

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nation recognizes oldest living veteran

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On November 11, during the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, the Nation recognized its oldest living veteran, Stanley Jackson. Jackson was recognized as a World War II veteran and celebrating his 90th birthday.

During the event Jackson said, "You don't know what you are missing until you are in a foreign country. It makes you appreciate what we have here in the United States. The service taught me a lot about life and a lot about the world, and I have never taken for granted the freedoms we have here in

this country."

Stanley David Jackson, originally known by his Apache name "Dilhion" was born to the late Clara Quesada and Joe Dilhion and is an enrolled member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Jackson is of the Rocky Cliffs "tischae'hisk'idn" clan.

Jackson served in World War II in Japan and said, "I wanted to get into the military and I did it by lying about my age. I was 17 at the time and from that point on I grew up in the military and was taught discipline."

After returning from the war, Jackson married and started a family. In his community, Jackson has served the Yavapai-Apache Nation as a Tribal

Leader and was instrumental in the establishment of Indian gaming for the Nation. He served many years as the Chairman of the Cliff Castle Casino Gaming Board.

Jackson stated, "I lied about my age. Everyone I knew was already drafted and I wanted to get into the war. It was a defining experience for my life and my favorite memory from the war was when the war ended! There isn't much I can do to give back at my age, but I have enjoyed serving my people, veterans and country and I am just happy to be a part of the Yavapai-Apache community."



During the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, the Nation recognized its oldest living veteran, Stanley Jackson, left. Also pictured, Tribal Council Chairman Thomas Beauty. (Photo by Trapper Moore)

New social service director brings varied experiences

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If you get the notion to surf on the Internet look up St. Paul Island. It is about 750 miles west of Anchorage, Alaska! This is where Ray DiQuarto, the new social service director, spent 5 months taking care of the foster care program for the Tribal Government of St. Paul Island as Family Service Division Manager.

St. Paul Island is only 40 square miles of land mass and was first established in 1788 by Russian fur traders. St. Paul Island also has the distinction of having only 1 bar, 1 post office, 1 small store and 1 church.

In the winter, be prepared to be greeted by the cold, snowy and windy winters said DiQuarto, who flew out often to the rest of Alaska to serve the foster care needs of Alaska Native Aleutian children and families.

"I traveled to such places as Bethel, a wind blown peninsula and King Cove, a fishing village and Nome which is mainly a mining and fishing town," said DiQuarto.

Just the thought of the Bering Sea lapping on the shores of Nome is enough to drive anyone south to the warm country of Arizona.

Before his 5 month stint on St. Paul Island, DiQuarto worked in Trenton, North Dakota loading crude oil on railroad cars for 2 months from November of 2014 to the end of this past January of 2015.

You may have seen boom-town episodes of oil drilling on Discovery Channel about Trenton. The winters there doesn't move above 15 degrees above zero for weeks.

"I found out with that work, that I hated it," said DiQuarto (with emphasis) about his experiences as a Transload Operator filling railroad tankers with crude oil.

Time Warp

DiQuarto's professional experiences takes him back further when he was employed at the Sisters of Providence Hospital/St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, California from 1992-93 as

Surgery Equipment Technician responsible for all surgery equipment operating quality including endoscopic and neurological equipment.

DiQuarto possesses an A.A. Degree in General Studies and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Alaska in Anchorage in the class of 1991. He worked in Anchorage for the Sisters of Providence Hospital, the sister hospital to the one located in Burbank during this period.

DiQuarto said he was a surgical technician sterilizing surgery instruments and assisted with surgery as "...a tool passer" at the Anchorage hospital.

In May of 1993 he arrived in Reno, Nevada to work for the State of Nevada where he began his social service career.

From June, 1993 until January 2000, he was a Therapeutic Foster Parent for the State of Nevada.

Then, in January, 2001 to November of 2014, his longest stint in his profession, DiQuarto provided social services for children, families, and adults as a part-time Nevada Medicaid Contractor in addition to working full time for the State of Nevada.

Present day

DiQuarto was appointed director of Social Service for the Nation in August of this year.

"It is important to keep foster children in the homes closely identified with the culture of the children. The Nation has to protect the children and to re-unify the children (with their families) and not break them apart," said DiQuarto.

"I am thoroughly happy with being chosen for the position of director. It's a great opportunity to help Yavapai-Apache Nation in regards to streamlining and to improve the social service delivery system."



Ray DiQuarto
Social service director

Public defender's office adds two staffers

The Office of the Public Defender is pleased to welcome two employees to the Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Courts, Nadine Honwyteva Espinoza, Tribal Court Advocate and Apphia Shirley, Office Manager/Mediator.

Nadine and Apphia hold the responsibility to uphold the mission and support the work of the Office of the Public Defender.

As the Tribal Court Advocate, Ms. Espinoza is responsible for giving legal advice in the law of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, assisting tribal members with legal matters and representing tribal members in the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Court.

Nadine holds a Paralegal Diploma in Criminal Law, an Associates of Arts with High Honors and is currently working to enroll at Northern Arizona University to finish her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

A member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Nadine was born on the Hopi Reservation in the Village of Shun-



Nadine Honwyteva Espinoza
Tribal Court advocate,

gopavi, she is the mother of four beautiful daughters and one son, all who've blessed her with 13 grandchildren.

As a longtime resident of Chicago, IL, Nadine has worked in data entry, quality control, as a Paralegal with an Immigration Law Office as well as with a Bankruptcy Law Office and currently also works part-time as

a dispatcher.

Bringing her creative side to light, Nadine is looking forward to start painting and playing the piano in her free time.

Apphia Shirley is responsible for maintaining the daily operations of the Public Defender's Office as the Office Manager/Mediator. It is also her responsibility to assist the Public Defender with filing, keeping records updated and facilitating Mediation services for clients, as needed.

Ms. Shirley, holds a Bachelor of In-



Apphia Shirley
Office manager and mediator

terdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Anthropology and Business from Arizona State University. She grew up on the Middle Verde Reservation where she is a member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Ms. Shirley was a cofounder of Rez Media Group, specializing in Public Relations, Graphic Design, and Multi-Media Communications.

Ms. Shirley has most recently worked with the Executive Office with the Nation's Public Relations Office and previously as an Intern with the Heard Museum and with the American Indian Policy Institute at ASU. With an interest in Legal Studies and Public Affairs, Apphia is looking forward to going to graduate school in the future to pursue a Juris Doctor Degree or a Master of Public Policy Degree.

Apphia enjoys reading, photography and spending time with her family.

Holiday recipes

Easy Awesome Toffee

Ingredients
2 cups of real butter
2 cups of white sugar
¼ teaspoon of salt
2 cups of semi-sweet chocolate chips, or bar semi-sweet chocolate
1 cup of finely chopped almonds (to spice this recipe up, you can also use crushed candy canes, or whatever other toppings you find fun)

Instructions:

In a large saucepan, combine the butter, sugar and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring until the butter is melted. Allow to come to a boil, and cook until the mixture becomes a dark amber color, and the tempera-



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ture has reached 285°F, stirring occasionally.

While the toffee is cooking, cover a large baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper.

As soon as the toffee reaches 285°F, pour it out onto the prepared baking sheet.

Sprinkle the chocolate over the top, and let it set for a minute or two to soften. Spread the chocolate into a thin even layer once it is melted. Sprinkle the chopped almonds over the chocolate, and press in slightly. You can put a plastic bag over your hand which will minimize the mess.

Place the toffee in the refrigerator to chill until set. Break into pieces, and store in an airtight container.

Gingerbread Cheesecake Dip

Ingredients
1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened
¼ cup of brown sugar
¼ cup of powdered sugar, sifted

3 tablespoons of molasses
1 teaspoon of ground ginger
1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon dash nutmeg
4 ounces of Cool Whip (or any whipped topping)

Instructions

Beat the cream cheese until smooth, about 1 minute.

Add the brown and powdered sugar and molasses. Beat on medium speed until smooth and combined, about 1 minute.

Add the ginger, cinnamon, and nutmeg and mix until combined.

Add the Cool Whip and beat until combined, about 30 seconds.

Transfer dip to a serving bowl, place in your refrigerator until chilled. After it's chilled it's ready to serve with graham crackers, shortbread cookies, or anything else for a yummy treat.

The dip, if stored in an airtight container, will stay for up to 1 week in your refrigerator.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Agriculture Resource department had a harvest festival in mid-October and the Nation's youth and some of the parents had the opportunity to participate on a hayride through the Nation's agriculture fields. (Photo by Don Decker)

YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 17, 2015

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come join us as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year, Christmas! Bring the kids, as Santa Claus will be making a special appearance. We will be having hot chocolate, cookies, raffles & prizes and don't forget about the presents! We wish to see you and your families there. Happy Holidays!

Middle Verde Recreation/Gymnasium
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TIME: 6P.M.-9P.M.