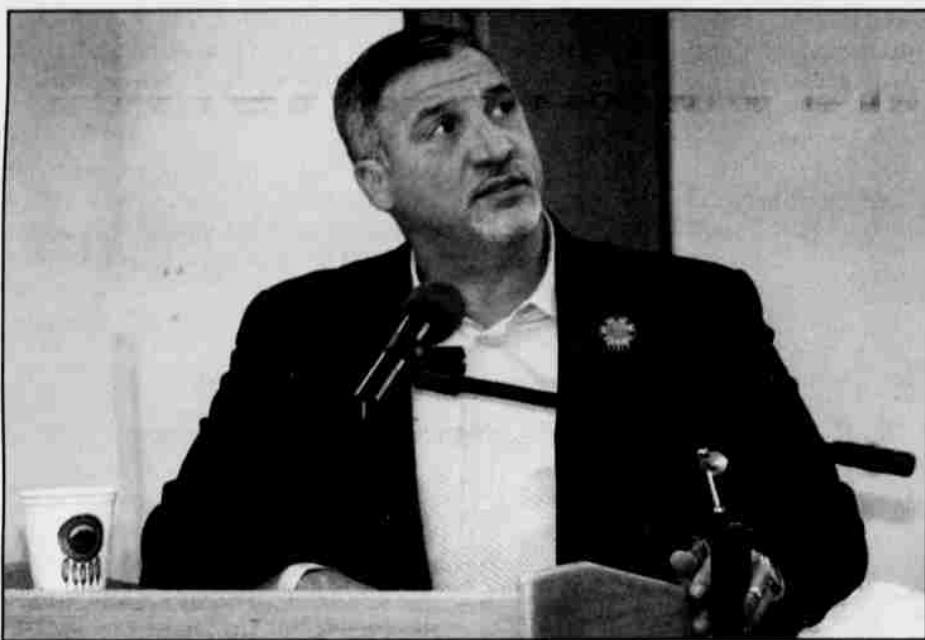


Photo by Dean Rhodes

Finance Officer Julio Martinez briefs the general membership on the draft 2014 Tribal budget during the Dec. 3 General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

Next General Council meeting will be held Dec. 1

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who are 18 years of age or older as of Sunday, Nov. 3.

Tribal Council will adopt the 2014 Tribal budget on or before Dec. 31.

Before going into executive session, Tribal Historian David Lewis gave a brief overview of Tribal history regarding Termination and Restoration as part of the monthly cultural presentation.

In addition, Tribal members Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Brian Krebhiel, Eric Bernando, Jade Unger

and Tribal Council member Jon A. George drummed.

Tribal veterans in attendance also were recognized in honor of the Nov. 11 Veterans Day holiday.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in the Tribal Community Center.

Tribal Elder Julie Duncan won the \$100 door prize while Tribal members Marilyn Portwood, Barbara Steere and Chad Wiley won the \$50 door prizes.

Jam and beaded necklaces donated by George also were raffled off. ■

President declares November as Native American Heritage Month

President Barack Obama declared November as Native American Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 31.

The text of his proclamation follows:

"From Alaskan mountain peaks to the Argentinian pampas to the rocky shores of Newfoundland, Native Americans were the first to carve out cities, domesticate crops and establish great civilizations. When the framers gathered to write the United States Constitution, they drew inspiration from the Iroquois Confederacy, and in the centuries since, American Indians and Alaska Natives from hundreds of Tribes have shaped our national life. During Native American Heritage Month, we honor their vibrant cultures and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States and each Tribal nation.

"As we observe this month, we must not ignore the painful history Native Americans have endured -- a history of violence, marginalization, broken promises and upended justice. There was a time when native languages and religions were banned as part of a forced assimilation policy that attacked the political, social and cultural identities of Native Americans in the United States. Through generations of struggle, American Indians and Alaska Natives held fast to their traditions, and eventually the United States government repudiated its destructive policies and began to turn the page on a troubled past.

"My administration remains committed to self-determination, the right of Tribal governments to build and strengthen their own communities. Each year I host the White House Tribal Nations Conference, and our work together has translated into action. We have resolved longstanding legal disputes, prioritized placing land into trust on behalf of Tribes, stepped up support for Tribal colleges and universities, made Tribal health care more accessible, and streamlined leasing regulations to put more power in Tribal hands. Earlier this year, an amendment to the Stafford Act gave Tribes the option to directly request federal emergency assistance when natural disasters strike their homelands. In March, I signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which recognizes Tribal courts' power to convict and sentence certain perpetrators of domestic violence, regardless of whether they are Indian or non-Indian. And this June, I moved to strengthen our nation-to-nation relationships by establishing the White House Tribal Council on Native American Affairs. The council is responsible for promoting and sustaining prosperous and resilient Native American communities. As we observe Native American Heritage Month, we must build on this work. Let us shape a future worthy of a bright new generation, and together let us ensure this country's promise is fully realized for every Native American.

"Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate Nov. 29, 2013, as Native American Heritage Day." ■



Native veterans honored

