

COMMUNITY NEWS

Veterans honored at pow-wow

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An all-Indian pow-wow was held for all veterans at the Veteran's park below the Cliff Castle Casino on Saturday, November 10. Several drum groups from northern Arizona were invited to provide the special songs for the dancers and the ceremony that was held for the veterans later in the afternoon.

Over 50 veterans were honored with a special recognition to Yavapai-Apache Nation elder Stanley Jackson of Clarkdale who was the senior elder of the pow-wow at 92 years. Mr. Jackson entered the U.S. Army in 1944 at 17 years old and while serving with the 11th Airborne Division, his unit played a major role in the Okinawa Assault which captured the island from Japanese forces. Mr. Jackson



Nation's color guard brings in the colors during the grand entry of pow-wow. (l to r) Brian Marquez, Billie Garner, Larry Jackson, Sr. and Jim Simmons

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Stanley Jackson, honoree of the Veteran's Pow-Wow is supported by his family.

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Apache Nation with the caption 'Yavapai-Apache Nation Veteran' encircling the logo. In addition, the Veteran's Warrior Society from Prescott awarded the Native American Medal of Honor Award to Mr. Jackson.

"Veteran's serving in wars have seen things that many people have never seen before: bloodshed, the horrors of war and all of sounds of bombs and guns firing over the heads of soldiers. For some soldiers, it's a memory to be forgotten." -anonymous.

Mr. Jackson's son Larry Jackson, Sr. who is the Vice Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, served 25 years with the U.S. Army and retired from the armed forces. He was overseas in Germany and mainland posts in the U.S. Lawrence Jackson, Jr., the Vice Chairman Jackson's son also served in the armed forces along with Brian Marquez and Billy Garner of Middle Verde who both served in Iraq. Young Lawrence



Community members follow Veteran Stanley Jackson around the arena during honor song.

Jackson, Jr. worked with the military police in Iraq in 2010.

Vernon Randall of Clarkdale, brother to Vincent Randall, served in Vietnam also. Others still living include Buddy Rocha, Jr. who served in Iraq with the U.S. Army Infantry.

Roger Wathogoma of Tunlii district, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran of the 101st Airborne Division and a Purple Heart recipient, remembers all of the hardships while encountering enemy fire in the jungles of Vietnam where he served for 1 year in the mid-1960s. He was wounded there and was placed temporarily in the hospital (in Vietnam) and then returned to the battle field after his brief recovery from his wounds!

Cameron Grey, a Vietnam veteran who served with the Marines and a member of the Salt River Indian com-



Veteran's Warrior Society representative (r) awards ribbon to female native warrior

munity who is married to YAN JoAnne (Lowry) Grey, lives in Middle Verde. Dave Kinsey, Sr. of Middle Verde also served in Vietnam as well.

Female members from the Nation who served in the military include Cindy Nahee and Davalene Flowers who served in Iraq.

Veterans of the Yavapai-Apache Nation include three 3 MIAs: Leonard Hayes, Jr., Henry Hood and Buddy Smith.

This annual pow-

wow sponsored by the Nation continues to draw many veterans each year.

Honor color guards Larry Jackson, Sr., Brian Marquez, Jim Simons and Billy Garner from Yavapai-Apache Nation posted the flags for the pow-wow.

The Veteran's Warrior Society of Prescott awarded the traditional Native American Medal of Honor Awards to all veterans in attendance.

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Springs is a resort that has a long history and some of the old buildings have been renovated and the grounds are still under construction. After the war, President John F. Kennedy spent time there recuperating from his injury on the PT 109.

Reba and Jordan have been doing language classes this past semester with the Native American Club at Mingus Union High School. In their last class each student did



YAN warriottes prepare for their dance. (Photo by gloria lewis garcia)

their own cultural story on fake hides (crumpled up brown paper sacks) and each did a presentation of their story to the class. It was amazing to see and hear how tradition & culture plays a

part in their own lives. The best story teller was awarded a lanyard by Mrs. Kitchen; however each student's story had meaning and all did a fantastic job! Reba and Jordan have also,

been working with the Montessori Children in teaching Yavapai Songs for their upcoming Christmas Program in December.

An Elder's Meeting was held on Tuesday

November 27th, 2018 and the four Elders in attendance (Sylvia Wilson, Nel Engle, Hazel Siow and Harry Hood) were designated our Yavapai Advisory Board by a majority vote. The meet-

ing held some interesting discussion on many subjects. The Yavapai Culture Staff invites all interested Yavapai Elders to attend these meetings. Watch your mail for an invitation letter.



Alice Mae Kinsey, daughter of Dave Kinsey and Amber Dansdill (G. Lewis-Garcia photo at Montezuma Castle)



Nations royalty (l) Miss Princess Alice Mae Kinsey, Little Missy Noelani Victor and Miss YAN Teen Taylor Lewis-Moore joined the Annual Cottonwood Holiday Parade on December 1. photo by YAN Executive Office