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## WIND NOW SERVING AS SECRETARY OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

FORMER CHAPLAIN BRINGS AIR FORCE EXPERIENCE TO ROLE

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Muscogee (Creek) citizen Grover Wind has been named Acting Secretary of Veteran's Affairs. Wind was officially named via Commission of Executive Officer dated Oct. 12, he said he already has big plans to serve the Muscogee Nation's veterans.

Wind was formerly the Chaplain for the MN Department of Health, working closely with Secretary of Health Shawn Terry. Wind claimed he is spending time finishing up those projects with Health as he enters into the new position.

As an Air Force Veteran serving from 1971-1977, Wind said it is an honor to have this opportunity of service.

He has spent most of his professional career in sales and marketing as well as being an ordained minister. All of which, according to Wind, gives him the experience to handle the execu-

tive cabinet position.

Each Principal Chief nominates the cabinet's members at the beginning of each term. Stepping into this position seemed to be somewhat unexpected for Wind.

"It's an unfortunate situation the way it happened," Wind said.

Wind believes it is his established connection and previous work with the department that lead him here.

"Over the years, I have done quite a bit of work with the veterans," Wind said. "I think the Administration was aware of my involvement."

He stated he is the Chair of the Advisory Council for the Veterans Cemetery in which he has been a part of for the last seven years.

Wind has played a helping hand the last two years in making signs for Veterans Day that are displayed on the side of the road near the tribal complex.

Now in its beginning stages, Wind has helped to develop the Mvskoke Veteran Native Motor-

cycle Riders, a group that helps escort Veterans to their final resting place.

"This is a job that yes, I really look forward to being a part of," Wind said. "This was an opportunity for me to be able to service and help our Veterans further."

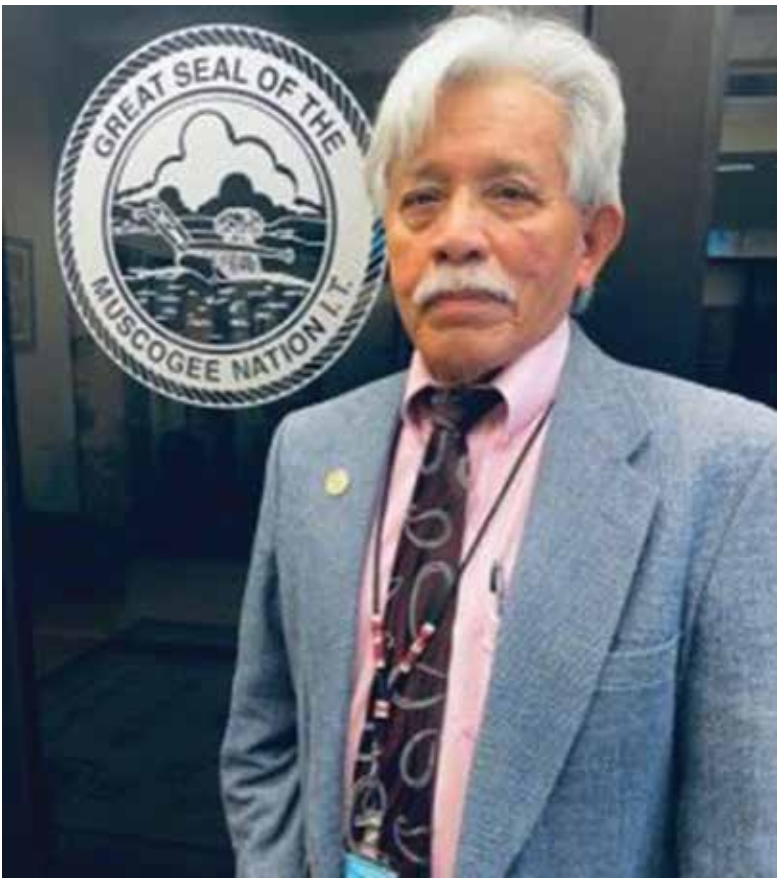
He said the VASO building has a quote on the front that he lives by, "Then, they were young – they defended us. Now, they are old – we protect them."

For the upcoming Veterans Day celebrations, Wind claimed he would like to do something special although it is a short timeline for him to initiate any new events.

Wind would like to extend his invitation to any Native or Native Veteran with respect for Veterans to join the Motorcycle Riders.

He also would like to remind those with Veteran family members to submit information for them to be recognized on the special day with a sign displayed on Highway 75 in Okmulgee.

Although Wind is now Acting, he will have to be confirmed



Grover Wind now serves as Acting Secretary of Veteran's Affairs until he or another nominee is confirmed. (Submission)

by the National Council but when that would happen has yet to be determined.

For further information re-

garding the current events at VASO, contact Grover Wind at: 918-732-7616 or email at gwind@muscogeenation.com.



Muscogee (Creek) citizen Lauren J. King has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the first Native American federal judge to serve the state of Washington. (MM File)

## KING CONFIRMED AS FEDERAL JUDGE

LAUREN KING WILL BECOME FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN WASHINGTON

by **LIZ GRAY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Muscogee citizen Lauren J. King has been confirmed with a 55-44 vote by the U.S. Senate. Upon taking her oath, she will become the first Native American federal judge for the state of Washington.

King was nominated by President Joe Biden in May and will serve the Western District of Washington.

Federal district court judges are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior.

In the 231-year history of the federal courts, only four Native Americans, which includes King, have been appointed as federal judges.

She is a partner at Foster Garvey, P.C., formerly known as Foster Pepper PLLC, in Seattle. King practiced with the firm since 2012 and chairs their Native American practice group.

"We're thrilled to learn of the historical confirmation of Ms. Lauren King to a federal judgeship," Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill said. "She has been a champion for Indian law, a warrior for sover-

eignty and is a proven example of leadership among her peers in the profession. When strong, Muscogee women make history, it's always a good day."

King is also part of the Mvskoke Reservation Protection Commission, which identify needs and offer solutions to strengthen sovereignty in the wake of the McGirt decision from the U.S. Supreme Court in 2020.

She has also served on the board of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association since 2015 as well as a member of the Seattle Indian Health Board from 2017-2019.

Born in Oklahoma City, King received her Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the Virginia Journal of Law and Technology. She has also taught Federal Indian Law at Seattle University School of Law as an adjunct professor.

King is a member of New Tulsa Tribal Town and is of the Sweet Potato Clan. Her grandmother is the late Anna (Jacobs) King and her great-aunt is former Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Representative Irene Cleghorn. Her great-grandfather John Jacobs was also a lawyer and served on the House of Kings and House of Warriors.

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

NEW DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION ANNOUNCED

by **LIZ GRAY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

**JERRAD MOORE**  
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court has upheld the MCN District Court ruling in Adam Jones and Lanissa Jack Melton's joint petition for Fraud and Irregularities in the 2021 Primary Election.

At the conclusion of the hearing held Oct. 21, the Justices issued an oral decision that sided with the lower court and ordered the MCN Election Board to certify the Primary Election results.

Oral arguments before the court centered around 1,248 absentee votes that could not be counted by the Election Board because they had arrived at the Okmulgee Post Office after the 11 a.m. deadline stipulated by MCN Code.

It is unknown what number of these late ballots were mailed on time by citizens or were only late due to postal delays.

At an Oct. 23 Emergency Session, the National Council passed NCA 21-116. The legislation amends MCN Code Title



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19 subsection 1-102 entitled, "General Elections" and appropriates funds to expedite the return of absentee ballots. Rep. Darrell Proctor sponsored the legislation, which passed 15-0.

MCN Election Office released updated election information on Oct. 25.

The new 2021 General Election dates will be Saturday, Nov. 13 with early voting being held at the Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The four early voting locations are in Okmulgee at the Mvskoke Dome, in Tulsa at Tulsa Indian Community located at 8611 S. Union, in Okemah at Okemah Indian Community located at 1100 S. Woody Guthrie and in Eufaula at Eufaula Indian Community located at 800 Birkes Rd.

Absentee ballots for the General Election are expected to be mailed out to voters Thursday, Oct. 28.



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# HEALTH SEEKS PAY INFORMATION EXEMPTION

LEGISLATION TO BE ADDRESSED NEXT MONTH

by LIZ GRAY  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health is seeking passage of legislation that would exempt them from publishing salaries of all Health employees.

Legislation introduced during an Oct. 13 Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting amending MCN Code Title 37 Chapter 3 Sub-section 301 entitled “Information to be Provided,” was addressed.

The subsection language states within 10 days of February 25, 1989 and on July 31 each year thereafter the Principal Chief shall submit to the National Council a list of all tribal positions and names, grades and step levels of persons in those positions.

The language states the list shall be published in the “Muscogee Nation News,” which is now referred to as the “Mvskoke News.”

Legislation was originally passed in 1982 that required the Princi-

pal Chief to submit this information to National Council, which was amended in 1989 to include the information be published in the Muscogee Nation newspaper. The legislation was returned with a veto by Principal Chief at the time Claude Cox, but was overridden by National Council and has been in place as law ever since without any further amendments.

During discussion MCN Secretary of Health Shawn Terry said though he understands the hesitancy about asking for an exemption in publishing salaries of MCN Health employees, the department has started to experience a tremendous shortage of nurses, lab personnel and other specialists in the field due to the COVID pandemic and information being publicly available.

“We have started to experience that our competitors are starting to use this information that they can gather publicly to find out what our people are making and can outbid us.”

MCN Health provided positions, names and compensation for pub-

lication for Fiscal Year 2020. However, a health pay schedule scale was not provided showing the monetary range of each position’s salary.

Mvskoke Media sent questions via email to clarify if MCNDH uses the MCN pay scale schedule as well as requesting information about the number of employees lost due to the publication of MCNDH salaries.

MM received the following response from Terry:

“My intentions in the Oct. HEW was to alert to the National Council that posting medical professionals’ salaries could result in other agencies using that information to recruit our nurses and other medical professionals. It was also my intentions to inform the council that there has been a constant struggle to retain nurses due to salary wars.

I am sure this is done primarily through nurses giving various health systems what they are making. The bottom line is we don’t want other people knowing what our medical professionals are making.

I did not intend to imply that there [have] been specific cases of poaching due to any specific report.”



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health is requesting passage of legislation to exempt MCNDH salaries from publication. (MM File)

When asked during the committee meeting by Tukvptce District Representative and sponsor of the bill Anna Marshall how MCNDH employees felt about the legislation, Terry answered that he had not asked them.

“Honestly, I haven’t done any polling around it,” Terry said. “I’ve never had any employee feel good about what they make out in the newspaper. This really was just as intended as we don’t want our competitors picking off our employees.”

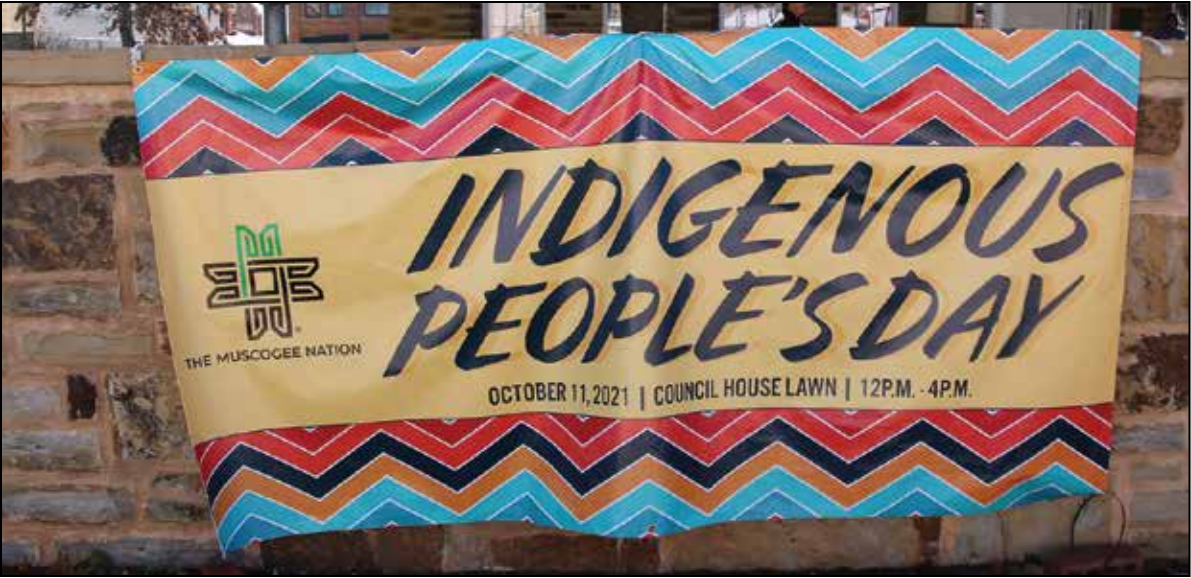
Okmulgee District Representa-

tive James Jennings claimed other employees do not appreciate their salaries being posted.

“I’m at the point whether we exempt Health or repeal the whole bill,” Jennings said.

Jennings also stated that with the time allowance of next year’s publication not occurring until July 31, 2022, he would be in favor of postponing the legislation to get more input from other departments.

A motion was then made to postpone the legislation until next HEW Committee meeting on Nov. 10.



The Muscogee Nation Council House Lawn hosted its third Indigenous Peoples’ Day. (Morgan Taylor)

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT MVSKOKE RESERVATION

IPD RECOGNIZED LOCALLY, NATIONALLY

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Indigenous People around the country observed Oct. 11 as Indigenous Peoples Day.

The second Monday of October has been observed as Columbus Day and designated as a federal holiday since 1971, but thousands of Indigenous people and their supporters have claimed the day back and celebrate it as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Indigenous Peoples’ Day claimed its roots in 1977 at an international conference on discrimination sponsored by the United Nations. South Dakota was the first state to recognize the holiday in 1989.

Shortly after, the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations, a group sponsored by the UN, began having discussions about replacing Columbus Day.

The first presidential proclama-

tion of Indigenous Peoples’ Day was issued on Oct. 8 by President Joe Biden.

Biden also proclaimed the day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in recognition of tribal nations’ resiliency and sovereignty.

“For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples’ resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society,” read the proclamation. “We also recommit to supporting a new, brighter future of promise and equity for Tribal Nations — a future grounded in Tribal sovereignty and respect for the human rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and around the world.”

In the capital city of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, an annual celebration was held on the Council House lawn in Downtown Okmulgee.

The gathering of Indigenous peo-

ple at the Okmulgee event was large in comparison to last year’s mid-pandemic event.

Culture was on display from vendor’s handmade beaded jewelry to purchase, to food that included Native dishes like sofke and frybread, from the Muscogee language speakers and musicians that performed.

The event kicked off with the Mvskoke Honor Guard posting of the Colors and Flag Song.

A proclamation from Mayor Richard Larabee was read by Muscogee (Creek) citizen and City Council Member Marcus Jeffrey claiming the day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in the City of Okmulgee. Alongside Jeffrey was Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Okmulgee District Representative James Jennings.

The event was concluded with a social stomp dance, traditional songs and closing prayer.

Other local celebrations included the City of Muskogee’s two-day event Oct. 10-11. This kicked off with an Indigenous Film Festival at the Roxy Theatre on the first evening. The morning of the holiday started with an Indigenous March and led to a day full of cultural experience.

The City of Tulsa held its fourth annual celebration virtually this year due to the pandemic after last year’s event being canceled. The recorded event can be watched at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef60mWPw-mws>.



Mvskoke Nation Youth Services program recognized the 2021 Mvskoke Youth Award recipients during a virtual award ceremony Sept. 28 via Facebook Live. (Mvskoke Youth Services)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — On Sept. 28, the Mvskoke Nation Youth Services held their annual Mvskoke Youth Awards for the Muscogee Reservation.

In 2016, MNYS created the Mvnettlvke Onaya Award (Youth Visionary) and Vculvlke Mvnettlvke Emvnicv (Old Who Helps the Young) to celebrate Muscogee (Creek) citizens making a difference in the lives of Mvskoke Youth.

“The Mvskoke Youth Awards are inspired by the Champion for Change award from the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY),” Director of MNYS Nancy Mason said. “Champions are Native youth who initiate programs, events, or other efforts that are improving lives of fellow youth in Indian Country.”

This is the second year that the awards were held virtually. Mason said it reaches out to a wider audience.

“And we are able to celebrate winners from out of state,” she said.

Here is the list of award winners for 2021:

- Mvnettlvke Onaya (Youth Visionary)
  - Laura Giles - Encouraging Wellness
  - Kenna Najera - Promoting Civic Duty
  - Elizabeth Rowland - Providing Resources
  - Stephanie Zackery - Creating Support
  - Brent Deo - Fostering Advocacy
  - Vculvlke Mvnettlvke Emvnicv (Old Who Helps the Young)
    - Rosemary McComb-Maxey - Encouraging Wellness
    - Ashleigh Fixico - Promoting Civic Duty
    - Scott Harjo - Providing Resources
    - Ryan Hill - Creating Support
    - Julie Norem - Fostering Advocacy

Congratulations to all of our winners. To learn more about the recipients, go to: <https://www.mvskokeyouth.com/mvskokeyouthawards>.

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# MANKILLER HONORED ON U.S. COIN, NAME CHANGES, MOCCASIN MAKER FESSES UP

MANKILLER QUARTER; SPORTS MASCOTS AND MONUMENTS, ANCIENT FOOTPRINTS

by GARY FIFE  
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma— O.K., from the top down. Indigenous Day was declared by the U.S. President, Joe Biden... “The Federal Government has a solemn obligation to lift up and invest in the future of Indigenous people and empower Tribal Nations to govern their own communities and make their own decisions.”

Being the skeptical type, one has to wonder how that will take shape for the rest of his administration. We now have the first Native American as the Secretary of the Interior, a Native as the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (nowadays that’s a given) and a Native nominee for Director of the National Park Service. That’s a pretty good start.

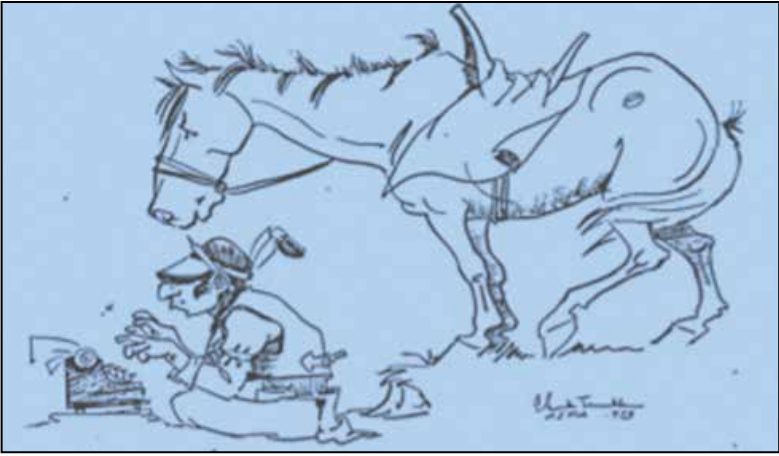
It’s good to see how the rest of the nation has been changing its perceptions of Native peoples and cultures. For instance, the late Wilma Mankiller will appear on the U.S. quarter. She was the first woman to be elected as Principal Chief of the Cher-

okee Nation and accomplished much in the advancement of her tribe and Native peoples across the country. The coin is expected to be circulated in 2022.

Turning to the world of sport... the “Indians” is gone. Bad grammar? No, the truth. The Cleveland professional baseball announced its intention to drop the old name and replace it with the “Guardians”. The team announced the change takes place at the beginning of 2022. No more tomahawk chop?

Redhawks or Bison? What’s it gonna be Union High School? Now is about the estimated date for a choice on a new mascot name. But, that’s not all. After a choice is made, students will decide on what the mascot design will be. The Union school website reports, student are leaning towards “Redhawks”. Student comment: “Union Redhawks! It’s perfect, sounds so close to the original. Would also sound good during the fight song.” O.K. that would work.

Final academically connected item: the mighty mental giant school, the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-



(MM File)

nology (MIT) is reconsidering how it deals with the legacy of one of its 1800s founders, Francis Amasa Walker. According to the scientific newsletter, PHYORG, Walker said, Indians were “an obstacle to the national progress” and concluded the country was justified in pushing Native Americans off their ancestral lands.

The DeKalb County Commission in Georgia has voted to remove a relic dating back to the ‘Indian’ Wars of 1836. An old muzzle-loading cannon has been sitting in a local park for a century or so. The Atlanta Journal reports activists say it was nicknamed the “Genocide Cannon” and called “a tasteless representation of the brutality suffered by the Muscogee people.”

In a scene reminiscent of the 1970’s, Native students and activists have occupied the offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Interior Department in Disneyland-On-The-Potomac and other

places. Indian Country Today (ICT) reports, the Indigenous people are protesting the development of fossil fuels and other resources on different tribal lands across the nation. Reminds me of my younger activist days.

Native News Online and several local news stations around here report that a non-Native man masquerading as a ‘medicine man’ has been sentenced to life behind bars for sexual abuse of an Indian child and illegally possessing eagle feathers and parts. Carl Ortner was convicted of child abuse after pretending to be a medicine man and committing the crimes.

The Chickasaw Nation is planning to build a resort/hotel on the 40 acres surrounding the new First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. The idea is to have the new “OKANA” Resort and Indoor Waterpark complement the world-class museum. The development is projected to open in the late

spring of 2024.

The National Park Service reports, human footprints have been discovered at an ancient lake site that are 23,000 years old. Footprints discovered in the Tularosa Basin in New Mexico and west Texas areas have been scientifically dated back that far. Comments from that study say, “...that humans have been living in North America for at least 23,000 years - many thousands of years older than previously thought.”

That would devastate the old land bridge dates and theories. Our people might have crossed the Bering Sea land bridge, but which way were they going?

Speaking of feet, have you ever worn a pair of moccasins made by Minnetonka? Did you know that a non-Native company marketed them? And they were actually made by factories in China and the Dominican Republic. National Public Radio and other national news sources say the CEO of Minnetonka owned up to the fact and apologized on Indigenous Peoples Day for profiting off of Native culture, without directly honoring Native cultures or communities.

Well, that certainly puts the shoe on the other foot. (Yeah, yeah, bad joke, I know.)

Have a good November. Be sure to vote, whenever the date is finally set.

Hvtvm cerecares. I will see you.

*Disclaimer: The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or the Mvske Media department.*



Tucker Friend sets state record for largest gourd, weighing at 215 pounds. (Submission)

## OH MY GOURD!

TUCKER FRIEND SETS STATE RECORD FOR LARGEST GOURD IN OKLAHOMA

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

TAHLEQUAH, Oklahoma— It was on the first day of April when Muscogee (Creek) citizen Tucker Friend began growing his bushel gourd that would later on become the largest gourd ever in the state.

The 16-year-old from Tahlequah has always had a green thumb, according to his mother Heidi Wilder who said her son would get help from his grandpa when it came to gardening. She said her son has been interested in horticulture since he was 11 years old.

“He wanted a cell phone and I figured he wanted to talk to his friends or play games, and the first thing he did was look up giant pumpkins and how to grow them,” Wilder said.

He entered his first compe-

tion showing a pumpkin in 2018.

The competitions he entered, Friend found it was difficult to beat the state record with the pumpkins because it’s hard to grow them large in Oklahoma.

“Gourds are a little bit easier to grow and the state record number was a little smaller, so I decided to go after it,” Friend said. “The reason I wanted to grow them real big is because whoever gets first place they get bragging rights over.”

The last time the state record for the largest gourd grown was in 2020, but Friend beat it by nearly 100 pounds.

He took his gourd to the Oklahoma Giant Pumpkin Growers event in Claremore in September. Competing against other gourds, his outweighed the largest one by over 40 pounds. His gourd weighed in

at 215 pounds.

Before he started growing gourds, Friend had been watching a Michigan man Mark Clementz who grew a gourd that weighed just over a ton in 2017.

His goal is to set the world record next year, Steve Connelly sets the current record at 470 pounds 8 ounces.



# MUSCOGEE CITIZEN OPENS NEW BUSINESS DURING PANDEMIC

CHARCUTERIE DIVAS WAS CREATED BY A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER’S WISH TO REMAIN CLOSE AFTER COVID-19 STRUCK THEIR FAMILY

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

COWETA, Oklahoma – Muscogee (Creek) citizen Jackie Schmidt and her mother Tammy Bohannon consider themselves the divas of charcuterie.

Charcuterie is the French word for deli, but it has become a popular form of eating prepared meat, cheese, fruits and vegetables.

The mother and daughter pair launched their business together in late January after being separated from each other for nearly a year.

Schmidt previously worked for the tribe for 12 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Bohannon operated an in-home daycare for 11 years and stayed in operation through the

pandemic until she became sick with COVID-19.

Schmidt’s son has an asthma and autoimmune disorder, so even before her mother became sick, she was weary of being exposed.

Over the year, the mother and daughter, and even grandson, communicated via Face Time, phone calling and staying social distanced.

Schmidt and her son ended up contracting the virus through another source and were sick around the same time as Bohannon.

“We couldn’t protect ourselves,” Schmidt said. “We couldn’t see each other and we were both scared.”

Schmidt and her son recovered quickly but Bohannon’s sickness lingered for over two months.

It was during that period of their lives when Schmidt came up with the idea of preparing and selling charcuterie boards.

“I kept thinking, ‘what can we do to get her (Bohannon) out of daycare that will help her make money and we get to spend time together,’” Schmidt said.

After discovering the idea, Schmidt said there was not much in her area that offered the service.

“I thought we could do that,” Schmidt said.

Once Bohannon recovered, she quit her daycare business and jumped on board with the business venture.

The pandemic continued to cause the women trouble when searching for a kitchen but they eventually found a space in Coweta where they could make their creations.

The Charcuterie Divas cater weddings, parties and make gifts with customized platters.

The smallest platter starts at \$50 worth of items including meat choices, fruit, vegetables, cheese, cookies and even a dip of one’s choice.

The Charcuterie Divas’ latest creations can be found on their Facebook page @thecharcuterie-divas. To get quotes on platters for upcoming holiday get togethers, contact: 918-609-3809.



Charcuterie Divas is owned and operated by citizen Jackie Schmidt and her mother Tammy Bohannon. This sample platter starts at \$50. (Morgan Taylor)

# GRANT FUNDS TO AID VICTIMS PASSED THROUGH COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION REGARDING MCNDH INFORMATION BEING REPORTED POSTPONED

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Oct. 13 by teleconference.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during the regular session Oct. 30.

HEW addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**TR 21-133**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute the Victims of Crimes Act certified assurances associated with the District Attorneys Council 2021 Victims of Crime Act Grant funds for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program. Representative Joyce Deere sponsored the resolution, which passed 3-0. Anna Marshall was not present to vote on the legislation.

The \$102,723.00 in grant funding will be used to aid victims in applying for Victims Compensation. In order to accept the grant MCN must execute VOCA Certified Assurances 2021.

**TR 21-134**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute the Victims of Crime Act certified assurances associated with the District Attorneys Council 2021 Victims of Crime Act Grant funds for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held October 13 by teleconference. (MM File)

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. Rep. Anna Marshall sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

The \$65,237.00 in grant funding will be used to aid victims in applying for Victims Compensation. In order to accept the grant the MCN must execute the VOCA Certified Assurances 2021.

**NCA 21-106**

Amending MCNCA Title 27 substitute 3-301 entitled “Information to be provided” to exempt all Department of Health Personnel from Public Reporting requirements regarding compensation. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was postponed until November with a vote of 4-0.

A list of all tribal positions such as names, grades, levels of persons and compensations are published in the Muscogee Nation

News each year on July 31. MCN Department of Health wishes to be exempt from the list.

**NCA 21-107**

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for medication-assisted treatment-prescription drug and opioid addiction. Deere sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The grant funds will be used to expand and enhance access to medication-assisted treatment services for persons with an opioid use disorder seeking or receiving MAT.

Rep. Anna Marshall joined later in the meeting.

For video of committee meetings visit: [www.mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com)



Committee meetings are being held via teleconference. (MM File)

# MCN FLOODPLAIN ADVISORY BOARD PASSED THROUGH COMMITTEE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held Oct. 12 via teleconference.

All passed legislation is subject to the full council approval during the regular session.

LNC addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**TR 21-135**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit an Indian Community Development Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Act Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 for the benefit of MCN citizens. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolu-

tion, which passed 4-0.

The Department of Housing is seeking to reapply for this grant after the grant funds depleted before the application had been accepted. A grant proposal in the amount of \$3,450,000 will help provide relief to overcrowding in housing, homelessness, and COVID-19 related direct assistance.

**TR 21-138**

Amending the Procurement Policy for the expenditure of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds. Rep. Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

An updated policy must be adopted for the expenditure of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds. The need to amend the Procurement Policy seeks National Council approval.

**TR 21-139**

Authorizing Principal Chief to execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with four

Oklahoma counties for the maintenance of roadways and associated rights-of-way constructed or improved by the MCN Tribal Transportation Program. Rep. Joseph Hicks sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

This is part of the annual inventory update. The program has an inventory of proposed public roadways and associated rights-of-way located in Hughes, Muskogee, Okmulgee and Rogers Counties.

**NCA 21-110**

Approving the Indian Housing Plan for the Indian Housing Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Yahola Osborn sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The purpose of the Act is to approve the 2021 Indian Housing Plan – American Rescue Plan (IHP-ARP) funds in the amount of \$11,054,813 for submittal to the Department of Housing and Development.

**NCA 21-111**

Authorizing an appropriation for the 2022 Mvskoke Art Market. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0 and will be forwarded to the Business, Finance and Justice Committee for funding source.

The MCN Cultural Center and Archives plans to host the 2022 Mvskoke Art Market on April 23-24 at the River Spirit Casino. Total cost for expenses associated with hosting this event is \$52,582.

**NCA 21-112**

Creating a new subchapter seven entitled “MCN Floodplain Advisory Board” in MCN Code Annotated Title 28, Chapter 11. Rep. Charles McHenry sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

New law develops the membership, general function, and mode of operation, compensation, and administrative services of the Floodplain Advisory Board.

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A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting was held October 21 by teleconference. (MM File)

# COMMITTEE APPROVES FUNDING 2022 MVSKOKE ART MARKET

OKEMAH CREEK NATION CASINO GETS APPROVED FOR UP-GRADE PROJECT

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held a Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting Oct. 21 by teleconference.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during Regular Session Oct. 30.

BFJ addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**NCR 21-009**

Confirming Shane Berry to serve on the Lighthorse Police Commission. Representative Mark Randolph sponsored the resolution, which was postponed indefinitely with a vote of 4-0.

MCN Code Annotated Title

50 requires one member of the Lighthorse Police Commission to be selected by NC. The person must be a full Muscogee (Creek) citizen unless waived by two-third votes, possess an Associate’s Degree plus 10-20 years of experience in law enforcement, pass a drug test and criminal background check.

NC has selected Muscogee (Creek) citizen Shane Berry to serve on the Lighthorse Police Commission.

**TR 21-140**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of understanding with the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding criminal history record information. Rep. Patrick Freeman sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

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A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Emergency meeting was held October 18 by teleconference. (MM File)

# DATE CHANGES MADE TO MCN GENERAL ELECTION

FUTURE PLANS OF PUBLIC FACILITY LIBRARY/NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES HALL DISCUSSED

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held an Emergency Session Oct. 18 by teleconference.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during the regular session Oct. 30.

Emergency session addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**NCR 21-011**

Approving the terms of engagement with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Representative Randall Hicks sponsored the resolution, which passed 14-0-1. Rep. Travis Scott abstained.

The NC desires to utilize Barnes & Thornburg as representation after being sued.

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2021 Indian Community Development Block grant program for Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for construction of a public facility library/Native American Studies hall. Rep. James Jennings sponsored the legislation, which passed 15-0.

The Nation is in need of a Public Facility Library/Native American Studies Hall at the College of Muscogee Nation. The Nation meets the eligibility criteria of 24 CFR 1003.5 as an Indian tribe, an entity and possesses the legal authority to apply for a Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant and execute the program.

Present budget controls within the Executive Branch would be applied to the construction. Citizen Participation requirements of 24

TR 21-142

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The National Indian Gaming Commission will obtain criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on applicants and disseminate the information to the Public Gaming Commission.

**TR 21-141**  
Allowing the Principal Chief to execute grant awards and cooperative agreements with general terms and conditions for fiscal year 2022. Rep. Robert Hufft sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The United States government requires that all federally funded awards adhere to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost, Principles, and Audit Requirements upon receipt and acceptance of the award.

**TR 21-143**  
Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board (“GOAB”) to execute the Okemah Generator and Switch Gear upgrade project proposal with Building Electrical Systems, INC. (“BESCO”). Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The GOAB determined that it is necessary to commence a generator and switch gear upgrade project with Building Electrical Systems, INC. for Creek Nation Casino Okemah.  
On Sept. 15, 2021 at a regular meeting GOAB passed Resolution No. 2021-40 approving the Proposal and requesting NC authorization.

**TR 21-144**  
Approving and authorizing the International Swaps and Derivatives Association,

INC. 2002 Master Agreement with BOKF, NA “BOK”. Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The Agreement to enter into one or more interest rate hedge transactions with BOKF, NA “BOK” and due to fluctuation in interest rates, BOK recommends designating one or more officer positions with the authority to trigger any SWAP in a timely manner in accordance with the Agreement.

**TR 21-145**  
Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board (“GOAB”) to execute the River Spirit Casino re-roofing service agreement (Phase 1) with Chamberlin Dallas, LLC. Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The GOAB determined that it is necessary to enter into the River Spirit Casino Re-Roofing Service Agreement (Phase 1) with Chamberlin Dallas, LLC for labor, materials, equipment and insurance to perform PVC roofing work for River Spirit Casino.

**TR 21-146**  
Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board (“GOAB”) to execute contracts for the Universal Power Supply Project. Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The Project will ultimately solve current power outage issues involving gaming machines, save on costs and ensure power and continuity of operation to all River Spirit gaming machines in the event of an unexpected power outage.  
The project budget amount is \$2,500,000.00 currently and contracts need to be locked into place to secure current pricing.

**NCA21-113**  
Amending MCNCA Title 31 Chapter 3, Subchapter 10 entitled “Sexual Harassment Prohibited.” Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolution, which was postponed until next month with a vote of 4-0.  
This amendment shall be codified in Title 37, Chapter 3, Subchapter 10 of MCN Code.  
Prohibition. Sexual Harassment is unlawful. The MCN does not tolerate Sexual Harassment in any form. Anyone found to have sexually harassed another person will be subject to a written apology and disciplinary action up to and/or including termination.  
Sexual Harassment may include but is not restricted to using of one’s position of power/authority in the form of quid pro quo and other forms.

**NCA 21-111**  
Authorizing an appropriation for the 2022 Mvskoke Art Market. Rep. Randolph sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.  
The MCN Cultural Center and Archives plans to host the 2022 Mvskoke Art Market on April 23-24, 2022 at the River Spirit Resort and Casino.  
The Mvskoke Art Market will allow tribal artisans the opportunity to share and display their talents and skills with the general public, while also promoting our culture. The Mvskoke Art Market will fulfill that need and provide an economic avenue for artists to sell their artwork.  
The cost for expenses associated with hosting this event is \$52,582.00 as set forth in the budget.  
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CFR 1003.604 will be applied by the Nation and met.  
A leveraged resource match in the amount of \$3,300,000.00 will be committed by the Nation through an appropriation. For the construction of the new facilities, NC authorizes the Principal Chief to prepare, execute and submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**NCA 21-114**  
Amending MCNCA Title 19 Subchapter 1-102, 3-108, 6-101, 7-303, 8-106, 8-108, 8-201, 8-209, 10-102, 10-103, 10-105, 10-108, 10-109 and 10-111, Entitled “General elections,” “Dissemination of information,” “Appearance of candidate’s name,” “Absentee ballot affidavit,” “Time for issuing lists or certificates,” “Light-horseman to provide security for ballot boxes,” “Time for filing contest or recount,” “Petition for fraud or irregularities,” “Request for absentee ballot,” “Transmittal of ballot to voter,” “Return of ballots,” “Handling of returned absentee ballot,” “Examination of signatures: removal of outer envelope” and “Counting procedures.” Rep. William Lowe sponsored the resolution, which passed 9-4-2. Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn, Rep. Mark Randolph, Rep. Travis Scott and Rep. Robert Hufft voted no. Abstained by Rep. Jennings and Rep. Adam Jones.

MCN 2021 Primary Election was September 18, 2021. As of 11 a.m. on Sept. 18 the total absentee ballots accepted was approximately 905; approximately 1,248 additional absentee ballots were received a week and a half after the election. There is a need to provide a solution so that Muscogee (Creek) voters are not disenfranchised and every legally cast absentee ballot is counted for the 2021 General Election.  
The date for the 2021 General election, subject to any court orders issued by the District Court or the

Supreme Court, shall be Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021.  
Dissemination of information shall be the duty of the Election Board to disseminate information about any subsequent changes of dates and times, polling locations up to the Election Day. Appearance of candidate’s name shall have any prefix, or title placed before the candidate’s name. The letter (I) shall be listed beside the incumbent.  
Absentee ballot affidavit an absentee ballot not already submitted to be casted. Under 8-106 through 8-209 changes the time slot from the Friday next following an election to 10 days. All absentee ballot requests must be in writing by the registered voter and received at least 30 days prior to any scheduled election.  
Absentee ballots may not be mailed more than 26 days prior to election, except ballots outside continental limits to be mailed 40 days prior election. Returned ballots must be postmarked no later than two days prior election day. Two Election Board members and a member of Lighthorse administration shall pick up absentee ballot boxes from the post office at 4 p.m.  
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**\*Editor’s note:** An Emergency Session was held by National Council via teleconference on Oct. 23 which addressed NCA 21-116 amending Title 19 subsection 1-102 entitled “General Elections” and appropriating funds to expedite the return of absentee ballots. Rep. Darrell Proctor sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.  
The legislation would move the General Election to be Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 with early voting dates Nov. 9 & 10, 2021.  
The date was extended in order to ensure there is adequate time for the Election Board to prepare for and hold the 2021 General Election.  
Council also appropriated \$215,000 to expedite the return of absentee ballots.

In Memoriam



James H. Lowe passed away October 10, 2021 in his home surrounded by family, and loved ones. He was born December 3, 1950 in Maud, Oklahoma to Reverend Howard and Edna Lowe. People who knew him called him Kono or Coon. He enjoyed watching ball games, telling stories, playing poker, fishing, and going to the casino.  
James was a caring and loving man. He encouraged us with his words of wisdom, love and support. He was proud to be part of the Yeager community. He was a member of the United States Marines Corps. We leaned on him for strength, love, and motivation.  
Preceding him in death are his parents Reverend Howard Lowe, Edna Lowe, son Scotty Ray Lowe, sisters; Patsy (Lowe) Harjo and Herriette Lowe.  
Survivors are his wife Pat of the home, children; Stacia (Bryan) Goodnight of Tahlequah,

Stephen (Cherokee) Lowe of Tahlequah. Galynn Lowe of Yeager, Russell (Nancy) Lowe of Holdenville, and sister Susanna (Elliot) Barnett of Henryetta.  
Grandchildren; Luis (Den-nice), Jonathon (Heather), Michael, Joshua, Angel, Kevin (Kandice), Samantha (Cody), Channse, Shannace, Stephen Lowe Jr. (Feather), Jr, Pax, Oske, Maniyah (Jaden), Wecate, Ten-etke, RJ and Taylon Ramirez. 20 great grandchildren, one on the way, and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.  
Pallbearers are Luis Navarro, Jonathon Lowe, Michael Lowe, Joshua Kirk, Angel Navarro, Kevin Lowe, Stephen Lowe Jr, Jr Acosta, Wecate Lowe, Tenetke Lowe, RJ Lowe, Taylon Ramirez and Jordan Harjo. Honorary pallbearers are Bunny Powell, Danny Powell, Leo Moppin, Fred Lowe, Chris Franks, Ron Franks, Norman Franks, Channse Lowe and Oske Lowe.  
Viewing will be 1:00pm-7:00pm Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home, Holdenville, Oklahoma. He will be taken to the church at 10:00am Wednesday, October 13th.  
Wake service will be 7:00pm Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Tokvbvche Methodist Church in Holdenville.  
Funeral service will be 2:00pm Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Tokvbvche Methodist Church in Holdenville with Rev. Paul Fixico officiating assisted by Rev. Frank Moppin and Rev. Mike Deere.  
Services are under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

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**Gerald D. Alexander**  
Retired SFC Alexander retired from the Army after 20 years and 9 months of service. He was born on September 8, 1940 at Claremore Indian Hospital. His education began at Haskell Institute where he graduated in 1958. He then went on to the NCO Academy. After that he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University. This achievement lead to a successful career at the NASA Langley Research Center as an Engineer Technician.  
During his military service Alexander was awarded the following: Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Expert Rifle Badge, and the Drivers Badge. He was deployed to Turkey, Germany (2 tours), and to Puerto Rico in support of the Cuban Missile Crisis. His stateside deployments included Fort Carson, Fort Gordon, Cameron Station, Fort Bliss, and Fort Campbell. Alexander is currently a citizen at large in Virginia with his wife, Judy, 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.



**Leo Garland Bland**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1940-?  
Leo Garland Bland-born May 20,1920. In Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Jeanetta Haikey and Lewis Bland (Pakoska). He belonged to Locvpokv Tribal Town. He passed away July 15,2001 at the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee Oklahoma. He was buried at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.  
He was a Scout in the Infantry 145th Division of the Army during World War II. He received the Purple Heart for wounds he suffered from German gunfire near the Rhine River. Among other awards he was awarded were: Bronze Star Medal; Good Conduct Medal; European Campaign Medal (Bronze,Silver,and Arrowhead);WWII Victory Medal;Army of Occupation Medal;and Combat Infantryman Badge. Leo married Betty Jean Bland and they bore 9 children together. Jan-ice,Dorothy,James,Connie,Dennis,Virginia Lee,Lewis,Leona,Larry.



**Dick Bland Breeding**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1916-1918  
Killed in action in the Battle of Chateau Thierry on July 29, 1918. Awarded Distinguished Service Cross  
American Legion Post in Holdenville named in honor of him.



**Jim Byrd**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 4-1981 / 9-1992  
Jim was a U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corp Scholarship recipient while attending Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.Upon graduation from WSU, Jim received a Presidential Commission as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. Jim simply describes his military service as an Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, Infantry Company Commander. Jim served as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer at Fort Hood, TX. While assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea, he served as a Support Platoon Leader for an Infantry Battalion and a Brigade Logistics Officer in the 2d Infantry Brigade. Jim's next duty assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany with the 8th Infantry Division. In this assignment, he commanded Company A, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment in Mainz, Germany. Upon his return to the USA, Jim was assigned as the Commander of the Seattle Recruiting Company in Seattle, Washington. Jim received several awards for his performance of duty.



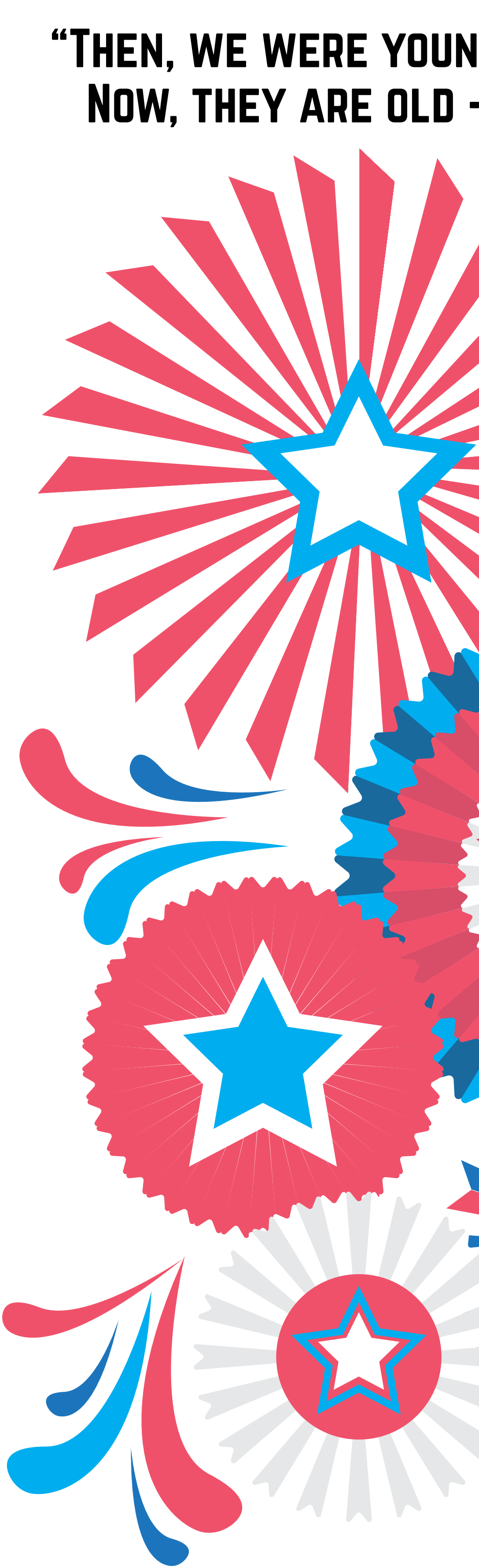
**Marchie Joe Childers**  
**Branch:** U.S. Air Force  
**Years Seerved:** 1967–1969  
Joined the United States Air Force on August 25th, 1971. Served Honorably until April 1980. A total of 8 years, 7 months and 29 days. My first job in the USAF was Security Police at Carswell AFB TX. Went from there to Blytheville AFB Arkansas. Then I went to Iceland for a time where I was promoted to E-5. My last appointment was at Eglan AFB Florida. where I cross-trained into the pharmacy career field. Service medals include National Defense Service Ribbon, Small Arms Marksmanship, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Military education includes Security Supervisor, Pharmacy Specialist, and Advanced Pharmacy Concepts.



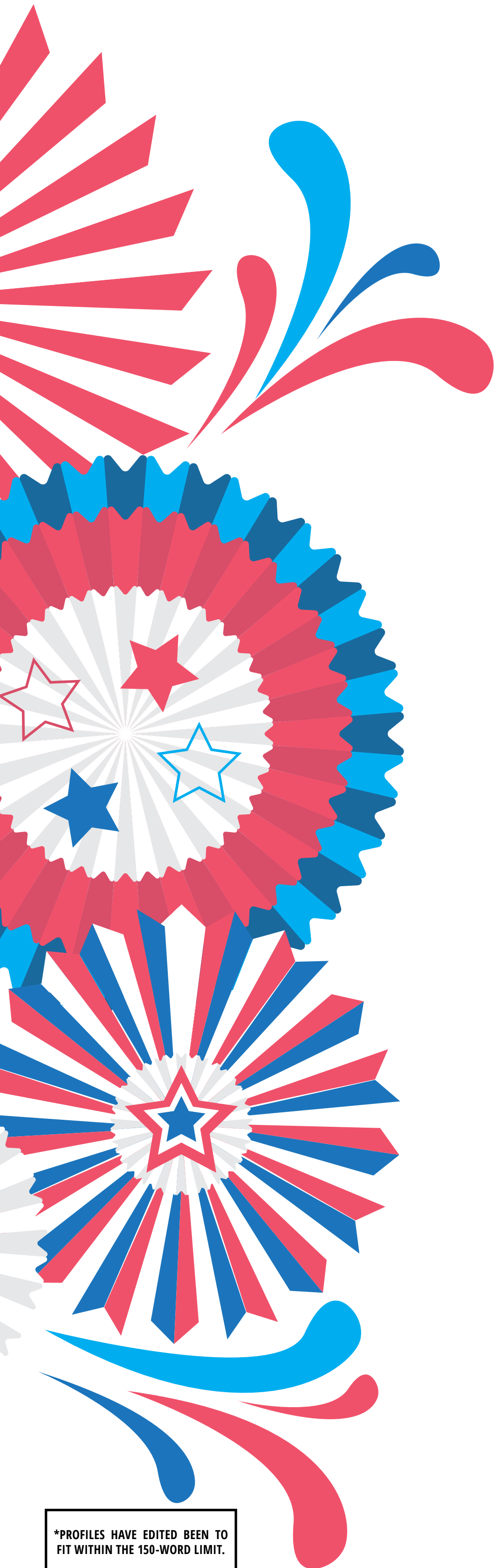
**Howard L Cooper**  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps.  
**Years Served:** 1966-67  
SSG Amos D. Partridge, JR. was the son of Nora Watson and Amos D. Partridge, SR. A.D. enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957, serving his country for 20 years, retiring in 1977. He served two tours in Vietnam; the second of whom he claimed to serve on behalf of Dick Cheney, who had other priorities in the '60s. His military career included time spent in numerous locations including Vietnam, France, Germany, Texas and Hawaii, with five years in France being his favorite. A.D. was awarded a Bronze Star for his service during the Vietnam War. Upon retirement from the U.S. Army, A.D. enjoyed 18 years of employment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A.D. was very proud of his military service and so is his family.



**Rufus Vernon Cox Sr.**  
**Branch:** U.S. Amy  
**Years Seerved:** 1942 - 1945  
World War II Veteran Staff Sgt. Rufus V. Cox, a 25Th Division Infantryman, son of the late Porter and Stella (Haynes) Cox, 1501 W. Eu-faula, Okmulgee, OK, entered the service in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1945. A veteran of more than five consecutive months of action with the Division of Luzon, (Jan.1945) he fought in the battles of Central Plains and the Balete Pass, to liberate North Luzon and defeat the Japanese Army. He was decorated for his meritorious service achievement in combat with the Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He received the Purple Heart after being wounded in combat. Mr. Cox had two children Rufus (Buddy) Cox Jr. and Carolyn (Cox)Torix of Preston. He was from Hechetee Town and the Raccoon Clan.



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FIT WITHIN THE 150-WORD LIMIT.

## Billy J. “Bill” Davis

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 1968-1970

Davis was born at Tallihina Indian Hospital and lived between the South Canadian and Little Rivers in Hughes County. He was born to Bennie and Carrie (Floyd) Davis and moved to Oklahoma City when he was 5 years old. He attended OKC public school until graduation. In 1968, he was drafted into the US Army. His Basic Training was in TigerLand at Fort Polk, LA and the US Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky for ALT. Davis' MOS was 11E20, Combat Armor Vehicle (M48) Tank Crewman with additional training on a prototype armored vehicle (Sheridan). From Fort Knox, Davis received orders for deployment to Vietnam where he was assigned to 2nd/34th Armor with the 25th Infantry Division. During 11 months of in-line duty, was awarded two Bronze Stars with “Oak Leaf Clusters” and two Army Commendation Medals with “V Device”.



## Eugene Ray DePriest

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: November 1942 – February 1946

Ray began his service in the Army stationed in Kentucky. His service travels took him to California, Maryland, and the Phillipines, before ending his military career in Okinawa, Japan. He married Esta Mae Ross from Checotah, OK, on September 8, 1944. They were married for 56 years upon his passing on December 8, 2000. They had 3 girls, Peggy Bradley, Judy Gregory, and Jean Mortimer. The DePriest family, having arrived in Oklahoma before 1898, was honored as one of the founding families of Bixby. Ray's great great grandfather, Alex DePriest, traveled to Oklahoma through Tennessee and Arkansas arriving in Oklahoma in 1875.



## George C. Dunn Sr.

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 22 years 8 months

While a Junior at Morris High School (MHS) George C. Dunn Sr. enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard HHC 120th Engineer Combat Heavy Battalion in 1981. Enlistment contract was under the split training option program. In Summer 1981, he began basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for eight weeks. He came back to graduate from MHS in 1982. Left for Advanced Individual Training the Summer of 1982 for eight weeks at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In 1984, he started his full-time career with the U.S. Army-Okmulgee Armory. He served two tours to Jamaica and one to Panama. He received several awards during his military career and retired October 31, 2003 with 22 years 8 months of service. Wife-Barbara Dunn and 3 children, George II, Holly and Michelle Dunn and five grandchildren Destiny Dunn, Mercedes Dunn, Giorgio Dunn, Giannah Munds and Bishop Bert.



## “John” Frazier Fish

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World War I

“John” Frazier Fish was born January 13, 1896, in Creek Indian Territory, Oklahoma, his father was Thomas “Little Fish” Fish and his mother, Eliza “Lizzie” Barnett Fish. He had five sons and six daughters with Julia Marie Shade Fish. He died on August 5, 1972, in Henryetta, Oklahoma, at the age of 76, and was buried at the Fish Cemetery. He was a full blood Mvskoke citizen and a member of the Tuckabache Tribal Town.



## Newman Frank

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 1950-1952

Sergeant Newman Frank, the son of Austin and Ida Frank, was drafted into the Army, October 1950, discharged October 15th, 1952 with the rank of Sergeant. Frank went to work for Hale Halsell whole sale grocery and retired after 42 years. Frank was the Pastor of Bixby Circuit (United Methodist) for 13 years, one year at Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist church, and retired from ministry June 1995. Frank passed away October 1995. Those who miss him very much are wife-Louvina, Son-Newman Jr., Daughters-JoEllen, Doris, Ida and Grandchildren.



## Roger W. Frank

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 1966-1967

Frank is a Vietnam Veteran. He served as a truck driver in the 1st Infantry Division, supply and transportation. He is a full blood citizen of the Mvskoke (Creek) Nation. His tribal town is Tukpvtce and his clan is the Tiger Clan. Frank retired in 2005 after working as an inspector in the steel industry for 38 years. He resides in Oklahoma City, OK with his wife Teresa.



## Jess “Mick” Freeman Jr.

Branch: U.S. Army, Army National Guard, Air National Guard

Jess “Mick” Freeman Jr. is a retired veteran, federal government employee, Sunday school teacher and dedicated community volunteer. He is a member of the Katcv Clan and lives on the outskirts of Holdenville with Ruth, his wife of 36 years. Freeman attended Euchee Mission Indian Boarding School. He graduated from Central High School in Tulsa. Following graduation, he served his country in the U.S. Army, 7th Cavalry Division, during the Korean War. After his tour of duty, Mr. Freeman continued to serve the country in the Army National Guard for seven years and the Air National Guard for 21 years, where his highest rank was a tech sergeant. He attended Central State and Rose State College. He earned an airplane mechanic licenses and repairman certificate in electronics. Freeman worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for nearly 28 years. He also worked at Tinker Air Force Base as a B-52 technician.





**Stephen D. Fultz**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
In 1976 I joined the U.S. Army seeking Soldiers life, I tried enlisting as a 16 year old High School Senior and was rebuffed by the local Army Recruiter for being too young to enlist. The moment I turned 17 I returned and was told I needed my parents' permission and was given a document for them to sign. My Dad took about 2 minutes to sign it and said it would be good for me. That summer I took my first flight on an airplane to start basic training. During training a recruiter for the 82nd Airborne Division came looking for volunteers. I was quick to volunteer. As I completed Basic training I was soon off to Fort Dix NJ for Wheeled and Track Mechanic training then on to Fort Benning to become a Paratrooper. I was assigned to Fort Bragg NC for almost 7 years before I volunteered to become a Drill Sergeant with the 95th Training division. I served as an Infantry and Artillery Drill Sergeant for 10 years before being promoted to First Sergeant and served as a Drill Sergeant Trainer until I retired with 23 years of service.

**MSG Leonard Gouge**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1984-2013  
MSG Gouge joined the Army in 1984 as Private First Class he did his basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. From there he went to Ft. Benning, Georgia for his AT. MSG Gouge was stationed in Germany, where he achieved the rank of Sgt. Upon return to the States, MSG Gouge went into the Army Reserves where he became a Drill Sgt. He would train hundreds of Army soldiers of the years as a Drill Sgt. In 2003, he was activated where is he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for a year training soldiers. In 2006, MSG Gouge was once again activated and sent to Afghanistan for 15 months. While in Afghanistan he achieved the rank of MSG and was awarded the Bronze Star for his ability to work directly with the Afghan soldiers. MSG Gouge retired from the U.S. Army in 2013.



**Andres C Guerrero Jr.**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 3 years active duty  
Basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo, AIT Redstone Arsenal, AL and stationed at Ft. Hood Tx., Honorable discharge in 1989.

**Eugene M. Harjo**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1940-1945  
Harjo was born on March 3, 1918 to Alex and Nancy Harjo in Okemah, OK. Harjo was a full blood Muscogee (Creek). He graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Newkirk, OK. Harjo met Suzanne Tiger of Henryetta, OK while at Chilocco and they eventually married in 1943 and bore seven children. Harjo enlisted in the Army in September of 1940. He earned the rank of staff sergeant and was in the military police. He did a tour of duty in Naples and Sicily during June, 1943 to July, 1944. Harjo was honorably discharged in September 1945. He earned the EAME Service Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, Silver Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. Harjo was killed in a construction accident in 1954.



**Kenneth Gene Harjo**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army Air Force  
**Years Served:** 1963-1967  
Harjo was born on July 11, 1945 in Henryetta, OK to Eugene and Suzanna (Tiger) Harjo. He is a full blood Creek citizen. Harjo graduated from Henryetta High School in 1963 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in October of 1963. He did a tour of duty in England. Harjo was honorably discharged in March of 1967. He attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Accounting and Business Administration. Harjo married Marsha Ryals in 1968 while both attended NSU. They bore two sons Jeff and Ryan, and one granddaughter Finley. After graduating college, he worked as an accountant for several organizations in Kansas. In 2011, Harjo moved his family to Muskogee, OK and is currently employed by the MCN as the General Ledger Accountant.

**Norman Alex Harjo**  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps  
**Years Served:** 1969-1971  
Harjo was born on October 1, 1946 to Eugene and Suzanna Harjo in Henryetta, OK. He is full blood Creek citizen. Harjo graduated from Henryetta High School in 1964 and in 1969 graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. In 1980, he earned a Masters of Science Degree in Adult Education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. Harjo enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1969 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam, He was honorably discharged in 1971. In 1973, he began working for the Creek Nation in the Adult Education Department. He also worked for the Summer Youth Program and Adult Vocational Services. Harjo retired in 1998 due to disability. He passed on Sept. 5, 2012.



**Paul Michael Harjo**  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps  
**Years Served:** 1973-1975  
Harjo was born on June 21, 1954 to Eugene and Suzanna Harjo in Okemah, OK. He was a full blood Creek citizen. He graduated from Sequoyah Indian School in 1973. He went on to graduate from East Central State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Physical Education. Harjo enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1973 and was honorably discharged in 1975. He worked for the Tulsa Community College as a test monitor, recruiter, and tutor until he retired from college in 2012. Harjo married Darlene Meeks on November 28, 2009. They lived in Sapulpa, OK until he went home to meet his Lord and Savior on December 17, 2020.

**Please Hawkins**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1944-1946  
Served in the European Theater and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Wounded twice, Belgium 28 Dec 44 and France Feb 45. Awarded European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Bronze Arrowhead, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster.



**Michael Herrod**  
**Branch:** U.S. Air Force  
Michael Herrod, born in Ada, Ok, to Glenda Herrod-Fixico, joined the Air Force in 2003 out of Albuquerque, NM. While Michael joined the USAF from Albuquerque, the Herrod family roots run deep throughout Oklahoma, beginning with Great-Grandfather Reverend Willie Herrod, who led a congregation at Tookparfka Baptist Church and, with his wife Betsy Herrod, raised their family in Wetumka, OK. Michael's career as a Utilities Systems Journeyman afforded him travel across the world to places such as the Azores, Hawaii, Japan, Germany, England, Iraq, Qatar, and multiple stateside locations. Michael currently resides in Menifee, CA, with his wife, Frances, son, Gabriel, daughter, Alana, their 3 dogs and 3 cats. He now concentrates on his art and has several projects in development. The mural in his photo is one he painted while deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

**Carlos L. Kimbrough**  
**Branch:** U.S. Air Force (USAF)  
**Years Served:** 22 Years  
Carlos L. Kimbrough, Born Euchee in Wichita KS graduated Beggs High School in 1978. Joined the US Air Force in 1979 as a Fireman. Later retrained to Transportation, then Manpower (Industrial Engineer). Deployed twice to the Gulf War and Bosnia Conflict as a wartime IE. Completed his Master's degree at the University of Oklahoma in 1997. Retired as Master Sergeant in 2001.



**John David King**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
First enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard as a teenage student at Chilocco Indian School where he joined the famed Charlie Company, 279th Inf., 45th (Thunderbird) Division. In September 1950 (rank SFC), the unit was activated for the Korean Conflict. After he returned, the unit was activated again (rank M/ Sgt) during the aftermath of severe F5 tornado damage at Blackwell, OK. While in college, (rank PSG) he served with Stillwater's Co. A, 245th Combat Engr. Bn. and later transferred to Okmulgee's Co. A, 120th Combat Engr. Bn, 45th Division. In 1973, the unit was activated during the prison riot in McAlester, OK (later reported as one of the worst in U.S. history). John David retired in 1979 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW/2) after 26 years of service.

**Dewayne Marshall**  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps  
**Years Served:** 3  
Dewayne Marshall, graduated from bootcamp at MCRD San Diego in 1981. Attended combat training at Camp Pendleton CA. after bootcamp. Stationed at NAS Moffett Field Ca. Guard Detachment until 1983. Transferred to Camp Lejeune NC. 3rd BAT / 6th Marines, Weapons Plt. as a M60 Machine Gunner. Toured the Philippines, Japan and pulled guard duty on Diego Garcia with West Pack. Meritoriously promoted to Corporal in 1983, youngest Marine ever to reach that rank in 3/6 at that time. Complete my duty with the USMC on March 24th, 1984 never regretting a single day of military discipline and the best friends I ever had that would cover my 6 whenever needed. I graduated from Sequoyah H.S. in 1979 where I met my wife Tammy and have been happily married for 42 years. We have 4 successful children, Jamie, Jeremy, Amanda and Jaron. We blessed with 5 grandchildren that we love dearly. I strongly believe that my creator and The United States Marine Corps prepared me for the everyday trials that life throws at me. "SEMPER PARATUS"



**Lawrence O. Miller**  
**Branch:** U.S. Army  
**Years Served:** 1967-1969  
Lawrence is now retired and enjoying spending time with family, especially with his grandchildren and grand-dog.

**John Morgan Jr.**  
**Branch:** U.S. Marine Corps  
**Years Served:** 4 years Active Duty  
Prior to his first deployment, Morgan was a Saw Gunner. In addition to his role within the infantry platoon he trained in defensive operations, offensive operations, patrolling, close quarters battle, and personal security. Sangin Afghanistan- (10/01/2010-04/28/2011) 3rd Battalion 5th Marines India CO. During his first deployment he provided quick reaction force for the company as a MAT-V gunner. Nowzad & Musa Qala Afghanistan- (03/03/2012-09/21/2012) 2nd Battalion 5th Marines Weapons CO. During his second deployment he assumed responsibility for the training and well-being of the Marines under his charge. He assisted in the execution of multiple outer cordons during company and battalion level clearing operations and conducted clearing operations to clear enemy strong holds, and search for high value targets. He provided high ranking individuals with safe transportation to and from different company and battalion forward operation bases.





Sylvia O Bailey-Munoz

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Years Served: 6 Years

I enlisted in 1952 during the Korean War. First enlistment 3200 Maintenance Wing (Test), Eglin AFB, Florida. CO was Col. Paul Tibbets. My assignment was to the Consumption Data which was the time each item on the plane had when it needed to be changed, this way supplies in Korea would have necessary parts to keep the planes flying. Second Enlistment was at McGuire AFB, New Jersey in the 18th Air Transport Squadron (MATS) as a Flight Traffic Specialist/ Load Master on C-118 Aircraft. Too many stories to tell, but the one thing I am most proud, I convinced a General to never again touch a young WAF inappropriately. Traveled to 10 Foreign Countries and over 2600 Flight Hours.

Bobby Wayne Rush

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 1946 to 1941

Mr. Rush was sent to Japan in 1946. His first duty was with the 46th Engineer Construction Battalion, and he was assigned the task of removing barrels of ammunition from caves. Several men died when the unstable munitions would explode. Since Mr. Rush was the only soldier who could type, he was sent to the recruiters office where was assigned administrative duties, prepared information programs for the troops, and he was involved in the reenlistment and retention efforts.

He received the world War II Victory Medal



Jack L. Sanders

Branch: U.S. Navy

Years Served: 1961 – 1970- 9 years

Looking back, I feel lucky that I was assigned to a warship the Richard S. Edwards DD950 nickname was “The Ready Eddie”. She took us to war and back home twice during my time onboard the Edwards. First to the “Pocket Vest War” – Quemory/Matsu Islands off mainland China (1963). Second to “North Vietnam” (1964 - 1965) the Edwards was one of several ships assigned to serve in the “Desoto Mission” a U.S. secret operation. The Desoto Mission was the U.S. Navy’s part in the involvement of getting the U.S. military into the Vietnam War in 1964 and in 2005 it was classified. The Edwards also patrolled Gulf of Tonkin Numerous times from the DMZ North along North Vietnam coast line. As a “tin can sailor” I feel special to have served.

James Sevier

Branch: U.S. Army Reserve

Years Served: 1985 - 1990s

James Sevier. He is 57 years old, single and lives alone. He currently employed by Tulsa Public Schools. Sevier has worked for the district for 30 years. He has a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s Degree from the University of Phoenix.

He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1985 to the end of term in the 1990s.



Jackie Leon Sullivan

Branch: U.S. Air Force/Air Force Reserve

Years Served: Active duty 1962-1970, AF Reserves 1974-1989 Sullivan born June 20, 1945, Okemah, OK. To Chapley/Juanita Sullivan. Tribal town: Fish Pond, Clan: Wind. Enlisted in the USAF in 1962 Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) TX, attended Fighter Aircraft Maint Training at Amarillo AFB TX. 1973- 1967 Perrin AFB as Crew Chief (CC) working F102 aircraft. 1967-1968 Tan Son Nhut AFB Saigon Viet Nam as RF101 CC (Received AF Accommodation Medal). 1968-1969 Kirtland AFB NM as F104D CC, 1969-1970 Sheppard AFB TX as an Aircraft Maint instructor. Joined the AF Reserve 507 Tac Fighter Group 1974-1989 worked as CC on F105, F4, and F16 aircraft. Now Master Sergeant retired. Family: Married 1964 to present, Daughter Professor at Windsor University Canada, Son (US Army) now works for the BIA Washington DC, 8 Grand Children and 1 Great Grandchild.

David Jack Ware

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Years Served: 1968-1974

Ware served on Active Duty during the Vietnam era, mostly in the Philippines and in Okinawa, which was still under U.S. occupation since World War II before reversion to Japan. His assignments include: Lackland AFB, Texas (1968-‘69), Goodfellow AFB, Texas (1969-‘70), Altus AFB, Oklahoma (1971-‘72), Clark AB, Philippines (1970 and 1972-‘74), and Kadena AB, Okinawa (1970-‘71). He received an honorable discharge due to malaria during his time in the Philippines. Ware is retired from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with 42 years combined Federal Military and Civilian Service. Ware is an at-large Muscogee (Creek) citizen who now resides in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Jared Ware

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: 1993-2018

Jared Ware was born and raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He served in the United States Army from 1993 to 2018. He was a career Corps of Engineers officer commissioned through the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He served throughout the United States and in overseas assignments including Iraq, Korea and the United Kingdom. His final military assignment was as a faculty member in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at the United States Military Academy. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He received the Military Meritorious Service Award from the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) in 2017 and is a member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

Joe Wesley Watashe

Branch: U.S. Marine Corps

Years Served: 1966-1981

Watashe was born March 12, 1947 in Claremore, OK to Jesse and Annie Watashe. He graduated from Kellyville High School in 1965. Watashe enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1981 after serving 15 years. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Watashe received the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the RVN Moritorious Medal and the RVN Armed Forces Moritorious Unit Commendation Cross of Gallantry Award. He served as an Honor Guard for the tribe. Watashe attended church at Little Cussetah in Sapulpa, OK. His clan is turtle and he was a member of the Polecat Ceremonial Grounds in Kellyville. He passed away on Sept. 4, 2020.



Richard E. Wilde

Branch: U.S. Navy

Years Served: 1970-1974

Richard is the second son of the late James O. Wilde and Kathryn Nell Bible Wilde Jones. Brother to James O. Wilde, Jr., Karen D. Wilde, and the late Rev. David Lee Wilde. Nephew of Lucille Bible Miller and Robert “Bear” Bible, the late Mary Louise “Roxie” Bible Lowe, Shirley Bible Kelly Thomas, David Eugene Bible, and Betty Jo Bible Bush. Maternal grandparents, David “Dave” Bible and Leona Grayson Bible Bemo. Great grandson of Lewis Bible and Mulsie Chisholm Chalakee. Great grandson of Henry Grayson and Maggie Drew Grayson. Following high school graduation Wilde enlisted and served during the Vietnam era conflict. The ships he served on were not deployed to the coast of Vietnam; however, the ships he served upon were ready and if the need arose to be deployed to Vietnam. Wilde was considered a cold war veteran during his service.

Brendalyn Pace – Williams

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Years Served: 4 – 5 GT

Entered into the United States Air Force Delayed Program at the age of 17. Attended Base Training in Austin, Texas in January for 6 weeks in 1976. Attended Special training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas for 3 months. Was assigned and stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona as a Disbursement Accounting Specialist (67252). Received the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, Outstanding Unit Award and Good Conduct Medal from November 14, 1975 thru November 13, 1978. Last assignment and Major Command in the 58CSG – TAC. Rank – SGT – Character of Service Honorable Discharge – Feb 13, 1980.



Christopher Winters

Branch: U.S. Army

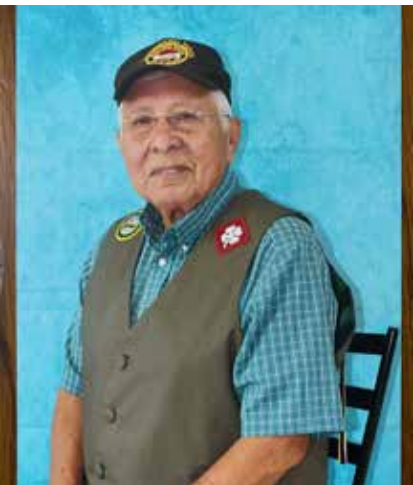
Years Severed: July 1986 thru May 1992

Served in the 8th infantry division after basic training in Oklahoma and stationed in Mainz, Germany. Reenlisted in 1989 serving in the 9th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. In 1990 served in the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was deployed to fight in Operation Desert Storm/Shield serving under Colonel Gregory Fontenot in HHC 2/34 Armor for 2 years as an M1 Armor Crewman. Upon honorable discharge in May of 1992, Chris joined many veterans’ groups including lifetime memberships in the DAV and the VFW and continues to do all he can, to assist veterans. Chris currently directs Tribal and Military programs, which he started for his current employer and volunteers on a weekly basis at JBLM. While in Washington State, Chris met his wife of 31 years, Michele, where they continue to live.

Geri Wisner

Branch: U.S. Marine Corps

Geri Wisner is a member of the Muscogee Nation, a former United States Marine and a mother. She is the Attorney General for the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Executive Director for the Native American Children’s Alliance and oversees the Wisner Law Firm. Ms. Wisner is a nationally recognized speaker on issues of criminal justice in Indian Country, collaborative responses to address violent crimes and integrating traditional Tribal healing and cultural practices. Ms. Wisner has been appointed to serve on several Congressional committees focusing on the improvement of Tribal justice, the protection of Native children and safer communities in Indian Country. Ms. Wisner was appointed as the first Ambassador to the United Nations for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, making presentations to the UN in Geneva, Switzerland and New York City. Geri received her B.A. in 2001 from Oklahoma State University, and Juris Doctorate from the University Of Law in 2003.



Thomas Yahola

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: November 20, 1961 to November 19, 1963 Thomas Yahola, US Army, served from November 20, 1961 to November 19, 1963. Assigned to Ft. Carson, Colorado, for boot camp, following graduation, transferred to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Following AIT training on the 105 Howitzer towed, transferred to B Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 2nd Artillery, Fourth Army. Following, transferred to Service Battery, 2nd/2nd as a Personnel Specialist E-4. Decoration awarded was Marksman (carbine) and Good Conduct Medal. Was Honorably Discharged following Reserve Obligation November 19, 1967.

Dylan Zediana

Branch: U.S. Army

Years Served: Three years

Dylan Zediana is on active duty serving his country overseas. This is the second overseas assignment for him. Zediana enlisted with the Army prior to his high school graduation in 2018. Dylan is the son of Lisa (Lekapv) Strange and Tyson Strange. At the time of his birth, Dylan’s maternal grandfather named him Rvro Lvmhe, and he has been known all his life as Lvmhe to family, friends, and schoolmates. Lvmhe’s maternal grandparents are Kelly (Mekko) Bell and Esther (Bear) Bell. His paternal grandparents are Lee and Ellen Johnson. Lvmhe and wife, Makayla, have a two-year old son and are expecting their second child in December. Lvmhe enjoyed spending time with his Poca, (Kelly - Muscogee/Seminole) learning the tradition of ballstick making. Lvmhe is a member of Earlsboro Indian Baptist Church. He was baptized at the church by Rev. Tim Randall. Lvmhe’s clan is Kono.



## A black and white portrait of a young man in a U.S. Navy uniform. He is wearing a white officer's cap with a dark emblem on the front. He has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a dark, high-collared jacket with several buttons visible. The background is a mottled, light-colored studio backdrop.

He was born December 1, 1944 in Houston, Texas, the son of William Lester and Elsie Mae (Huckaby) Holland. On June 21, 1999 in Eurek Springs, Arkansas he was united in marriage to Vicki Porter, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Marion Holland and his wife Patty of Rogers, Arkansas, Melvin Holland of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Rick Holland and his wife Regina of Bentonville, Arkansas and Casey Hancock and his wife Alica of Joplin, Missouri; four daughters, Becky Shideler and her husband Clark of Drumright, Oklahoma, Gayla Plank and her husband David of Rogers, Arkansas, Alisha Irvine and her husband Dave of Neosho, Missouri and Teresa McNeil and her husband Bill of Joplin, Missouri; one brother, Lloyd Holland and his wife Jean of Man-

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Fiscal Year 2022

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**NCA 20-050** A law of the Muscogee Creek Nation amending **NCA 20-038** (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditures of **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act** (“**CARES Act**”) funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.)

SECTION 7. REPORTING. A report shall be provided bi-weekly by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Mvskoke Media documenting all expenditures of the CARES Act funds.

Total received/earned \$312,692,352.72

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as of this report date equals, **\$307,454,594.99**

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **NOVEMBER 1ST**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	<b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages- FT	47,723.00	-	-	47,723.00
50020	Salary & Wages- OT	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.00
51000	Fringe - FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.00
51100	Fringe - PT/OTHER	0.75	-	-	0.75
	<b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>				
54000	Contractual	9,000,000.00	-	-	9,000,000.00
59220	Grants	5,859,671.63	-	-	5,859,671.63
	<b>MARKETING &amp; TOURISM</b>				
53000	Supplies	3,354.00	-	-	3,354.00
	<b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>				
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	-	-	6,825,910.80
	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
53000	Supplies	866,070.56	-	-	866,070.56
53010	Software/Licenses	1,147,630.11	-	-	1,147,630.11
54000	Contractual	663,594.25	-	-	663,594.25
55210	Communications- Other	42,033.74	-	-	42,033.74
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	-	-	99,818.95
85500	Equipment	3,210,033.48	-	-	3,210,033.48
	<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	-	77.23	-	-77.23
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	-	1,041.56	-	-1,041.56
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	46,625.20	0.00	-	46,625.20
51000	Fringe - FT	-	590.52	-	-590.52
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	5,680.34	-	-	5,680.34
53000	Supplies	3,397,204.45	-	-	3,397,204.45
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
57000	Indirect Costs	-	74.64	-	-74.64
85500	Equipment	75,000.00	-	-	75,000.00
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	-	-	48,519.09
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	0.67	-	-	0.67
51000	Fringe - FT	38,960.72	-	-	38,960.72
53000	Supplies	1,522.08	-	-	1,522.08
53010	Software/Licenses	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00
54000	Contractual	220,955.91	-	-	220,955.91
59040	Burial	270,000.00	-	-	270,000.00
59050	Food Purchases	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	31,344,000.00	-	-	31,344,000.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	27,057,500.00	-	-	27,057,500.00
	<b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
	<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>				
53000	Supplies	487,590.75	-	-	487,590.75
59050	Food Purchases	201,738.96	-	-	201,738.96
85170	Construction	38,656.48	-	-	38,656.48
85400	Vehicles	94,882.39	-	-	94,882.39
	<b>COMMUNITY RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>				
55210	Supplies	1,906.70	-	-	1,906.70
	<b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	2,980.44	-	-	2,980.44
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	114,900.10	52.37	-	114,847.73
51000	Fringe - FT	67,500.42	28.90	-	67,471.52
53000	Supplies	2,559,513.00	-	-	2,559,513.00
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	760,900.00	-	-	760,900.00
59220	Grants	1,000,000.00	-	-	1,000,000.00
	<b>MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT</b>				
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,000,000.00	-	-	1,000,000.00
85170	Construction	12,000,000.00	-	-	12,000,000.00
	<b>CULTURAL CENTER &amp; ARCHIVES</b>				
53000	Supplies	75.00	-	-	75.00
	<b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	85,608.00	-	-	85,608.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,701.00	-	-	10,701.00
53000	Supplies	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
85170	Construction	9,210,382.00	-	-	9,210,382.00
85500	Equipment	73,000.00	-	-	73,000.00
	<b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>				
54000	Contractual	36,300.00	-	-	36,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-	-	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	<b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>				
53000	Supplies	316,797.50	-	-	316,797.50
53010	Software/Licenses	5,649.00	-	-	5,649.00
54000	Contractual	50,500.00	-	-	50,500.00
85500	Equipment	36,258.00	-	-	36,258.00
	<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>				
53000	Supplies	918.23	-	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	-	-	10,512.00
85500	Equipment	150,171.68	-	-	150,171.68
	<b>SUPREME COURT</b>				
51100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
53000	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	118,899,343.21	1,865.22	-	118,897,477.99