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The Cynical Grunt Training is hard, War is Hell, but Combat is...

War can be about many things. Economics, Politics, Ideology, Religion, etc. With Religion usually being used to reinforce the others "Good against Evil" Of course a war never been fought when God wasn't on both sides. Combat involves basically four things: Blood, Mutilation, Death, and Misery.

Combat differs from war in that it takes place in an environment unique into itself. An environment in which all the words and phrases spewed forth so easily by the Old Men who start the wars, assume their truest and most profound meaning. You know the words, Honor, Duty, Courage, and Sacrifice. You know the phrases, America's Prestige and Honor is at stake, Stay the Course, America can't Cut and Run, Freedom is on the march!

In the arena of Death, which is where combat takes place, the phrases are useless. The words however, Honor, Duty, Courage, and Sacrifice, mean everything. Is it Honorable to fight beside your brother warriors even into death? You bet it! Is it doing your Duty to advance into enemy fire and keep advancing with men being wounded and killed, in order to achieve your combat mission? You bet it is! Is it courageous for a Navy Corpsman to move through enemy fire to help a wounded Marine? Damn right it is! If the Corpsman is killed making the attempt, was it worth the Sacrifice? If the Corpsman could speak he would say, "It was my Duty and that Marine was my brother". Is it truly Courageous to do these things? Yes, because no one who has not been in combat, that unique arena of death, can imagine the courage required to do these things. Not just once, but day after day, month after month until your duty is done. That is why Combat is unique. Combat is about life and death. With the phrases and all the rest being nothing more than an intellectual exercise for the Old Men and Cheerleaders safe at home.

Sgt. H.J. Brooks U.S.M.C.
 Nam Vet
 Semper Fi Serpent

We Didn't Just Fall off the Turnip Truck

by Vinita "Cookie" Clark

Hi there everyone and thanks for climbing with me for a ride on my turnip truck once again. For all of those who took the time to say "hello" the other day when I was eating lunch at Sheff's and shared their positive comments I would like to say a special "Thank You." Especially, Mrs. Maggie Oxendine who resides on Pine Street. She reminded me of the time which my father bricked her home and how she always thought a lot of "Chase." So, you be sure to smile Miss Maggie at least one time for me.

In this world, everyone is entitled to their own opinion. It is like a mouth, everybody has one and it is what you do with it which makes a difference in your life and the ones you love.

My Meeting at the LRDA

With this in mind let me tell you of my recent meeting with the LRDA Executive Director Dewey Locklear. First of all, he let me know that my turnip truck is a "powerful column." I am the kind of person, if I can make one person think, or one person stop the way they are being treated by saying "no more." I can say "I have done my job." Locklear told me I was "misinformed about Turtlevision and the LRDA Fall Pow Wow." He stated that he had tried to contact the Turtlevision staff and couldn't. So, he had to book someone else and the day after he had booked the other person was when Turtlevision came in and said they would do the Fall Pow Wow. I respect his decision and who knows there might be more people attending due to a new group being in charge. Sometimes, everyone needs a "fresh breath of air."

I did inform Locklear there were a lot of people "upset with him." And he did ask "why?" I don't know who is doing the publicity on this Pow Wow but the LRDA has offended many of the dancers and drum groups by calling them "performers." Which only goes to show that whoever does the Public Service Announcements doesn't know the first thing about drumming or dancing. Do you think they know what to do if an eagle feather comes off of a piece of regalia and hits the ground during a dance? Do they know how to honor the feather by taking it out of the circle? If they don't know then they better learn "fast."

Both drumming and dancing are a form of art. There are traditional dancing, fancy dancing, shaw dancing and others. The dancers dance to honor our veterans and elders, the seasons, the hunt and other occasions. They wear various outfits like the jingle dancers. Each song which is performed with a drum has a special meaning. The songs come from their hearts and are not meant to be performed like a Broadway play.

I can't blame anybody for how they feel. But, you can call and let the LRDA know how you feel about this situation.

The Lumbee Tribe Television Show

Once again, we see Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins and Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs appear on our local yard sale television station. Where are their PR people and why is there no Director? Many people can't get Brother Billy because they have CABLE and can rarely catch this station.

We have been informed that people who are accomplished in the field of journalism and television production such as James Locklear and Tasha Oxendine have been requested to come and help shape the LTC Public Relations Department. Was I right? Did they hire these people "just to make them look good" and the boat they are in is sinking? While they are paying over \$60,000 a year for someone who can't create a newsletter. I mean did they fall off of the turnip truck or what? All they have ever had to do was come and ask the staff of the Carolina Indian Voice. This is as bad as the stenographer which the LTC has hired and paid and no one has seen any minutes from any tribal meeting since August. It is rumored that the stenographer is now giving piano lessons here in Pembroke.

Here is my suggestion to those involved in this. Go out to the UNCP television station and get them to produce you a 30 to 60 minute show. They give you "continuous play" and it will not be on at 9:30 pm every night when the yard sale television show goes off the air.

Everytime we see our Tribal Chairman on television he looks like he is wearing the exact same outfit. On their latest filming which had "Lumbee Tribal Council Members" on the bottom of the screen. It had the office number but, there was no one at the office to reach if they were to call. The ladies had on so many tops that "glittered" you almost couldn't see their faces. Now, folks why would people listen to anyone who looks like they wear the same outfits (this is when they change the channel thinking they have already seen it before). Or, the Tribal Council members give the "visual impression" (and you are judged by the clothes that you wear in front of the camera) that they have a lot of money and therefore don't have the time to listen to the people. If there is anyone there who knows about film and television (and no we don't mean pageants) they can help you.

One of your PR persons could be the moderator and ask the questions which many are asking. For instance here are some of the questions:

(1.) If the Lumbees get Federal Recognition, does that mean we no longer have to pay any kind of taxes? (Federal, Property and Personal Taxes).

INTRODUCING OUR LATEST MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENT



Tracy E. Bullard, MD has joined Robeson Health Care Corporation and the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a family practitioner. She is based at the Julian T. Pierce Health Center in Pembroke.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Duke University, Dr. Bullard completed her medical degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2001 and a three-year residency program at the Duke/Southern Regional Area Health Education Center in Fayetteville this past summer. A native of Robeson County, she received a scholarship loan from the SRMC Foundation, offered to medical school students and allied health professionals who plan to return to the local community to practice. The NC Academy of Family Physicians has also recognized Dr. Bullard for her outstanding and compassionate patient care.

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- (2.) When we are Federal Recognized and we no longer have to pay in Social Security, will we still be able to draw Social Security?
 - (3.) If we do not pay into the government will mothers still be able to get their TANF benefits and Food Stamps?
 - (4.) If we sign the papers to abide by the Lumbee Constitution and are Federally Recognized will we have a dual citizenship?
 - (5.) Will the members of the Lumbee tribe have to sign over anything that they own to the Lumbee Tribal Government to receive benefits of being a tribal member?
- If they are going to talk about something on television and honestly inform the people, let's see them answer these questions.

Have a great week and remember "somebody loves you."

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These Businessmen Know The Importance Of Good Decisions.

That's Why They Rely On The Rehabilitation Care At Scotland Memorial.

Charlie Buie and Jimmy Morgan are businessmen who've spent years making good decisions that have helped them build successful companies. When each learned they needed joint replacement surgery, they made the decision to have their surgeries at Scotland Memorial and their rehabilitation care at the hospital's Center For Inpatient Rehabilitation.

"I've had two hip replacements at Scotland Memorial followed by inpatient rehabilitation," says Charlie Buie, president of Charles Craft, a local textile company. "The surgical and rehabilitation teams were first class. I was up and around and learning to adapt to my new hip within a few days. This high level of rehabilitation helped me feel confident about leaving the hospital and returning to work and activities safely."

For Laurel Hill businessman and band leader Jimmy Morgan, getting his strength back after joint replacement was important. "The inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care at Scotland Memorial is outstanding," he says. "The professionalism of the staff was exceptional. Although I could have gone anywhere for care, I am glad I chose Scotland Memorial because they have the expertise I needed. In fact, I am now using the pool and other outpatient therapies to help relieve an arthritic condition."

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