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100th V.F.W. Anniversary Veterans Sunday observed at Mission Church Pembroke, N.C.

Sunday Sept. 12th, 1999 (Veterans Sunday) The V.F.W. Post was guest at Mission Church Rd. with Rev. Crites Oxendine's congregation. Several Post Members arrived early enough to participate in the Sunday School Class of the adults. As you know by my reports each year a different church has graciously invited us to have service with them every veterans Sunday. This Sunday celebration we had 50+ members & the Ladies Auxiliary in this very moving celebration. The Sunday School Adult's Class had a very good topic which appropriately coincide with the Sundays Veteran Sunday Service." The title (Am I My Brothers Keeper).

As I arrived with my guest "Master Joshua Simmons" we were greeted by Ms. Cynthia of Cyna's Jewelers who escorted us and others to the sanctuary where the adult class was underway. She was a very excellent greeter for this occasion always very courteous and a big smile on her face. As the story in the Holy Bible goes "Cain slew his Brother Able and tried to hide this hideous murder from every one at the time, but God spoke to him and asked where is your Brother Able? Which he replied I don't know! Am I my Brothers keeper? God knew what he had done and told him so and put a mark on him forever that no man would take his life. So you see by this lesson, yes we are our Brothers Keeper.

The church choir was singing as we marched into the sanctuary, between the piano & several guitars praise began to flow from several songs. Every one was welcomed by Rev. Oxendine who later introduced our Post Chaplain, Mr. Archie Oxendine. He introduced the Post Officers who were present following his greetings to the Pastor & Congregation for inviting us on this occasion. He gave a very uplifting talk as always as to what the V.F.W. is about as we help others. He had an altar call which was very moving as men & women gathered around the altar. Rev. George Locklear led the prayer.

Rev. Oxendine presented the Post with a very nice plaque with the churches thoughts inscribed on it. Grace was said before we entered the fellowship hall overflowing with all kinds of meats, vegetables, and a huge variety of desserts. The tables decorated with the flag, red, white & blue tinsel on white table cloths. As usual I wanted to try a little of everything (no room for the chicken & pastry) it looked so tempting. You of the Post that did not attend. Don't know what you were missed unless you are watching your waist line. Seriously I want to thank the ladies & men for making us feel very welcome and helping us put on a pound or two. May God Bless you and yours. Thank you for helping us celebrate Veterans Sunday.

Erwin Jacobs, Post Advocate, VFW Post #2843

Rendezvous with Navy Shipmates from Korean War Era, WW II & Vietnam

On Thursday morning, August 19, 1999 Seaman 1st Class Erwin Jacobs boarded a Southwest Airlines 737 Airplane to a convention with personnel of the Navy Amphibious Ship, the USS George Clymer APA 27 held in San Diego, California where their home port was in the United States. During his stay from 1952 until 1955 while stateside he lived and sailed aboard the ship two and one-half years, having sailed to the Orient three cruises. He had not seen or heard from many of his shipmates since 1953, until a call last summer from his buddy, Mr. Loy Gene Fletcher. After writing a letter to him in Artesia, New Mexico, a planned reunion was underway for all who had served on this war ship from World War II until it was decommissioned during the Vietnam Era.

Jacobs got to be with twenty of his shipmates and others who had served on the ship in three wars. The reunion was from August 19 until August 22nd. Having waited since the summer of 1953 until the 19th of August to see his close ship mate, Seaman Loy G. Fletcher, which they had planned to meet at the San Diego Airport, Jacobs arrived at 12:00 noon. It was 3 3/4 hours until Fletcher's flight would arrive. It was well worth the almost four hours wait since he had waited since

1953 to get to see his big brother. What a time they had greeting each other and getting to meet Mrs. Fletcher for the first time. Both Jacobs and Fletcher had lost a son in less than a year. Fletcher's son died in October 1998, Jacobs son was beaten to death August 10, 1999. There were many years of catching up to do since they were young sailors. Time was very precious and they spent many hours of the three days with each other, remembering old ship mates and months spent on the ship to Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, and other ports the ship travelled to. This was the sixth reunion but the first for Jacobs.

At the dinner and last meeting at the Red Fox Restaurant near Balboa, Captain Edward Hunt, U.S. Navy (retired) gave the history of the George Clymer APA 27 commissioned years of active duty and

a farewell speech to all who attended this reunion. We all learned from Mr. Fred Pellegrini and other speakers the fate of our dear old Navy home. It rests on the ocean floor off San Diego, California. The ship was named for George Clymer, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the United States. He lived in what is now Clymer, Pennsylvania where a ship museum is housed. I donated

my ship cruise from 1954 with all men and places we cruised in a book for the museum which we plan to see at the seventh reunion next year in Clymer, PA.

The photo below shows Mr. Erwin Jacobs in striped shirt, his big brother Seaman Loy Fletcher, his lovely wife, Jean; Charles Ackert, standing and Boatsman

Mate Second Class Bill Webber at brunch in the Hotel Breakfast Room.

Thirty-eight men and spouses attended this reunion.

(News and photo submitted by Erwin Jacobs, SM 1st Class, 1st Division USS George Clymer APA 27-1952-1955, now residing in Maxton, NC. (910) 844-9697.)



Memorial Day Service at Pembroke Town Park, May 31st, 1999.

North Carolina declared major disaster area

The White House informed Senator John Edwards on Thursday that President Clinton declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered federal aid to help state and local recovery efforts in areas struck by Hurricane Dennis.

The declaration makes federal funds available to individuals in Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Hyde and Pamlico counties.

The assistance includes emergency housing and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses for individual and businesses.

Senator Edwards had urged the White House to grant the disaster relief sought by Governor Jim Hunt. "For days, North Carolina coast

was battered by this storm. The wind and water damage brought on by the storm is well beyond the state's capabilities." Senator Edwards said in a letter to President Clinton. "Although disaster assessments continue today, it is clear federal assistance will be needed."

Damage surveys are continuing in other areas of North Carolina, and additional counties may be added to the disaster area after damage assessments are completed.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties may begin applying for assistance on Friday by calling 800-462-9029 or 800-462-7585 for the hearing and speech impaired.

Public Library to sponsors book sale

The Robeson County Public Library Annual Book Sale will be September 23, 24 and 25. It will be held in the warehouse on First Street across from the Lumberton Library. The library is located at 101 North Chestnut Street, Lumberton. The sale will start at 5:00 p.m. on September 23. It will run from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm on September 24, and from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm on September 25. Special events will be held on opening night only. The D.A.R.E. Band will play from 5-6 pm. There will be story-telling from 5:30-6:30 pm, and at 6:30 pm the Public Schools of Robeson County Studio Lab One will present A Midsummer Night's Dream in the library garden. In addition to these activities the Robeson County Heritage Showcase Museum Building will open with the Military exhibit, the Fireman's Museum Building will be open with a copy of the plans for renovation, the Children's Place of Robeson, Inc. Hands-On-Learning Lab building will be open with the plans for renovation and the library's site for the new Osterneck Auditorium will be open for review.

Sybil Bullard appointed to FSA Committee

USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, has appointed Sybil J. Bullard of Pembroke, NC, as an Advisor to the North Carolina Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Davidson College in 1980.

After working with Wachovia Bank and Trust and attending the MBA Program at Wake Forest University, she returned to Robeson County to manage the family owned business, J.R. Jones Grain Inc., and Red Springs Milling.

Mrs. Bullard serves on the Corporate Board of Directors at Lumbee Guaranty Bank, President of Southeastern Utilities Development, Inc., member of the Board of Directors of Southeastern Grain and Feed, Chairs the Robeson County Communities in Schools Board, and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She attends Pembroke First United Methodist Church.

She is married to Danny Bullard. They have two children, Enka is 7 years old and Amber is 11 years old.

Local church presednts "Prodigal Son"

Pastor Odell Wilkins and congregation invites you to see their play, "Prodigal Son" on Friday night, September 24, 1999 at 7 p.m. at the Youth of Christ Holiness Church, Hwy 71, between Maxton and the Ccapbell Soup Plant.

Crazy Horse Open House to Feature Wampum Belt

(Crazy Horse Mem., S1) -- An elaborate replica of the famous George Washington Covenant Wampum Belt has been presented to Crazy Horse Memorial.

The belt is six feet long and contains about 10,000 glass beads. It was a gift from the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina of the League of the Iroquois Confederacy.

The belt will be on display during the annual Labor Day Weekend Open House at Crazy Horse Memorial Sat. - Mon., Sept. 4-6. During Open House Admission is free for residents of N. D., S.D., Wyo. and the Nebr.. Panhandle. A donation of canned goods for the KOTA Care and Share Food Drive is encouraged.

The paving of US 16/385 has been completed, and traffic again is flowing normally on the newly rebuilt concrete highway.

Monday Night Blast

This year's Open House will include a night blast on the mountain carving on Mon., Sept. 6th. That date traditionally includes a night blast because it is the dual anniversary of the 1877 death of Crazy Horse and the 1908 birth of Crazy Horse sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski.

Weather permitting, the night blast will be approximately 7:45 P.M. on Labor Day. It will include several ceremonial fireballs, and it also will remove a large quantity of granite.

Friendship and Brotherhood
The Tuscarora Nation had the historic wampum belt recreated especially for the Crazy Horse Memorial, and Chief Leon Locklear presented it "in friendship and Brotherhood, to share some of our history with other

people." About 40 tribal representatives accompanied Chief Locklear to Crazy Horse for the recent presentation of the belt which had been blessed in the longhouse of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina.

"The original George Washington Covenant Belt, the longest wampum belt extant in the United States, testified to the friendship between the original 13 colonies, represented by 13 of the figures of the figures on the belt, and Six Nations of the Iroquois, represented by two figure grasping a longhouse," said Dr. James Gillihan of New Harmony, Indiana, an expert on Native American artifacts.

"It was given by the Iroquois either at a conference with Colonial representatives at Albany in 1775 or at the Treaty between the Iroquois and the United States signed Jan. 9, 1789 at Fort Harmar," he said.

The replica was made for the Tuscarora Nation by Wyandot (Huron) artist George "Star" Ewalt of Pennsylvania who spent about three months creating it.

He made a personal gift of a wampum belt and choker in honor of his father George Ewalt. Sr. These two items were made in the traditional way with Quahog clam shells

Educational Tool
"The Washington Wampum Belt is a very distinctive addition to our Museum, and it is a beautiful and effective educational tool," said Mrs. Korczak (Ruth) Ziolkowski, chairman of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. "It also helps underscore that the Memorial honors all North

UNCP students awarded Alumni Loyalty scholarships

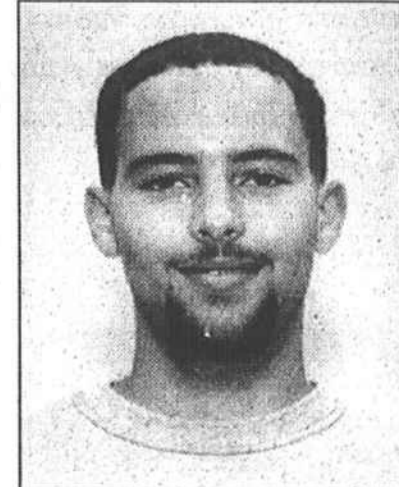
The Alumni Relations Office of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke is proud to announce its Alumni Loyalty Scholarship award recipients. Seven scholarships were awarded for the 1999-2000 academic year. This scholarship is awarded to sons and daughters of UNC Pembroke alumni and recipients are chosen based on academic and leadership ability, potential for success in college, and financial need. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship that will be divided equally between the two semesters. The Alumni Loyalty Scholarship recipients for 1999-2000 are:

Ernie Mitchell Barton, a 1999 Purnell Sweet High School graduate planning to major in Art, who is the son of Rick Barton and Lois Janetta Bullard of Pembroke.

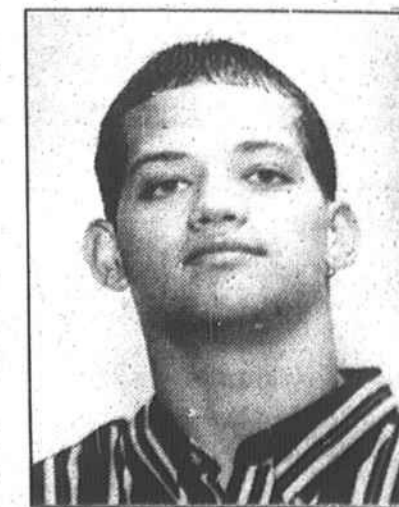
Benjamin Bryon Brewington, a 1999 Purnell Sweet High School graduate planning to major in Criminal Justice, who is the son of James P. and Hazel Brewington of Pembroke.

Chad Elvington Hunt, a 1999 Purnell Sweet High School graduate presently undecided about a major, who is the son of Loretta Hunt-Hagen of Red Springs.

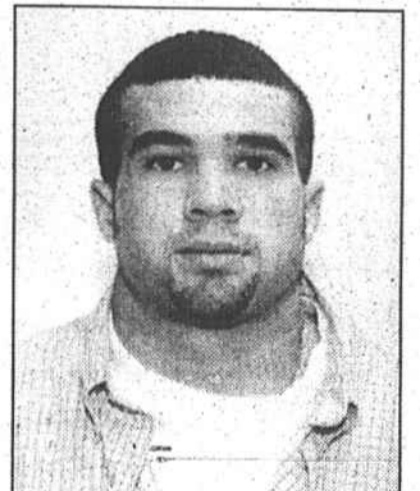
Jordan Reid Sampson, a 1999 Purnell Sweet High School graduate presently undecided about a major, who is the son of John H. and Wanda L. Sampson of Pembroke.



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