Design Selected for Smithsonian's National Native American Veterans Memorial

Harvey Pratt—Cheyenne and Arapaho, Marine Corps Veteran, Forensic Artist—Submitted “Warriors’ Circle of Honor”

The jury for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, National Native American Veterans Memorial has unanimously selected the design concept submitted by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho) titled, “Warriors’ Circle of Honor.” Groundbreaking for the memorial is slated for September 21, 2019. It is slated to open late 2020.

“The selection of a design concept for the National Native American Veterans Memorial is a tremendous achievement for Harvey Pratt, a distinguished Native artist and a well-known authority on traditional and modern warrior art,” said Kevin Gover, director of the museum. “These veterans are perfectly aware that they are serving a country that had not kept its commitments to Native people, and yet they chose—and are still choosing—to serve. This reflects a very deep kind of patriotism. I think of no finer example of service to the United States and the promise it holds.”

Native Americans serve at a higher rate per capita than any other population group. Few outside the military and American Indian Nations know that Native people have served in the U.S. armed forces since the American Revolution and continue to serve today. The nation’s capital is known as a great monument and solemn memorial, including many honoring the nation’s veterans. Yet no national landmark in Washington, D.C., focuses on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military since colonial times.

Pratt is a multimedia artist and recently retired forensic artist, as well as a Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. His design concept is a multisensory memorial. An elevated stainless steel circle rests on an intricately carved stone drum. Listen to Pratt describe his concept in detail. The selected design will undergo further development in partnership with the museum.

Congress commissioned the museum to build a National Native American Veterans Memorial that gives “all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States.” The museum worked with the Veterans memorial / pg. 3

Interest sparks to rebuild the Cheyenne and Arapaho firefighting crews

Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Many moons ago, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ firefighting crew was growing strong and steady. But like many things, the program began to dwindle, and the interest began to wane until now.

With wildfires increasing across the U.S., and the especially record setting fires in Western Oklahoma in April, lasting into May, it has sparked a renewed interest in building a strong firefighting crew/program within the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes once again.

“I would encourage everybody, both Native and non-Native to try and participate because we are trying to build a crew here on the Southern Plains side. We had one numerous years ago, but it kind of trickled out because of the lack of occurrences of wildfires, but now wildfires are really starting to pick up and really starting to pick up on the Southern Plains area,” Scotty Kopepasah, a member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Region fire crew, stated during the recent firefighting training P.A.C test held in Comanche June 18-22.

There were several who attended the training, with a couple who attended for recertification purposes. The week consisted of training with tool placements, tactics and strategies, weather, wild land urban interface, hazardous structures, and an overall understanding of the job.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana takes some time to visit with firefighting instructors and trainees out in the field. (Courtesy photo)

2017 Indian gaming revenues increase 3.9% to $32.4 Billion

WASHINGTON-On June 26, Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri, Vice Chair Kathleen Icon-Clouse, and Associate Commissioner Sequoyah Simmermeyer of the National Indian Gaming Commission released the Fiscal Year 2017 Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) amount, which saw an increase of 3.9 percent over 2016, totaling $32.4 billion.

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The consistent growth of the Indian gaming industry year after year shows how well tribes run and regulate complicated operations.

By staying in its regulatory lane and supporting tribes as the primary regulators, the NIGC has supported the Indian gaming industry’s entrepreneurial spirit and self-determination goals. “All of Indian Country had to work hard to maintain a flourishing and constantly growing gaming industry,” said the Chair of the NIGC, Jonodev O. Chaudhuri. “The successes of Indian gaming in the 30 years since IGRA prove the

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Zero tolerance immigration policy strikes at the heart of Indigenous communities

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America watches in horror.

As children are forcibly removed from their parents along the southern borders and placed in holding facilities across the U.S., the barbaric act strikes a nerve deep in the hearts of many, but especially Native Americans. They see the similarities from the past when Native American families had their children ripped from their homes and forced into boarding schools.

In April 2018, President Donald Trump implemented an unprecedented action, putting into place a “zero tolerance” immigration policy calling for the immediate, simple and targeted sentencing of the United States. Whether people enter through legal ports of entry, seeking asylum, or attempting to cross the border for the first time, which remains a misdemeanor, all minor children are being taken from their parents at the border. Since April an estimated 3,700 children have been taken from their parents, with each not knowing where the other is being sent, leaving what can only be described as another trail of tears.

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has called the Trump administration’s separation of immigrant children immoral and has called on the U.S. Congress and the president to end the zero-tolerance immigration policy.

“The forced separation of immigrant children from their families is simply immoral and horrific back to a dark period for this country. In the 1920s, decades, the U.S. government stole Native American children from their parents and forced them into boarding schools, hundreds, and sometimes thousands of miles away.” Keel stated, “This is far too well the intergenerational psychological trauma that will flow from the actions of the Trump administration.”

Today, Keel and the president should take heed of such abhorrent mistakes from the past and actually live the moral values this country proclaims to embody by immediately ending this policy and reuniting the affected children with their families. Parents belong together.”

And after public outcry and protests, President Trump did sign an executive order on June 20 to halt the immediate removal of all children, however, with no plan in place the question remains how will the 3,700 children be reunified with their families, a question that has failed to address or to implement actions for reunification.

Also standing up publicly against the policy was the Sault Ste. Marie Tribes of Chippewa Indians Chairperson Aaron Payment. He stated there are so many parallels to the current crisis of immigrant children in Indian Country and the schools and forced reservation policy.

“Unfortunately, American Indians know all too well the trauma induced by federal policy that separated our children from their families and tribal nations. The pedagogy for Indian boarding schools in the late 1800s was ‘kill the Indian to save the man.’ Payment, who is also the vice president of the NCAI, wrote in his statement. “You would think that in this century we would be far removed from such practices at the hands of the federal government. The President of the United States just announced his intent to withdraw from the United Nations Human Rights Council. Washington was one of the first cities in the 1990s with German nationalism just before the Holocaust. What further signs do we see in the policy of this administration?”

Many adults coming from the southern borders still document cases of children continuing to be separated or if not separated, kept with their families in make-shift jail type facilities awaiting deportation. Many experts are coming forward and have expressed deep concerns over the process of reuniting children, especially since the collective innocence of children is non-verbal, and their long term affects this will have on their parents and their children are left behind.”

One foster family, who is fostering several of the children separated from their families went on record, using only their first names. Carl and Jen stating, “Our 8 year old child was literally in shock, he was afraid to eat, afraid to look up, his clothes were soiled because he was afraid to go to the bathroom and had urinated and defecated in his clothing.”

With the policy of separating children away from families stopped, at least for now, the monumental task of attempting to reunify thousands of children remains, with many being shipped across the country to locations unknown, making the goal of reuniting every child unattainable.

World War Centennial
Modern Warriors of World War I

The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas Little Rock is creating the Modern Warriors of World War I database to identify the brave and heroic 12,000 American Indian servicemen who risked their lives during WWI.

These men volunteered or were drafted to serve in the war. One hundred years later, thousands of individuals have yet to be identified and recognized for their service in the military.

We would love to help change this.

Our goal is to create as complete a record as possible for an online American Indian veteran’s database. We want to remember their legacy and honor who they were as American Indian servicemen.

We appreciate any consideration and cooperation in helping us to identify men from the Cherokees and Atcheso-ah to tribes to be remembered in the Modern Warriors of World War I national database.

Upon completion of the project, the web page we are working on will be made available to the public in the near future—2019.

If you have any information regarding a tribal member or loved one who served in World War I (1914-1918), please contact Erin Fehr at 505-369-8336 or email erin.fehr@uark.edu.

A U.S. Border Patrol shines a light on a terrified mother and son from Honduras as they are found in the dark near the U.S.-Mexico border on June 12, 2018 in McAllen, Texas. (John Moore / Getty Images)
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ largest gaming revenue distribution increases elder services

CONCHO, OK. – Under the new tribal government under Governor Wassana, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes saw the largest gaming revenue distribution in March 2018, since casino operations began in the early 1990s. The increased revenue has allowed more services to tribal elders in the Department of Housing and the Elder Care Program. The historic March distribution of $8,060,233.65

was the largest single month of revenue for the tribes. Gaming revenue from January to May, 2018 total $24,675,472.98. In May, over one million dollars was given to the Department of Housing for elder home repairs. Additional funding for May, Gov. Wassana announced a one-time increase for the Elders for $500 for elders 60 years of age and over.

“We are fortunate to provide an increase to $500 for elders 60 and over for the month of July. As we promised during our campaign, we are focused on elders with a fixed income and closer to retirement age.” Wassana said.

For more information about elder home repairs, contact the Department of Housing at 580-331-2400 or for monthly elder checks, contact the Elder Care Program at 405-422-7411.

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National Congress of American Indians and other Native organizations to create an advisory committee composed of tribal leaders, Native veterans and their family members from across the country who assisted with outreach to Native American communities and veterans. The advisory committee and the museum conducted 35 community consultations across the nation to seek input and support for the memorial.

These events resulted in a shared vision and design principles for the National Native American Veterans Memorial. The National Museum of the American Indian conducted an international competition to select design concepts for the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

The National Museum of the American Indian selected five designs, including a competition to select the design for the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The groundbreaking for the memorial is slated to begin Sept. 21, 2018. (Courtesy photo)

Harvey Pratt, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen’s design, “Warrior’s Circle of Honor” was unanimously chosen for the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The groundbreaking for the memorial is slated to begin Sept. 21, 2018. (Courtesy photo)

The following resolution has been accepted by the Office of the Tribal Council Branch for the Special Tribal Council Meeting.

P.O. BOX 38, Concho, Okla. 73022

TRIBAL MEMBERS

PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA

TO: ALL CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Special Tribal Council Meeting Saturday July 28th, 2018 @ 10:00 am

In accordance with the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Article V, Section 3. (b). Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Tribal Council Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

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The Native Youth Preventing Diabetes (NYPD) camp was held June 11-15 with a total of 112 youth from 15 tribes in attendance. The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes had 22 participants who attended NYPD. On the first day of camp the youth were taught the anthropometrics data taken, physical fitness test and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Health Education Program taught them the importance of hydration at camp. Days two, three and four were filled with health education, food activities and activities from swimming, rock climbing and laser tag. The youth’s schedule included education classes on nutrition, physical activity, diabetes prevention, eagle awareness, animal awareness and behavior classes such as tobacco cessation, nutrition and alcohol.

Nutrition consisted of sugar sweetened beverage and the youth learned that on average we consume 440 calories a day in sugar sweetened beverages, which adds up to 64% of sugar and an increase in weight of 155 per year. We also used our Whole Foods Fortune grocery store tour where the youth had to make a healthy plate and were timed. The group that got it right and had the fastest time got to play the games. On the final day the youth teamed up two and used the grocery store tour to find food from different food groups which had the same serving sizes. The youth had to read the label and the ingredients and decide if it was the best choice.

It is my goal and hope to continue to educate our youth on diabetes. Diabetes is a preventable disease. We need to ensure that our youth understand the importance of exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, most of all portion control and sugar sweetened beverage consumption. Obesity is an important contributor to diabetes prevention and drugs are not a real solution. For more information and tips on wellness contact Tara Conway, Diabetes Wellness Program 405-422-7685/800-247-4612 ext. 27685 or tconway@u-a-tribes.org.

On June 16, the Darlington 7-8th Grade Girls Lodge, Celalee Whitefeather hosted a weekend with Whitefeather, Justice and North Rock Creek to take the Championship in the Justice Summer Team Camp. Congratulations girls!

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE
The National UNITY Institute will be held July 25-29, 2018 at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Resort in Cherokee, North Carolina.
For more information or to register visit www.fal-mouth-institute.org.

The 2018 National TERO Conference was held July 25-29, 2018 at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Resort in Cherokee, North Carolina. For more information or to register visit www.uncp.edu/uncptrs.gov.

The 47th annual Meet & Greet Conference will be held July 25-29, 2018 at the We Ko Pa Resort & Conference Center in Yavapai, Arizona. For more information or to register visit www.naja.com.


On July 30-31, 2018 at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Resort, North Carolina. For more information or to register visit www.fal-mouth-institute.org.

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Gourd dance 5 p.m., supper 5 p.m., with dance to follow. $500 Door contest, winner takes all in honor and memory of Eugene White Thunder and Prettie Shavel Smith in honor and memory of Nellic Hawk Rowan and Nata Hawk.
For more information contact Phyllis White Thunder 405-538-6154.

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Andrew Wayne Har- 
rington, a resident of Clinton, Ok., was 
born on June 20, 1972 in Oklahoma 
City, Okla. He was raised in the area where 
he graduated from Riverside Indian 
School in Anadarko. Andrew was a huge 
homework fan, especially for the OKC Thunder 
and the OU Sooners. He enjoyed hang-
ing out with his family and friends. He 
also liked talking care of his pets and 
listening to rock music. Andrew was 
also preceded in death by his parents 
Raymond William 
and Ora Gould. 

Melanie was survived by her children 
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Bryan, 48, Nicole 
Sutton, 47, and 
Mike, 50, and 
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Dakota, 20, 
and Cole, 21. 
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**Job Opportunities**

**Employment:** Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDL (if applicable) to Personnel Department, PO Box 35, Concho, OK 73022 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

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**C&A Language & Culture Program**

**Closing:** Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree in Native American Studies or related field preferred. 10 years of experience in C&amp’s traditional activities. 5 years of verifiable supervisory experience.
- Strong communication and writing skills.
- Traditional and supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. 
- Must be familiar with the culture, history, and traditions of the Cheyenne.
- Must be familiar with the C&amp’s former reservation and service area.
- Must demonstrate professional conduct. Must have valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

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**Shelter Administrative Assistant**

**Closing:** Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- At least one year of relevant experience.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of program management, procurement, and event coordinating activities.
- Knowledge of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
- Familiar with the culture, history, and traditions of the Arapaho.
- Must be familiar with the C&amp’s former reservation and service area.
- Must be able to qualify and maintain a Cheyenne and Arapaho Gaming license. Requires a background check. Must be available to work nights, weekends, and holidays. Must be willing to attend C.L.E.E.T. Phases I and II and Use of Force training to obtain licenses and certification in the State of Oklahoma.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

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**Emergency Youth Shelter Administrative Assistant**

**Closing:** Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree and/or five years of experience equivalent of two years. Working knowledge of C&amp’s traditional program. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

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**Monitor Gaming Commission**

**Closing:** Until Filled

**Qualifications:**

- High school diploma or GED certification preferred.
- Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation. Must be 18 years of age and able. Must complete L.T. Police I, II and III. Must be willing to work flexible hours with on-call status including nights, weekends and holidays. Must be computer literate. Required to pass pre-hire drug screening and submit to random drug testing and pass a background check. Must be in good physical condition, have good verbal and written communication skills. Native American preference. All other qualified persons welcome.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

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**ATTENTION-OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS MOVED**

Please be advised the Office of Veterans Affairs has relocated to the Concho Community Center in Concho, Oklahoma. For more information please contact Russ Willey, OVA Director at 405-422-7724 or by email lwilley@c-a-tribes.org.
Instructor Scotty Kopepassah, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region, straps on a 45 lb. pack on Robert Island as Island prepares to speed walk three miles in 45 minutes or less. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)

Part of the field training included learning to dig a firebreak trench. (Courtesy photo)

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materials working out in the field, health, hygiene and how to stay hydrated in the field.

“A big part is situational awareness and how to identify a lot of the hazards out there in the field that people don’t see on an everyday basis, but we open their eyes up to see new things. They won’t just go out and say get around anymore, they are going to see what is hazardous on the ground and things that are potentially dangerous to them,” Kopepassah said.

With over 18 years on the crew, Kopepassah said it’s not like a normal life, sleeping on the ground, sometimes going 14 days without a shower, not eating hot meals and only eating MREs, hiking through the night and day, sleeping when you can.

“When you go to a fire incident you shut your old world off and your new world is going to begin,” he said.

Ryan Blackstar, BIA fire prevention technician is hopeful to bring back the strength and numbers of the Concho Agency crews.

“In the jurisdiction of the Concho Agency you only have the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, which they used to have numerous crews. Over the years it’s trickled down, but now that we have new leadership that’s come in with the Southern Plains region, our goal is to bring the crews back,” Blackstar said. “To try and put together as many crews as we can, and to get it established here, we are pulling our other crews together among other tribes under the Southern Plains region, such as the Comanche Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and also we have the tribes down in Livingston, Texas, which are the Alabama Comanche.

After completing training and the successfully passing the PAC test applicants are cleared through the National Wildland Coordination Group (NWCG) they are ready to go out in the field to fight fires.

NWCG is the national group that the entire United States recognizes for training. When anything happens out in the field everything goes through NWCG,” Kopepassah said.

Wildfire suppression is a range of firefighting tactics used to suppress wildfires. Firefighting efforts in wild land areas require different techniques, equipment and training from the more familiar structure fire fighting found in populated areas such as local cities.

Those who are interested in pursuing a career as a wildland firefighter can fill out an application through the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Economic Development Program. Applicants must pass drug testing and will have a background check conducted.

“We are at a point every single day, dozens every year and it’s a full time job. If you really apply yourself, take the training and take the time to do the job and do it correctly, you will get picked up by one of our guys, one of our crews and we will keep you actively employed. That’s money for your family, for your house, yourselves,” Kopepassah said.

For more information on learning how to apply contact Carrie Tallbird at 405-422-7457.

Ryan Blackstar (right), Bureau of Indian Affairs fire prevention technician, shows Robert Island where to sign off prior to taking his PAC test on Friday, June 22. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)
The Native American Journalists Association will present more than 230 awards recognizing members' coverage of Indian Country during the 2018 NAJA National Native Media Awards Banquet in association with the 2018 National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) convention July 18-21.

The annual competition recognizes excellence in reporting by Native and non-Native journalists across the United States and Canada. NAJA received more than 500 entries across the following categories:

- Student Division
- Associate Division I
- Associate Division II
- Associate Division III
- Professional Division I
- Professional Division II
- Professional Division III

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune garnered eight awards under Professional Division II category. They are as follows:

- **Print/Online:**
  - Best Elder Coverage:
    - First Place—Rosemary Stephens—"World War II Veterans share memories, thoughts and lives"
    - Second Place—Rosemary Stephens—"In Honor of Moses Starr Jr."
    - Third Place—Rosemary Stephens—"Elder citizens is putting together all the pieces"
  - Best Environmental Coverage:
    - First Place—Rosemary Stephens—"Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes partner with USDA to launch soil health"
  - Best Sports Story:
    - First Place—Latoya Lonelodge—"Cross-Country addition to Darlington Elementary School"
    - Third Place—Rosemary Stephens—"All female billiards team breaking more than balls"
  - Best Feature Photo:
    - Third Place—Rosemary Stephens—"Sharon Kay McKane has her eye on the 8-ball"
  - Best Sports Photo:
    - Third Place—Rosemary Stephens—"2017 Red Earth Opening Parade—Just say cheese"

For an entire list of award winners in all categories visit www.naja.com.