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Indian warrior accepts judgeship for the Nation

BY DON DECKER,
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Walk in Judge Anthony Little's office and there are photographs on the wall. There is a photograph of an Indian chief from the mid-1800s and it appears like a genuine photograph out of a history book. That chief was Judge Little's grandmother's grandfather or Judge Little's great, great grandfather known as Chief Yellowhair. "He made his mark in the Treaty at Ft. Laramie of 1868," says Judge Little about Chief Yellowhair who was a Chief Pony Soldier of the Brules' (brew-lays) who still remain on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota where Judge Little is a tribal member. Next to that photograph, another warrior from another era, Judge Little standing in the middle of a jungle in a far off place called 'Dak To', South Vietnam 10,000 miles from the United States. "I was 20 years old and weighed 155 pounds," he recalls. This was in the I Corp region of Vietnam with the II Corp or III Corp further south and sandwiched among these regions was the grand city of Saigon. Judge Little arrived in Vietnam in April of 1967 and it wasn't until a year later in the April of 1968 when he departed for the states.

He was alive.

Judge Little served with the U.S. Army 1st Air Cavalry, an air mobile unit that saw battle with the North Vietnamese Army and the Vietcong who supported each other to confront Americans in Vietnam. These were real battles with the close encounter of the real kind: machine guns, grenades, booby traps, hand to hand combat, screaming jets, loud helicopters (Judge Little's mode of travel), swamps, mountains, bombs, infernos and every imaginable scene one can



Judge Little accepts Oath of Office by Chairwoman Jane Winiecki.

come up with in a war.

Judge Little became a part of this warfare for 12 long months.

"It was beautiful country. I thought about this. The coastal towns of the South China Sea," he remembers clearly to this day. That fall when Judge Little's unit got to the Dak To area, from November 3 to the 22, 1967 in Kontum Province, a battle ensued in the central highlands of the Republic of Vietnam. This action was one of a series of People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) offensive. The North Vietnamese attacked Khe Sanh and 4 other major areas including Dak To became known as the "border battles."

It was here that summer of '67 when Judge Little and his 1st Air Cavalry, the Army's 4th Infantry Division and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 42nd Infantry Regiment fought on into the fall. A second

offensive was planned by the same units against the North Vietnamese which "brought battles into the south and southeast of Dak To (where Judge Little participated) in the hardest-fought and bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War."

Judge Little was born in Denver, Colorado and graduated from a Chicago, Illinois high school (Class of '66). He later attended Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois after his military service (1969). His Army obligation service included serving as a drill sergeant at Ft. Leonard, Missouri training young soldiers for military duty. "I did two and half cycles of training from April through August of 1969," he recalls as he pointed to the another photograph showing a platoon of Army trainees he trained. Judge Little is pictured with another platoon drill sergeant where he completed his duties as an assistant pla-

toon training sergeant with the 5th Army Training Center.

He graduated from Arizona State University Law School in 1976 and he interned one summer under the Gila River Indian community courts.

From 1978 to 1993 he began his work with the Indian Pueblo Legal Services where he began his duties as a staff attorney and gradually becoming the Executive Director. The Indian communities served were the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico and Navajo communities in the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation.

From 2007 to 2008, Judge Little was Chief Magistrate Judge at the Ft. Mohave Indian Community on the Arizona, California and Nevada border serving the tri-state area.

He also was a judge for the Puyallup Indian Tribe at Tacoma, WA from December, 2014 until June 2016. In between, he has served as pro tem judge for the Hualapai, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Gila River Indian Community and the Hopi Nation.

His spouse, Dr. Eunice Romero-Little, is an Associate Professor of Indigenous Languages with the American Indian studies program at A.S.U. Her special field of study is in the area of language revitalization and how children learn and the role of language in child socialization. Dr. Romero-Little is from Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico. Between he and his wife, they share 4 adult children who are also in professional fields of law (2 law school graduates from ASU and UNM) and a daughter with a master's degree in fine arts.

Judge Little was sworn in by Tribal Chairwoman Jane Winiecki on December 5, 2016 in the council chambers of the Nation.

Mapping of the Exodus trail completed

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After walking over 200 miles from December 1 to December 17, members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and map maker consultant, Everett Phillips from Compass Data of Reno, Nevada completed this journey that took them through the rugged country of central Coconino county and Gila county in the middle of winter.

Judie Piner from the Nation's Preservation and Technology office

coordinated this activity in cooperation with both culture departments. The project received a federal grant through the National Park Services.

The accumulated data using satellite plotting images and numerics trace the original foot path of the Nation's members who marched to old San Carlos on February 27, 1875 and returned at the turn of the century.

The culture center has an interactive Google earth mapping device that will incor-

porate the generated data for inclusion in the interactive monitor screen to allow researchers to identify the trail.

**Editor note: A comprehensive report is being assembled to share with the Nation's members sometime in February in a special edition. This includes interviews, photographs of the walk and results of the study using these high tech procedures.*

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"Yavapai-Apache Nation members, Katherine Marquez, Everett Phillips from Compass Data of Reno, Jordan Lewis and Fred Sanchez walk the final mile into old San Carlos on December 17." * Nancy Ruiz, core member of the hikers was absent day of photograph



Nation members gather to make final walk into old San Carlos on December 17. (L to R), Fred Sanchez, Monica and Damon Marquez, Katherine Marquez, Everett Phillips, Shirley Bonnaha and Jordan Lewis

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Although Arlin had many obstacles and hardships in his life, he has

risen above and made positive changes. He continues to move ahead and achieved his goals and continues his Peer Support for the people whom are in and trying for their Sobriety.

Overnight house fire destroys personal property: lives are saved

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Debbie Wathogoma who is employed by the Nation at the Fleet Management Office lost all of her personal belongings in a fire in mid-December. Unfortunately, the landlord's fire insurance was not able to pay for the loss Ms. Wathogoma's personal things.

Enter Cedric Nye, a local colorful person who has appeared in local events to bend large nails in front of crowds. Mr. Nye wanted to help Ms. Wathogoma to raise funds by showing up with a box of heavy duty nails that are used to nail large

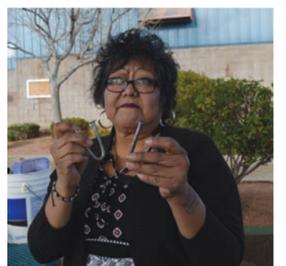
poles together. These nails are slightly thicker than pencils and are about 10 inches long. Mr. Nye set up his demonstration site and began bending nails to see how many he could bend in 90 minutes.

It takes superman strength to bend this nails and from the expressions shown on this man's face, bending nails is not such an easy task—but not impossible. Within a few minutes, Mr. Nye was able to bend the long nails into a "U" shape and began stacking them on the edge of a paper box and amazed viewers stood by watching Mr. Nye grimace as he bent each nail.

Soon, a larger crown

arrived as word spread on Facebook that Mr. Nye was on the Nation helping Ms. Wathogoma to raise funds.

Cedric Nye can be found on Facebook and said that he is still taking donations for Ms. Wathogoma.



Debbie Wathogoma shows off the nails that Cedric Nye bent. The fundraiser brought in a small amount for Ms. Wathogoma.