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HAWE & SEASONS GREETINGS,

This time of year marks the holiday season, when we gather as family and fellowship with one another. It has certainly been a memorable year for the Quapaw Nation. It has also been a challenging year as we have all felt the loss of friends and relatives that have walked on to be with our ancestors.

Earlier this year, our people celebrated the 150th Quapaw Powwow. Quapaw from all over gathered in our tribal grounds during 4th of July weekend. It was a humbling experience to help celebrate a moment in our -

Nation's history. Thanks to our Powwow Committee for this years dance.

During the annual General Council, I called a special meeting of the General Council to convene in October to amend certain sections of our Governing Resolution. During the special meeting, the General Council deliberated and decided to amend nearly half of the proposed sections before it decided to recess until January 2023. Once all of these amendments have been voted on, it will proceed to a ballot vote conducted by our Election Committee under the laws of our Election and Voting Ordinance of 2004. Specials thanks to the Constitution Committee and Election Committee for their hard work throughout this process.

October also marked a year since the Quapaw Reservation was recognized and our tribal jurisdiction expanded. In that short time, our court has also expanded and developed by increasing the number of judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and court staff. Our marshal service has also expanded with additional officers to address the rising need to protect the citizens within our borders. Our Fire and EMS department has also grown and continues to be the model for Ottawa County and beyond. Our entire Department of Public Safety is a source of pride for our Nation and it has been an honor to support its growth in the face of our reservation being affirmed.





November was an incredibly busy time as it marked Native American Heritage Month. Quapaw Nation held several events including Rock Your Mocs, the Veterans Dinner, an Employee Veterans Brunch, and the inaugural Fall Gathering which was sponsored by the Cultural Committee. The Fall Gathering was held at the Pavilion and was well attended by our tribal members as well as people from neighboring tribes. There were foot races, a hand game, stomp dance, and other games played throughout the day. Special thanks to the Cultural Committee for organizing the event and their work throughout the year to bring cultural awareness to our people. Our tribe was also selected by the InterTribal Buffalo Council to host its Annual National Convention. Special thanks to our Agriculture Department and our tribal singers as different tribes from all over the country visited and toured our facilities.

Special thanks to the newly formed Childrens Committee for facilitating the Nation's Childrens Christmas Party. I would like to recognize our museum and library staff for organizing the Quapaw Blessing Tree this holiday season to ensure tribal children receive something for Christmas. I would also like to acknowledge our tribal employees who continue to aid in the overall mission of our government which is to deliver programs and services to the Quapaw people. Every single employee plays a role in the success of our tribe and I am honored to work with each of you.

As I reflect on this past year, I too have experienced loss, sorrow, and grief. My grandmother Ardina was an incredible force in my life. Flossie Matthews, who persuaded me to run for this position was also a force. Both were respected elders in our tribe and I leaned on their counsel often. I would like to extend a positive word of encouragement for anyone feeling despair. Our ancestors faced incredible adversity and we exist because of their will to survive through the most challenging of times. That same will courses through your veins, it's embedded in our DNA. Our old ones want us to keep moving, and keep progressing to make a better tomorrow for future generations. I encourage everyone to lift people up when they can, speak good to each other, and stay positive because there are people who notice your behavior.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and peace in this new year. I pray Wakanda continues to bless you and your family with good health in the days and years to come.

Guhnegay.

Joseph Byrd
Chairman of the Quapaw Nation





We Thank You For Your Sacrifice



QUAPAW NATION VETERANS DINNER

Quapaw Nation held their annual veteran's dinner Nov. 11 in the pavilion located at Downstream Casino and Resort. The dinner is meant to pay respect to all the Quapaw Nation veterans that have made sacrifices in the name of freedom.

The night was filled with smiles and reminiscing with old friends and family. Several Business Committee members were in attendance with most offering whatever contributions they could to assist.

Quapaw Nation Vice-Chair Bowden gave a wonderful speech, highlighting the impact of Native Americans in the armed forces. According to the USO, "Native American's serve in the United States' Armed Forces at five times the national average."

Newly elected BC Members Mike Shawnee and friends sang the honor song and Member Larry Mercer offered a prayer. Also in attendance was the Quapaw Nation Jr. Princess, Mia Forbis.





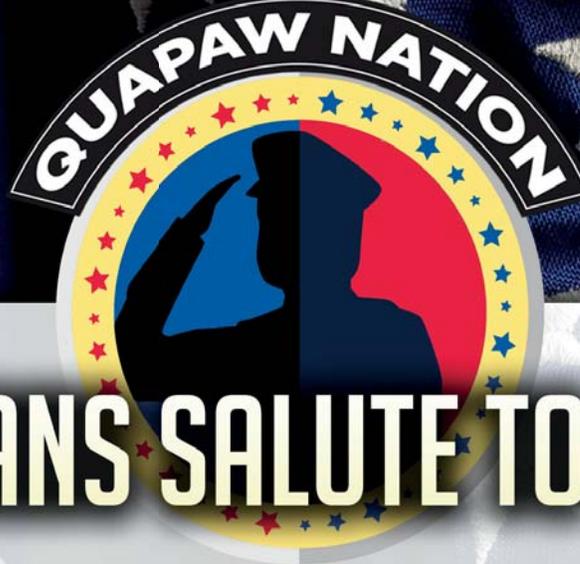
The Quapaw communications team put together two videos for the night and helped to secure entertainers. Entertainment was found in the JoMo Jazz band, which will also be playing at the Elder's Christmas party on Dec. 17, at the Downstream Pavilion.

The Quapaw Nation Veteran dinner is more than delicious food (which looked amazing) and great entertainment; it is an event to place honor where honor is due in those that have dedicated at least a portion of their lives to securing our future.

By the end of the night, everyone left with full stomachs, full hearts and good memories.

The Quapaw Nation does whatever it can to honor Veterans that have served this country. On July 25, 2009, a monument that stands outside of the Quapaw Tribal Museum was dedicated to commemorate the lives of all Quapaw veterans. Currently, ten sections of the memorial have been inscribed.





VETERANS SALUTE TO SERVICE

The Quapaw Nation has numerous tribal members who have served in the United States military at one point in their lives. The Quapaws are proud people who are willing to fight for their beliefs. For this holiday edition of The Quapaw Post, we wanted to highlight a few members who served in the military.

Marcus Boyd grew up in Miami, Okla. and graduated from Miami High School in May 2014. One month later, Boyd left for Fort Sills, Okla. on June 30 to start his basic training and journey with the Army National Guard.

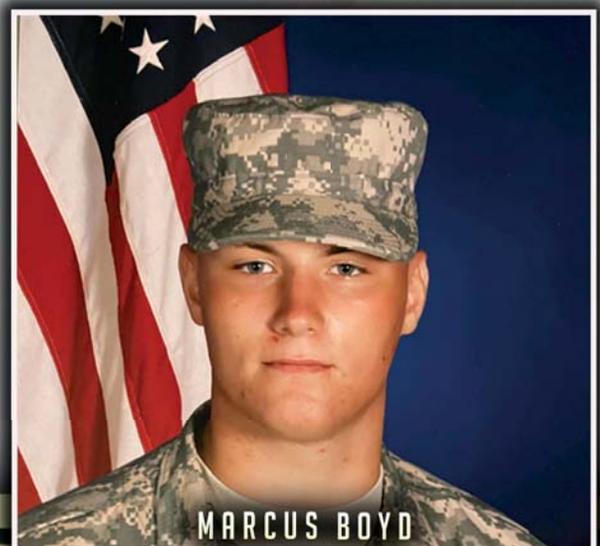
Because people from every past generation of his family served in the military, both on his mom's and dad's sides of the family, he felt that it was his calling to join and continue his family's history. He also felt a personal responsibility to sacrifice his time and fight for his country after living there his whole life.

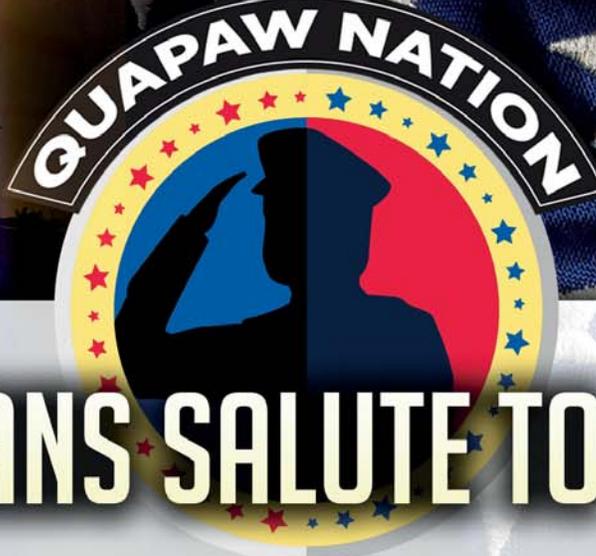
During his time with the National Guard, Boyd spent most of his time in Chandler, Okla. but also spent time in Fort Riley, Kan., Camp Grayling, Mich. and Fort Chaffee, Ark. before ending his service in 2019.

One of Boyd's most fond memories of his service came from basic training and doing drills with the other new military members. People from all walks of life from across the United States report for basic training and during that time, drill sergeants are crafting them to be fine soldiers. One term that got Boyd through basic training was "embrace the suck" and to build comradery with the other trainees.

"When they hear the term 'brother and sisterhood,' it's what it is," said Boyd. "I mean you're right there. You know, there's some guys in the military that knew every aspect of my life. We were close enough and trusted each other enough that we shared that stuff is, you know, you shared the good moments and bad moments in your life with them because you knew them on a personal more personal level."

Boyd left the National Guard as a specialist and earned an active-duty award for his efforts in helping with Hurricane Harvey relief.





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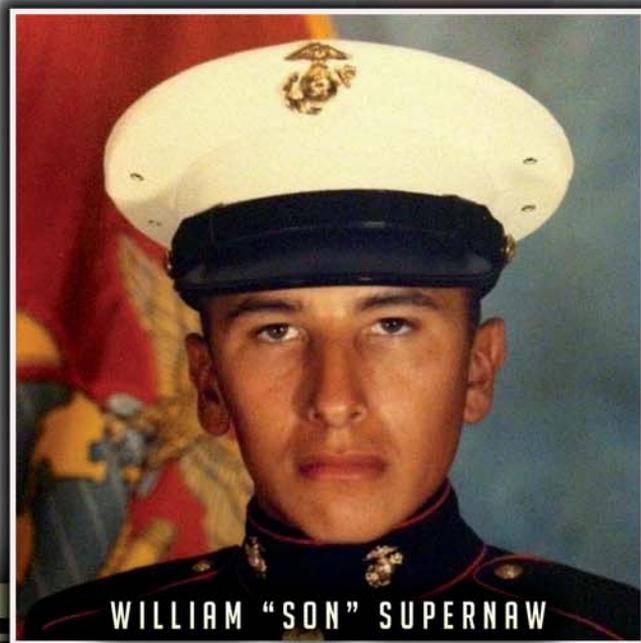
William “Son” Supernaw enlisted with the Marines right out of high school during a peaceful time in Jan. 1989 and served until Jan. 1994. He chose the Marines because he believed they were supposed to be the best. If he was joining the military, he wanted to be a part of that culture.

Although it was a time of peace during Supernaw’s service, he was always ready at a moment’s notice. He was stationed in Orange County, Calif. but went overseas as every Marine does at some point during their term. Supernaw also served during Desert Storm and spent time in Southwest Asia as a “show of force” during the Gulf War era.

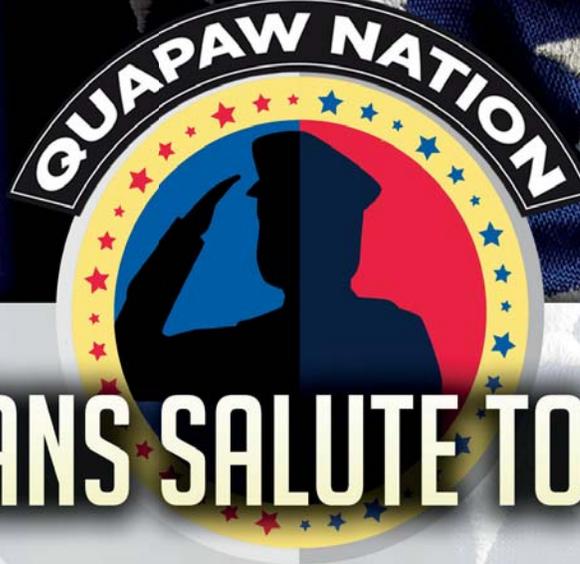
Boot camp was not a tough assignment for Supernaw. Growing up around his dad, uncle and cousins prepared him for training. In fact, Supernaw was recognized as the most physically fit in his platoon at the end of training. Every time he or his platoon was disciplined, he was ordered to “thrash” which is a movement where he would drop to do a pushup, quickly stand up and repeat the process until he was ordered to stop.

“By the end of boot camp, they used to say either you’re going to get smarter or you’re gonna get strong,” said Supernaw. “While I was always getting in trouble and stuff, I ended up being the most physically fit my platoon.”

Supernaw finished his service as a Corporal at the end of his five-year stint. He also worked his way up to crew chief, earning crew chief of the month on a few occasions, and was Marine of the Quarter in his Squadron. He wore a Saint Christopher medal his mom gave him throughout his service and still has the medal today.



WILLIAM “SON” SUPERNAW



VETERANS SALUTE TO SERVICE

Kelly Flanagan, At 18 years old, joined the Navy. She lived in Colorado Springs at the time and desperately wanted to get out of the cold. Flanagan went to the Navy recruiter's office on a Wednesday and told them she would happily join if she could leave Colorado by the weekend. She flew out to Orlando for boot camp that Saturday. Unfortunately for her, it was Florida's coldest winter to date when she joined.

Flanagan's first duty station was at the Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment in San Diego as a non-rated airman. She worked her way up to getting her micro-mini soldering certification which she used during her second duty station in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Most of what she learned came from working on her assigned jobs.

"I really just kind of felt like it was just my duty to go do it and whatever happened, happened," said Flanagan.

During her 20 years of service, Flanagan had three daughters: one in San Diego, Puerto Rico and Virginia. She spoke of the difficulties of raising children during her military service, like trying to find groceries in Puerto Rico without knowing Spanish and moving across the country every few years.

During her service, Flanagan was required to go out to sea on the USS Benfold, where she served on the second crew of the guided missile destroyer. She feared being away from her children for long but kept photos of them and Jesus with her onboard. But being out at sea had its advantages, too. Flanagan reminisced about watching dolphins and fish jump out of the ship's wake and fuel ships refueling and restocking the USS Benfold. At one point, Flanagan's youngest daughter flew to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to board the USS Benfold back to San Diego.

Flanagan retired from her service in 2000 with the First Class Petty officer rank AE/NC(AW) USN, RET, five Navy achievements and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist.

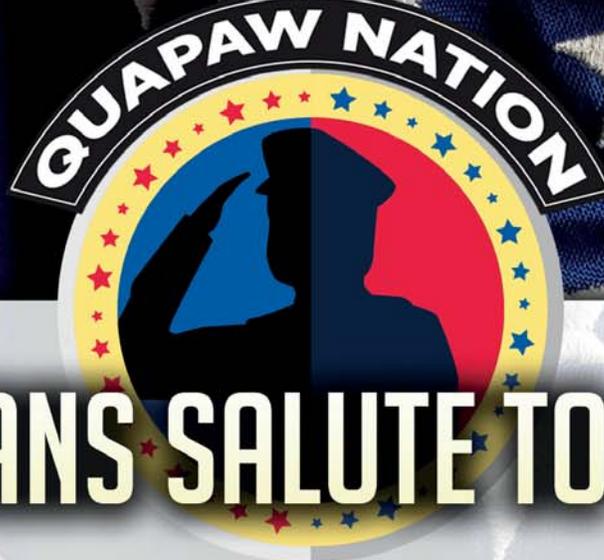


KELLY FLANAGAN



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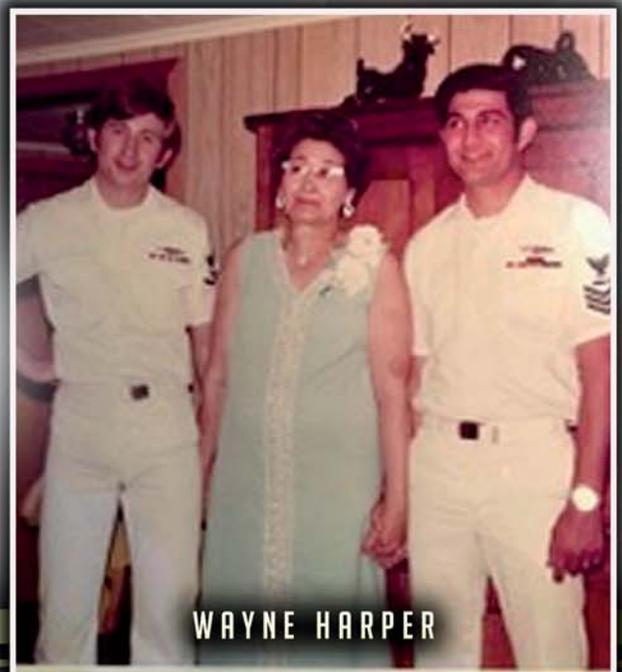
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Wayne Harper joined the Navy fresh out of high school in May 1971, like his older brother, Fred Harper. Harper worked his way up to earn the rank of Machinist Mate First Class, submarine qualified.

Harper went to submarine school in Groton, Connecticut and later went aboard the USS Archerfish, a fast-attack nuclear submarine where he served with Fred for nearly a year. Harper later transferred to another fast-attack nuclear sub named the USS Bergall.

Harper ended his first service in May 1975 but eventually returned after running into a recruiter by happenstance. They got to talking and the next thing you know, Harper was back out at sea until he officially retired from service in 1995.

Deploying to sea can take as little as five days or as long as 107 for a long patrol. While at sea, there was little communication with the outside world. Family members were allowed to send 10 "famgrams" per deployment but could only contain 40 words or less; their only news source came from the radio. Everyone on the submarines must also know how to repair the boat when something goes awry. Harper also served on board five other subs, with the last being a Trident Class Missile Submarine, USS Alabama.



WAYNE HARPER



O-GAH-PAH MARSHAL SERVICE CONTINUE SHOP WITH A COP TRADITION



Quapaw Nation Marshals teamed up with Commerce and Quapaw school districts to spread Christmas cheer to 60 local children. John Millard, Quapaw’s school resource officer, has been running the annual Shop with a Cop event for the Quapaw Nation for nearly a decade.

“I’ve been at Quapaw for almost 11 years,” said Millard. “So in a way I feel like these are kind of my kids. I feel really good being able to take care of them at this time of year, to be able to do this for them, taking them and experiencing this with them. It just means a lot to me being in the school district for that long.”

Each school district selected 30 children, along with the school’s resource officer, to take part in the event. The children ate breakfast with the Marshals before venturing off to the Miami Walmart, where they could each spend \$200 on whatever they liked.



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CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





Some children even choose to be selfless with their gift, deciding that spreading the holiday cheer is more important than an extra gift for themselves.

“I always think that it’s really cool when the kids want to get something for their parents or grandparents or maybe a sibling that’s not in school,” said Haley Durbin, Quapaw middle school and high school counselor. “We don’t always know if there’s other siblings and so that’s pretty touching to know that they have \$200 to spend on themselves and they take time to spend it on somebody else.”

This is Commerce’s first year participating in the Quapaw Nation tradition. Their resource officer, Bradd McMinn, has years of experience in the police force, but this is his first time serving in the school system and taking part in Shop with a Cop.

“It was fun to show up and see all the excitement on each one of their faces,” said Bradd McMinn, Commerce school resource officer. “It’s interesting to see how they’re so excited about being able to come over here and get gifts with us and stuff.”

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WHERE DO YOU THINK QUAPAW NATION SHOULD SPEND REMAINING ARPA FUNDING?

ARPA APPROVED SUGGESTIONS

1. \$2 Million Housing Renovation Backlog
2. \$2 Milion Infrastructure for 20 Homes (Ray Property)
3. Up to .8 Million Ottawa County Rural Water District #5
4. .25M Tiny Homes for Domestic Violence Victims
5. Outdoor basketball court, north side of the park on the corner of Main and 4th Street along with swings
6. Additional tribal member distribution
7. Youth Center/Outdoor Recreation Park with frisbee golf/slides/swings/small ampitheatre

NOT ARPA APPROVED SUGGESTIONS

1. \$3.32 Million Land Acquisition Tillable Land
2. \$1 Million Food Sovereignty Program
3. Generators for tribal members
4. Casket business
5. Storm cellars for tribal members
6. Expand recycling service
7. Waste and roll off dumpster business
8. Tannery business

LIST YOUR 3 PRIORITIES
(list in order of importance.)

EMAIL YOUR PRIORITIES
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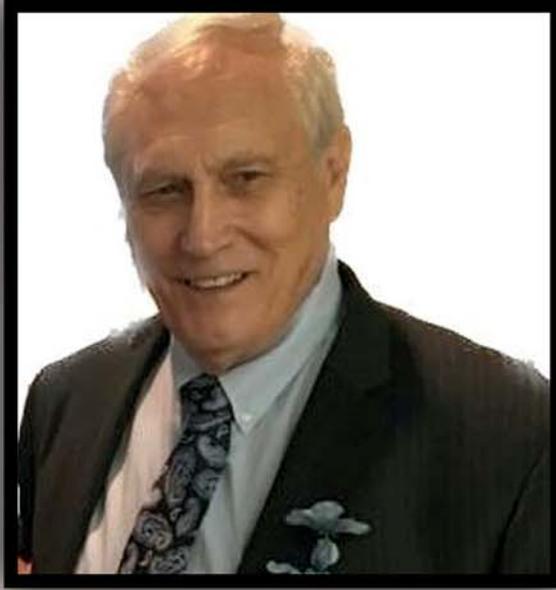


**QUAPAW NATION
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 28 - 29(IF NECESSARY)
9AM - 5PM**

PAVILION AT DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT

**HOTEL BLOCK RESERVED
MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY 918.919.6000**





RICHARD LEROY FERRIS

Richard LeRoy Ferris, 81, passed away on November 21, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida. Richard was born on April 26, 1941 to Frank L. and Zee M. (Thomasson) Ferris in Webb City, Missouri.

Richard heard his countries call and joined the United States Air Force after high school. It was during this time that he climbed the ranks to Chief Master Sergeant and was awarded several accommodations before retiring. Richard continued to serve, even after his retirement from the Air Force, working for the Department of Defense before retiring from there as well. Overall, Richard devoted over 50 years of his life serving his country. In his spare time, Richard enjoyed studying and teaching the word of God so much that he became an Ordained Minister. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Richard is survived by his wife, Kae Soon (Kim) Ferris; children, Ti and wife Jeanna of Indio, California, Richard and wife Vicky of Reno, Nevada, Jeff and wife Rea of Reno, Nevada, Kevin of Moore, Oklahoma, Kae Lee and husband Charles of Oklahoma City, Ricky and wife Brenda of Jacksonville, Florida; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Ruth Marie and Mark. Richard is preceded in death by his parents and beloved brother Frank.

A visitation for Richard will be held Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sunny Lane Funeral Home, 4000 Se 29th Street, Del City, OK 73115. A funeral service will occur Friday, December 16, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Sunny Lane Funeral Home.



QUAPAW NATION AND TITLE VI FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tyson Foods and the Quapaw Nation partnered together on Monday, Nov. 28 to distribute 40,000 pounds of chicken to Quapaw Tribal members. Rhonda Weaver, Title VI Director, knew many tribal members needed food to get through winter, so she worked with Tyson Foods to make sure the tribal members had their needs met.

Any Quapaw Tribal member 18 years or older with a tribal ID was eligible to participate in the giveaway. Each tribal member who attended the giveaway drove off with 40 pounds of chicken which equals out to 160 servings of boneless, skinless chicken leg meat.

Many Quapaw Tribal members are struggling with the rising cost of groceries, inflation and other outside factors. The chicken distribution should help numerous Quapaw families in need.

“I am very glad that they chose the Quapaw Nation to do the distribution of chicken,” said Weaver. “It was awesome and we appreciate it very, very much. My Title VI does too. You know, the elderly, they’re on a fixed income and it’s helped out so much.”

At the end of the distribution, the surplus chicken was stored at the Quapaw Farmers Market & Food Hub and distributed again to card-holding tribal members.

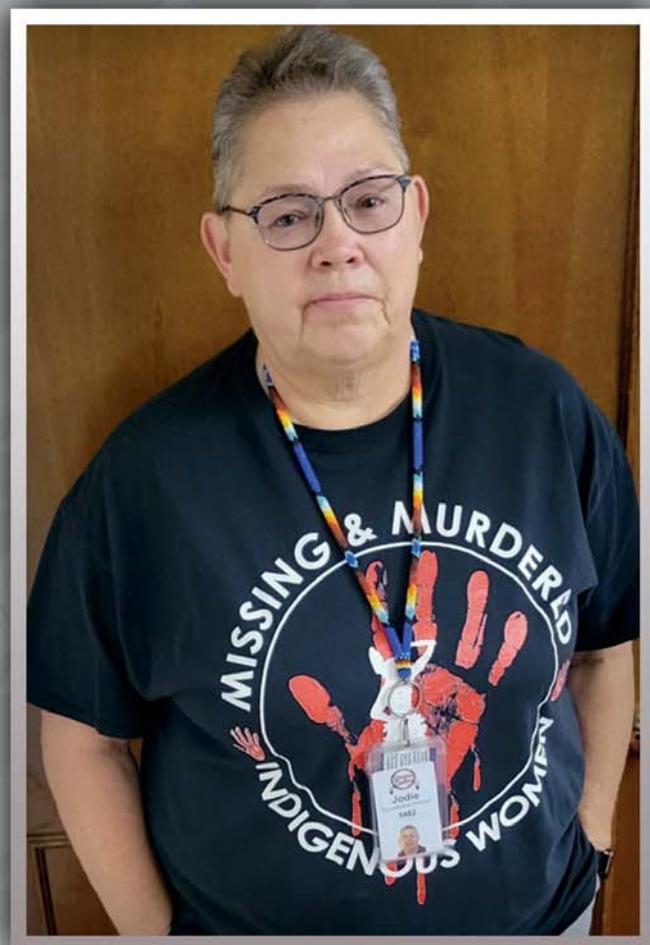
Weaver is grateful for the help of numerous tribal entities helping her, including entities outside of the Quapaw Nation.

“I had wonderful help,” said Weaver. “I mean, lots of people come out; our maintenance, we had the Wyandotte send a couple of their maintenance, the Eastern Shawnee had a couple of their maintenance, some people from the (Quapaw) tribe including the IT department and other programs.”





Quapaw Casino Employee Recognition



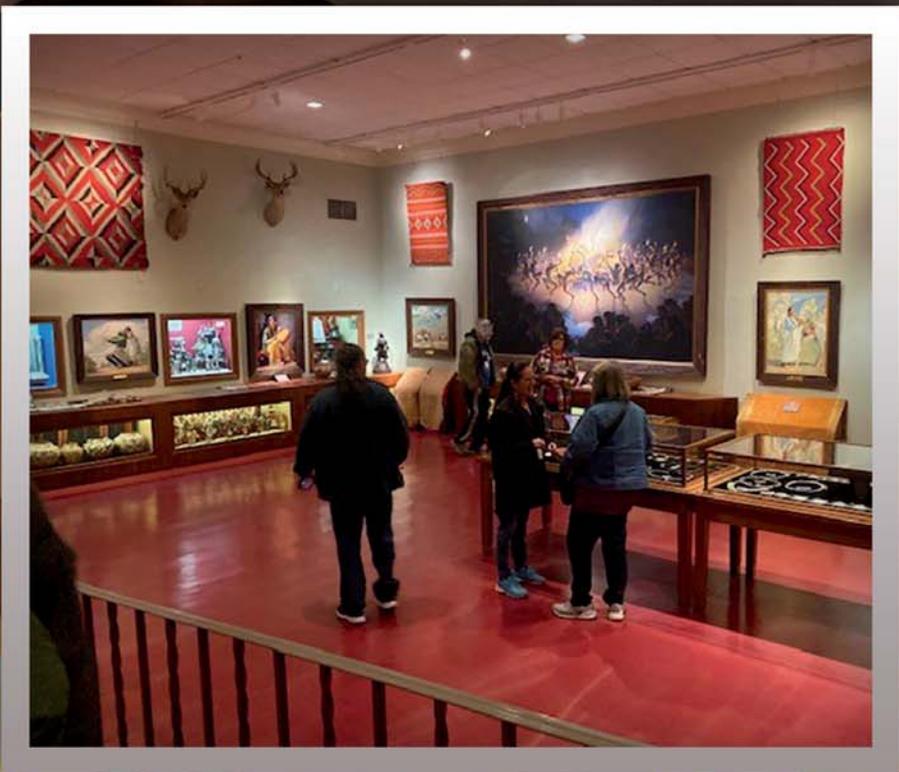
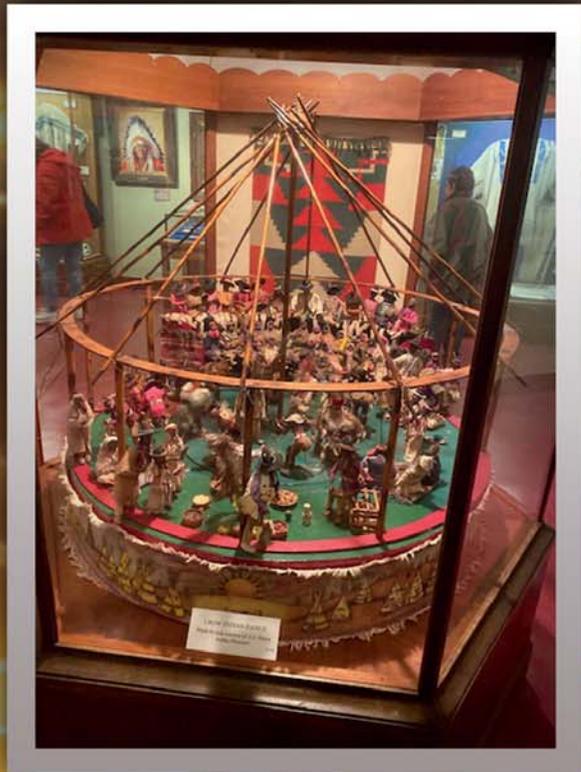
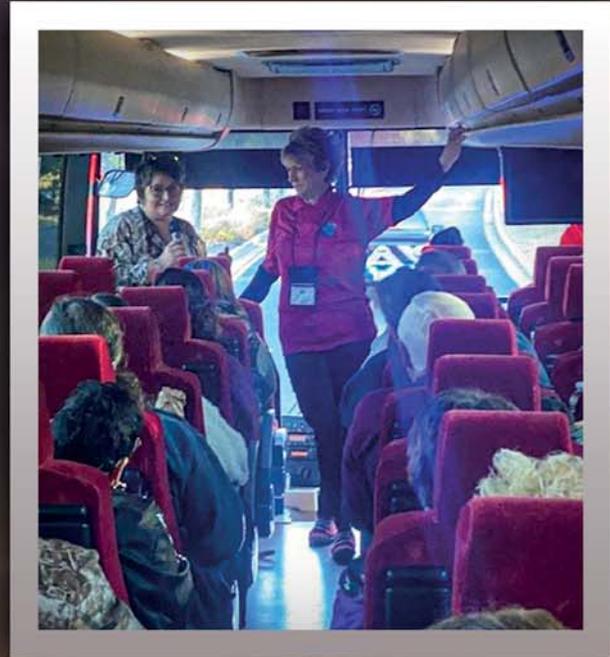
Quapaw Nation tribal member Jodie Whitecrow of the Crawfish clan has been dedicated to her career in surveillance at Quapaw Casino for over 14 1/2 years and is currently the director of surveillance. She started out as a cook in 2004, took a break from work in 2006 and came back working in surveillance in 2008 where she has been ever since.

Whitecrow says, “I love working for Quapaw casino because we are family. We all take care of each other and have each other’s back. I like catching the bad guy too, the kind of person who thinks they won’t get caught.”

Thank you for your years of service Jodie Whitecrow!

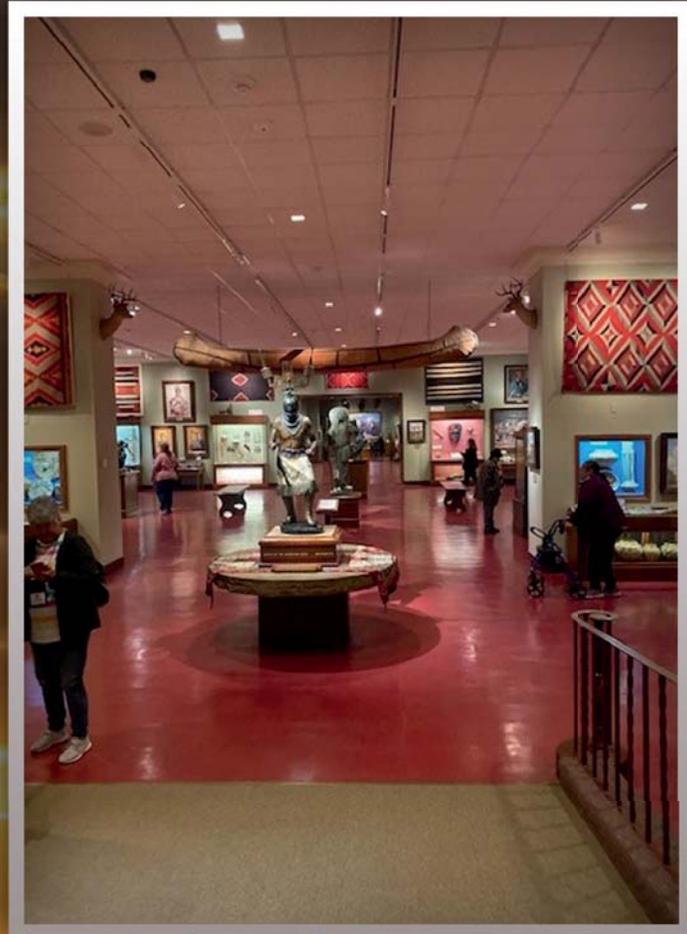


2022 Quapaw Nation Elders Trip





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Quapaw Business Committee November 2022 Summary

The following summary is not the official meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present - Member Newton, Member Turley (Zoom), Secretary-Treasurer Supernaw, Chairman Byrd, Vice-Chair Bowden, Member Shawnee, Member Mercer

PHONE POLLS SINCE LAST MEETING

26 PHONE POLLS APPROVED COMPRISED OF 2 DONATIONS, 2 SERVICE CONTRACT TERMINATIONS, AND 5 JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

1 BENEFIT INCREASE REJECTED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 10/22 Special General Council held. 1/28/23 - 1/29/23 Special General Council continued for remaining amendments. Please attend.
- November is Native American Heritage month.
- 11/10 Veterans Brunch held for veteran employees - sponsored by Cultural Committee
- 11/11 Veterans Dinner for Tribal Member Veterans
- 11/15 - 11/17 Rock Your MOCS
- 11/20 Fall Gathering sponsored by Cultural Committee. Doors open at noon at Downstream.

ACCOUNTING REPORT (Eric Bohn) gave his report on monthly and year to date general fund revenue and expenses, tribal member health benefits, social services benefits, and education benefits. Received 3,198 ARPA applications since November 1 and processed 2,122 applications. On track to meet goal of processing all applications within 20 business days.

ELDERS COMMITTEE (Grace Goodeagle) 12/17 Elders (65+) Christmas Party 5pm Social; 6pm-8pm Dinner and Entertainment. Please RSVP@quapawnation.com or call the Tribal office by 12/12. Invitations have gone out. Elders trip last month was great. Thank you to the Quapaw Nation for everything done for the Elders.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (Roman Kihega) Committee began discussing BC roles & responsibilities. Discussed how to approach this given the privilege given to the Constitution Committee on October 22 to reconcile documents. 1/28/23 is a continuation of the remaining amendments not discussed 10/22. Please plan for a 2-day event if needed. Motions to reconsider will be allowed after the original agenda is completed.

ELECTION COMMITTEE (Linda Davis) Election Committee will meet January 2023 to set the 2023 annual election calendar. Seats that will be coming up are Vice-Chair and 3 Member seats. Reminder that all petitions must be validated by the Enrollment and Election Committees before they are turned over to the Business Committee. Election Committee will support the 1/28/23 - 1/29/23 meeting.



Quapaw Business Committee November 2022 Summary

DONATIONS

1. American Indian Alaska Native Child Advocacy Fund - \$500 approved
2. Quapaw Community Boosters - \$1000 approved

CLOSED FORUM

The BC discussed a personal matter with a Tribal Member and agreed to help.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

***The audio is low when Tribal Members did not speak into the microphone so not all comments were captured throughout Open Forum. All comments listed are from Tribal Members except for those noted.**

1. Paramedic and CHR services are available.
2. Discussion on audio recording <from early May 2022> of a sitting Business Committee Member making a threat to another sitting Business Committee Member as well as disparaging remarks about 2 other sitting Business Committee Members; was made public recently. Chairman confirmed the audio recording exists. The recording was turned over to law enforcement and will be handled internally. Due to the on-going investigation, there is little more information that can be shared because it is a pending issue.
3. Discussion around filing a Grievance and potential removal from the Business Committee.
4. Grievances may be filed by Tribal Members against any Business Committee Member.
5. There is a Grievance Committee process that needs to be followed. We need to care for each other and respect each other. Some things can and should be worked out between each other directly.
6. Discussion on grievances filed but not addressed. 2/3 of the Grievance Committee are employees of the Tribe. According to a Tribal Member who previously served on the Grievance Committee, some grievances had no basis and there was nothing to investigate, but all Grievances are researched and followed through.
7. Urged the Constitution Committee to write a standard process for the Grievance Committee, especially for follow through.
8. Vice Chair gave an overview of the current Grievance Committee process.
9. BC was implored to not wait for a process and remove the BC Member immediately.
10. Member Turley stated it's an open investigation. Already apologized to 2 sitting BC Members. Apologized to another's family member yesterday. Stated the conversation was illegally recorded and distributed.
11. Chief of Marshalls - We have verified all the voices on the recording. The investigation is on-going. None of those on the recording, recorded it or distributed it; they have all been interviewed. That makes it illegal according to State and Federal law.
12. The Business Committee has incredible power. If things cannot be handled appropriately, we need a complete restructure.
13. Since the voice has been verified, it's not beyond the BC scope to request his resignation. Chairman - this has been discussed by the BC and that will continue. It has not been taken lightly.
14. New chairs in the Community Building and a table cart are needed. Vice Chair confirmed it's in process.
15. 1990 Ethics Code cited in the recall petition is not available on the Tribal Website. Vice Chair stated it would be made available.
16. Elder living conditions need to be better met through maybe a construction company. Chairman - with the 10M available in eligible ARPA funds, we can do this.
17. Discussion on getting more young people involved to learn.





THE HOLIDAYS ARE UNDERWAY AS MICHELLE NEWTON & BETTY GAEDTKE DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT. EVERY YEAR THE TREE IS DECORATED IN MEMORIAL OF BETTY BEARD, WHO USED TO DECORATE THE TREE ANNUALLY.

THE QUAPAW NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE



Chairman
Joseph Byrd



Vice-Chairwoman
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