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Harvey Godwin, Jr.

Baker to be Speaker



On November 11, 1992 at 10 a.m. Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke will sponsor the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Pembroke. A ceremony will be held in the town park following the parade. The Veterans Day Address will be given by Capt. Jerry Baker, United States Navy, Chesapeake, VA.

Captain Jerry Baker Jr. is a native of Lumber and the Saddletree/Barker Ten-mile communities of Robeson County. A graduate of magnolia high school, he subsequently graduated from Pembroke State University in 1965 with a B.S. in Education. CPT. Baker is also a 1979 graduate of Pepperdine University (MA, Human Resources Management) and a 1977 graduate of the Naval War College (MA, Management).

Captain Baker is a career Naval Officer and aviator with over 5,000 flight hours. His career in the United States Navy spans a period of 27 years and has been distinguished by numerous fleet commands and high level Washington, D.C. staff positions.

CPT. Baker was commissioned a

Naval Officer in the fall of 1965 after attending Aviation Officer Candidates School in Pensacola, FL. He was awarded his designation as a naval pilot in October 1966 and he has specialized in the area of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). An accomplished military and commercial pilot, he has qualified as a mission commander in single and multi engine airplanes and numerous helicopters.

Baker's career highlights include:
-1968, Apollo mission recovery command pilot.
-1972, selected by Chief of Naval Personnel as a team member tasked to develop the Navy's concept of placing submarine killing helicopters on destroyer type ships. This is a system in which the ship and aircraft are linked electronically and deployed as an integrated weapon system.
-1973, After developing the concept named Light Airborne Multi Purpose System (LAMPS), Baker was selected as a member of the Navy's first Atlantic Fleet LAMPS

A People Profile: Harvey Godwin, Jr.

BY BRUCE BARTON

Barton, now a history teacher at nearby Swett High, was the founder and long-time editor of The Carolina Indian Voice before changing careers. After a long hiatus, he writes an occasional article when the urge moves him and the subject interests him.

Pembroke-Harvey Godwin, Jr. Seems always to be in a hurry, a multi-faceted man on the move. Godwin, still relatively young at 38, has lived interesting life...so far.

The writer first became acquainted with the subject when he played Allen Lowrie (the father) to Harvey Godwin, Jr.'s Henry Berry Lowrie a few years ago in "Strike At the Wind", the popular outdoor drama about the Lumbee Indians and their Robeson County neighbors. At the time, Godwin was also doubling as chairman of the drama's board of directors. Godwin relishes his stint with "Strike At the Wind", saying, "my active participation with our drama helped prepare me for my present role in the business world. It was great training: I still love the drama and wish the new cast of characters the very best as the de-

bate over the cultural center helps define the future of Indian people generally in this area, and "Strike at the Wind". Specifically."

Godwin has stepped down from the board of directors because of his increasing responsibilities with the Food Folks grocery chain, "not because I'm necessarily mad with anyone." He still loves "Strike at the Wind", calling it "one of the greatest things to happen in this area in a long time".

Harvey Godwin lives in the Moss Neck Community (near Pembroke) with his wife, Shelia, who teaches Art at South Robeson High School; and sons, Cody Eagle Horse, 14, a ninth grader at Swett High; and Quinn West, 7, a student at Pembroke Elementary. Godwin calls Moss Neck "God's Country", and guards its rich heritage zealously.

Godwin also cites the death of Julian Pierce as a traumatic, yet, enriching experience. At the time of his death in 1988, Harvey Godwin, Jr., was serving as chairman of the committee to elect Julian Pierce to a superior court Judgeship. "Julian Pierce helped define my character. I con-

sidered him a great friend, and I miss him everyday." Since Pierce's aborted campaign, Godwin has returned to school and earned a pre-law degree from PSU in 1991. He has also become more concerned about the plight of Native Americans, and the political process. "Julian taught me that one person can make a difference, and that we ought not leave politics to politicians."

Since Julian Pierce's death, Godwin has been intimately involved in politics, helping ensure that Dexter Brooks would become the first Indian Superior Court Judge. He also has encouraged those in power to appoint more Indians to commissions and other positions of influences like probation and parole officers etc.

Godwin is now Grocery Director for Food Folks Food Stores, and is responsible for buying groceries, advertising, promotions, and pricing. Previously he served as a food store manager in Pembroke. Godwin enjoys his work and promptly notes the 25 stores in the Food Folks Chain, and "our exciting future with Mr. Don Andrews (chief executive of Food Folks)" more recently, Godwin

is presently serving as Robeson County Co-Chairman of the Jim Gardner for Governor Campaign. He recently accompanied Gardner on a recent political foray into the county, with a well-received visit to some of the students at Swett High in Pembroke, Godwin lauds Gardner for his entrepreneurial leanings, noting that he was instrumental in developing Hardees. He praises Gardner for his approaches to improving education and tackling the Drug epidemic in the state. "These are tough times, and we need a tough man like Jim Gardner at the helm".

Never one to fear a challenge like working for a Republican candidate in a predominate Democratic County, Godwin notes that "I am interested in the man more than the party."

Harvey Godwin, Jr. continues to be involved in improving his community. "Julian Pierce's death taught me that life is precious, and we ought not waste even a second of it."

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squadron, HSL-32, and was designated as the first officer in charge to deploy the new system with a four aircraft detachment to the Mediterranean Sea.

-1979, assigned as executive officer of HSL-30, the LAMPS training squadron.

-1980, Performed as Operations Officer for Sea Control Wing one directing the world wide deployment efforts of the LAMPS Weapon system.

1982 to 1984, Command in officer of HSL-34, NAS Norfolk. During this tour, his command received two consecutive Battle "E" awards, two consecutive Captain Isbell trophies for ASW excellence and two Chief of Naval Operations Safety Awards. His command was recognized as the "best of the best" within the Navy.

-1985, as a result of outstanding performance as a fleet commanding officer, Baker was selected to command the East Coast's LAMPS training squadron, HSL-30. This was a most prestigious assignment since only the most successful squadron commanders are selected for this "bonus" command.

-1987-89, Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, D.C. as ASW Branch head (op-05) for all Navy ASW Aircraft. During this tour he directed and managed programs that were in excess of 25 billion dollars. The programs and weapons systems he developed during the Persian Gulf Tanker conflict (Earnest Will) of 1987 were used extensively by Naval Forces during Desert Storm. Most noteworthy were his efforts in mine countermeasures.

-1989-91, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station, Memphis, TN. NAS Memphis is the Navy's third largest Air Station with over 17,000

employees. It is the single largest employer in the state of Tennessee. It has a billion dollar annual impact on the local economy. NAS Memphis received numerous program awards during his command tour.

-1991-present, Director of Navy Shore Safety Programs. In his current position Captain Baker is responsible for the Navy's safety efforts in the following areas: Fleet Explosives and Weapons, Fleet High Risk Training programs, Installation and Occupational Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Navy Motor Vehicle, Fire and Navy Recreational/Athletic and off duty Safety.

Captain Baker has served on 12 different ships and in eight aviation squadrons; his individual awards include two Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy commendation medals, three Navy achievement medals and numerous other unit and command awards. He was also recognized as Pembroke State University's 1991 Alumni of the year.

Captain Baker is married to his Magnolia High School sweetheart, Letha M. Brewer, daughter of Isaac and Retha Brewer of the Saddletree area. They have two daughters, Melissa and Paige, both students at Memphis State University.



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THE TRAIL by J.T. Waboo (Chippewa)

Your Spanish Sails and Old World Honor Led me on a Trail of Tears The Travail continued with my Children who searched for Hope...Five Hundred Years. Conquistadors and their diseases spread the Christian Faith and Fear our convalescence still continues we've sought the cure...Five Hundred Years.

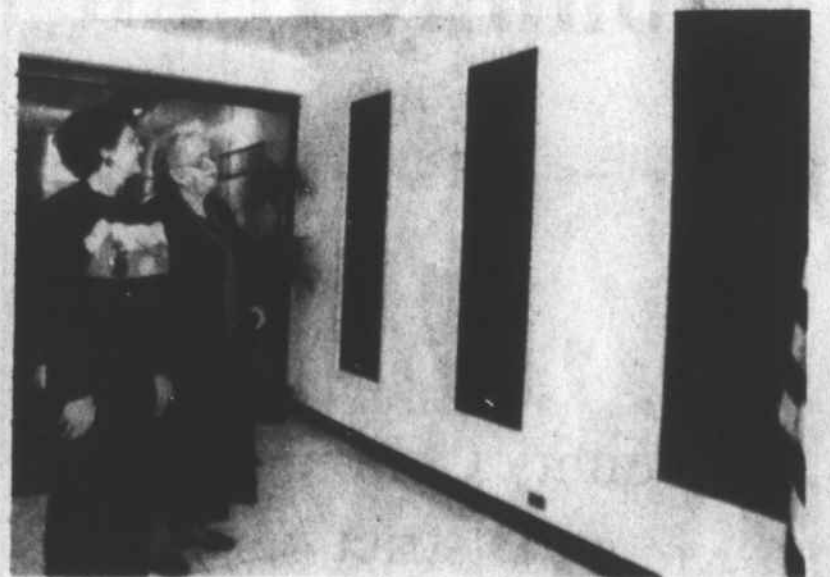
Oh Noble Land, with Declarations where armies fought to make it clear that every word is never broken, you BROKE YOUR WORD...Five Hundred Years. You promised Land in the Great Expanse as long as wind would blow, and the grass grow near but your promised Land became a cage of LIES and our HEARTS beat sadness...Five Hundred Years.

Your Laws provided a right to PRAY the right to WORSHIP without FEAR our CHURCH is the

LAND and you took it away HEARTS seeking Spirits...Five Hundred Years. You taught our young to forget our ways our language foreign to their ears you sought to make us hate ourselves and lose our way...Five Hundred Years.

We Stand Young Warriors in the Circle at Dawn, all Storm Clouds disappear the Future holds all Hope and Glory Ghost Dancers Rise...Five Hundred Years.

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The Service Roll of World War II, which includes the names of Pembroke State students who served in that war, graces the wall inside Old Main. Sadie Locklear Blanks (right) did the lettering for the memorial, while Ira Thomas Lowry (left) did the sanding and varnishing. Both graduated from Pembroke State in '45.