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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

FSA Accepting Committee Nominations for Candidates

The Robeson/Scotland Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for County Committee candidates from Local Administrative Area #1 (LAA#1). LAA#1 contains the Smith-Prospect, Red Springs-Rennett-Shannon, Lumber Bridge-Parkton, North St. Pauls-South St. Pauls, and East Howellsville-West Howellsville communities. Farmers are encouraged to nominate, by January 21, 2000, their farm neighbors as candidates for the County Committee election.

According to Giles B. Floyd, County Executive Director of the

Robeson/Scotland FSA, "the Committee is backbone of the local FSA office. Without these dedicated farmers, this office simply could not function." The County Committee is the most direct link between USDA farm programs and farmers. "The County Committee helps shape nationwide farm programs into programs that work at the local level on things like farm loans, conservation programs disaster assistance, commodity price support payments and loans, and marketing quotas", Floyd said.

For further information, contact the FSA Office.

The Higher Math of Census 2000

Let's do the math: the 2.4 million American Indians and Alaska Natives make up less than 1 percent of the American population of 274 million.

Every single American Indian and Alaska Native who completes a census form has a say in how federal funds are distributed. Every single one who counts in Census 2000 can enhance a community's chances of receiving support for health care, housing, education, better roads and job opportunities.

But overall, less than 1 percent is still less than 1 percent - even assuming the U.S. Census Bureau succeeds in its efforts to correct the 12.2 undercount of 1990. And 1 percent is not enough to make or break funding decisions at the higher federal levels.

On the eve of a millennium generations of Americans never believed Natives would survive to see, a higher math must be pressed into service here. It is the math of representation, of one as one, of individuals with a history and character to assert as opposed to the trends and characteristics derived from aggregate statistics.

Every Native individual who fills out a census form is asserting a history and character the ancestors struggled to preserve. And in a society where many of the counted, measured, market-researched, safely-in-the-database millions are beginning to feel themselves separated from any familiar culture or value system beyond what advertising offers, the assertion of Native identity may count for others as well.

Native American Heroes

by Capt. Eric Tsali Brewington (Lumbee)
U.S.A.F., Native American Program Manager, Hanscom AFB, MA

"No person among us desires any other reward for performing a brave and worthy action, but the consciousness of having served his nation." Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea) Mohawk

When you hear the words "Native American" or simply "American Indian", what is the first image that pops into your mind? Is it a Lakota Warrior dressed out in war paint and riding a war horse, or perhaps a Cherokee Chief with a long flowing headdress full of Eagle feathers dancing in a Pow Wow? All Indians say "How" and live in teepees, right. I'll even bet all Indians look alike too. This couldn't be further from the truth, but don't feel bad. These stereotypical images were provided by Hollywood many years ago and are still here today.

First of all, the term "Native American" applies to Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, as well as American Indians, so using either term "Native American" or "American Indian" is politically correct. The safest bet is to simply ask the individual that you are dealing with. Native Americans actually hold real jobs just like everyone else. In fact, when you hear "Native American War Hero" I'll guess you may think of the Hunkpapa Lakota Chief Sitting Bull, or the Apache Warrior Geronimo. These were true Warriors to the fullest, but there are so many that you may not realize that there are true Native American War Heroes of the 20th Century. Next time you think of a Native American, consider these images instead: a battle weary Marine PFC Ira H. Hayes (Pima), valiantly hoisting the American flag at Iwo Jima, or Marine Colonel Greg "Pappy" Boyington (Coeur d'Alene), the ranking American "ace" of the Pacific Theater who was accredited with 28 dogfights, and served as the commanding officer of VMF-214, otherwise known as the "Black Sheep". Another well-known figure was U.S. Army Major General Clarence L. Tinker (Osage), for whom Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, OK, was named.

Native Americans have fought for the government in every American war in which American soldiers participated. Several of those wars occurred before Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 that finally granted United States citizenship to Native Americans. For instance, in 1898, Indians were recruited by Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish American War. Many rode with the Rough Riders in the famous charge at San Juan Hill. During World War I, nearly 12,000 Native Americans joined the U.S. Armed Forces and as in all previous conflicts, their tenacity in battle was unsurpassed. World War II saw Native American participation swell to nearly 25,000. These men and women served their country well and were honored with 71 Air Medals, 51 Silver Stars, 47 Bronze Stars, 34 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 6 Medals of Honor. Native American zeal to serve was so great that, according to Army officials, the draft would not have been necessary if the country's entire population had enlisted in the same proportions as did Native Americans. This patriotism, loyalty, and valor came despite the promises of the German propaganda machine to return expropriated lands in exchange for Native American allegiance.

Other heroes were the Navajo codetalkers who were credited with helping to send in messages that the enemies could not break. An Indian joke is that Dine, or the Navajo people, have a slang way of speaking English that they call "Joe" talk. Charlie Hill, who is an Onida comedian, teases them and says that they were speaking this "Joe" talk and the enemy still couldn't understand them. Even Navajos think this is funny. He says it like this: "The Navajos were real war heroes. They had Code Talkers during World War II that helped win the War because the enemy could not understand them and they were speaking English!" What most people fail to realize is that there were other tribes that used their languages as code talk as well.

During the Korean War, it was estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 Native Americans saw action. Included in these numbers is Ben "Nighthorse" Campbell, served as a USAF Security Policeman near Pusan, Korea, and who still serves his country as a United States Senator for Colorado. During the Korean War, three Native Americans earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As with every preceding conflict there was strong Native American participation in the Vietnam War. Approximately 42,500 Native Americans served in the armed forces from 1965 to 1975. There are scores of unsung heroes from the conflict in Southeast Asia, including Native Americans.

Eddie Hatcher to remain in Robeson County Jail

Judge Frank Floyd approved Eddie Hatcher's request to be housed in the Robeson County Jail on Monday while he is awaiting trial for murder and assault. Hatcher has been housed in Central Prison since his arrest for the murder of Brian McMillan on May 31, 1999. McMillan was shot and killed in his home near Maxton. Amilia Chavis was also wounded in that shooting. Hatcher is awaiting trial on that charge as well as charges of shooting into an occupied dwelling, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and first degree murder. District Attorney Johnson Brit has said he will seek the death penalty in the first degree murder case.

Hatcher, acting as his own attorney, requested to be housed in the Robeson County Jail in order to have access to a telephone, law library and defense witnesses. District Attorney Johnson Brit argued that Hatcher should remain in Central Prison because he is HIV positive and needs to be near the medical facility.

Judge Floyd agreed with Hatcher and ruled that he would be housed in the Robeson County Jail. He did state, however, that Hatcher could be transferred back to Central Prison if he misbehaved in any way or if he became in need of medical attention.

Native Americans service members continue to serve as inspirational leaders in the military. As of April, 1998, there were five Native American general/flag officers on active duty—three with the Air Force and two with the Navy. Modern day warriors like Rear Admiral Michael L. Holmes (Lumbee) of Pembroke, North Carolina. He serves as Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet/Commander, Task Force Twelve. Others include Air Force Major General Susan L. Pamerlau (Cherokee), Commander, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas. She commands approximately 2,000 Air Force military, civilian, and contract personnel. Air Force Brigadier General Wilbert D. Pearson (Cherokee) is Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. Air Force Major General George T. Stringer (Cherokee/Choctaw) is Deputy Assistant Secretary (budget), and Rear Admiral Leonard Vincent (Cherokee) who serves as Commandant of the Defense Systems Management College in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. No discussion of great Native American military leaders would be complete without mentioning Admiral Joseph J. "Jocko" Clark (Cherokee) who was the first Indian to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy. This great warrior served his country in both world wars and received numerous decorations including the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal (twice) and the Legion of Merit. He retired in 1953 after serving as the Commander-in-Chief of the Seventh Fleet.

From the Revolutionary War to Bosnia, from the Navajo code talkers of World War I fame to various jobs found in America's modern force, Native Americans have proudly worn the uniform of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, both officer and enlisted and served this country honorably. These are but a few of the modern Native American warriors and while the images of the past may not be forgotten, the facts of the present cannot be ignored. Some of these men have earned our nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and many have given our country their ultimate sacrifice along side many other Americans, their lives.

Today, there are not many American Indians in uniform, only 7 enlisted and 5 officer of the total force. These numbers can be misleading until you look at the total population of American Indians. Let's not forget that the percentage of people who serve their country among Native Americans is at 10%, (Spero M. Manson, PhD, "The Matsunaga Study", VHA EEO National Native American Training Conference in Lowell, Massachusetts, Sept. 1999). Comparing this to other races, which were just under 3% of their population, means that 3 times as many Native Americans have served in the Armed Forces per capita and currently half of the American Indian population is under 21 years old (Mr. James Floyd, VAMC, Salt Lake City, UT.). Those few of us who do remain in uniform are honored that our nation recognizes the contributions of our people. "Native American Heritage Month" is but one opportunity to say thank you to all who have made it possible for all Americans to remain free. Raymond Nakai, a former Navajo Code Talker, said it best when he stated his feelings about Native American participation in World War II: "Many people ask why we fight the White man's war. Our answer is that we are proud to be Americans. We always stand ready when our country needs us."

All The Tech You Need To Know To Keep Your Business On The Go.

(NAPS)—In small business, where every decision stands to make or break your competitive edge (and your pocketbook) it is easy to agonize over the best technology choices for your company network. Agonize no more—for a new Web site is here to make it much easier.

With an annual average technology spending growth of 8.4 percent per year, the unique challenges faced by America's 24 million small business owners inspired the creation of the Hewlett-Packard HP Small Business Technology Resource Center Web site (<http://www.hp.com/go/smb1>).

The site is designed to provide businesses with convenient access to the information they need to consider, purchase, implement, and receive ongoing support for vital office technology. The site provides small business owners access to a broad array of business-building advice and technology solutions. This is a benefit to those who are not familiar with the technology available to help make their business successful.

The site also provides answers to specific technology questions and can be used to save time and money whenever you encounter situations similar to these:

- **Should we put modems in each computer or is there a less expensive way to give everyone Internet access?** Customers can e-mail their trickiest technology questions and they will be answered by someone experienced in IT consulting to small, and growing, businesses.



A new web site can be used to save time and money by finding technology solutions to your specific business needs.

- **My phone and fax costs are out of this world. How can I make them more manageable?** Customers can receive tips and advice on a variety of topics affecting small businesses through articles written by small business experts.

- **I'm in the market to buy a large file server. Where can I get one and how much should I expect to pay?** Customers can go to the site and find a reseller near them that sells a specific product, such as an HP NetServer and identify resellers who are qualified to provide support. Customers can read examples of how other customers have used this type of service.

- **One of my friends went out of business when his system crashed and he lost all of his customer data! How can I avoid this from happening to me?** The Web site provides links to information about HP products

that can minimize this kind of risk and help you sleep at night.

- **I need to purchase a new color laser jet printer for 10 of my employees. What is the optimal way to finance an order like this?** Advice on how to cost-effectively finance purchases like this may be found at the site.

- **I'm in the accounting business, what applications are particularly suitable to my technology environment?** The site provides specific advice on software applications that are optimal for different professions, while also showcasing examples of other businesses that have successfully implemented technology and the benefits they have garnered from using it.

- **I'm tied to my desk all day and I just need to buy a toner cartridge.** Many products necessary to complete a day's work may be purchased online from HP. The site also offers information on the latest products and special promotions.

- **I'm all alone in this small business world. There are many small business people out there who are experiencing similar challenges and have similar questions when it comes to successfully growing their businesses.** The site gathers this small business community, enabling customers to benefit from one another's questions, while providing a convenient, one-stop source tips and technology advice.

For information designed specifically for the small business owner, visit HP's new web site at www.hp.com/go/smb1.



(NAPS)—For facts about the lead-acid battery industry, visit Battery Council International's site at www.batteryCouncil.org.



Fragrances such as those from Boss Hugo Boss is available at www.jasmin.com, a new e-commerce retailer specializing in fine fragrances.

For information about new devices that let people send and receive e-mail by plugging into virtually any telephone jack, call 1-888-GO-VTECH or visit the website at www.vtechworld.com.

SurvivalGear.com, at www.survivalgear.com, offers useful products and advice to help families get safely through a natural disaster.

For facts about HomMed LLC, a leader in home monitoring for disease management, visit the site at www.hommed.com or call 888-353-5440.

Benefit singing planned Jan. 15

The Native American Gospel Singers and Rev. Montana Locklear will sponsor a Cancer Benefit Singing on Saturday, January 15, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., at the Bill Sapp Center, 1100 N. Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC. Tickets to be sold at the door. Adults \$5 and kids FREE. Proceeds to benefit a sixteen year old cancer victim.

There will be featured music artists such as New Grace, The Native American Gospel Singers, Dovie and the Purehearts, Anita Southerland Ministries and special guest appearance by CRIMSON CROSS. Each admission ticket holder will have the opportunity win a three day/two night Myrtle Beach Getaway!

Lupus Support Group to meet January 20th

The Lupus Support Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Cardinal and Hatters Rooms of the Village Drive Education Center of Cape Fear Valley Health System, located at 3418 Village Drive.

The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at the same time and location. Those with lupus, and their family members or other loved ones, are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Regina Benson at 897-6296.

Renal Support Group meets first Thursday

The Renal Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Patients, family and friends of those with renal disorders as well as those interested are welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the Observation Unit Waiting Room on the third floor of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. For more information, please call 609-LINK (5465).

Transplant Support Group to meet

The Transplant Support Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Rehab Classroom at Southeastern Regional Rehabilitation Center, located directly behind Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

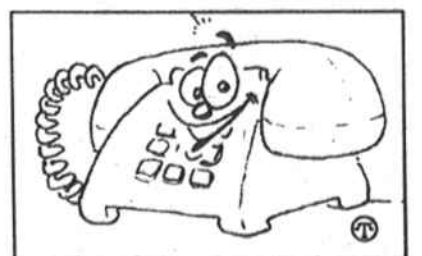
The group meets on the second Thursdays of each month at the same time and location. For more information, please contact Jim DePree at 609-6030.

Cancer Support Group to meet

The Cancer Support Group, for cancer patients and their families, meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the library of Southeastern Regional Rehabilitation Center, located behind Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. For more information, please call 609-LINK (5465).

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A new dryer sheet, called Downy Premium Care, helps reduce wrinkles so clothes can be ready-to-wear straight from the dryer.



The environmentally-friendly Mercury Mountaineer is certified as a Low Emissions Vehicle (LEV)—emitting about half the pollutants of most cars on the road today—in both its V-6 and V-8 engines.

A Senior Research Scientist at Yale University discovered a unique ingredient that naturally adds color to any skin type. The lotion, called Melasyn Instant Tan with SPF 15, is available via a toll free number, 888-322-1335 and the World Wide Web at www.melasyncosmetics.com.