Hopi Tribe honors Hopi Veterans during National POW/MIA Recognition Day
You Are Not Forgotten

Hopi Tutuveni

A short flag raising ceremony was hosted by Chairman Herman G. Honanie and Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr. on Sept. 16 to honor National POW/MIA Recognition Day, coordinated by Eugene “Geno” Talas, Manager of the Hopi Veterans Services. The Ceremony was to remember the services of all Veterans, specifically focusing on the Hopi Veterans who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom and liberty.

Chairman Honanie read a Proclamation in honor of Hopi POW/MIA’s; as honored guests, family members of the veterans were recognized. Mrs. Lorenzo Quannie, widow of PRTA Lorenzo Quannie, USA Army World War II, was also recognized. She is the widow of PRTA Lorenzo Quannie, USA Army, World War II.

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The Feasting Moon

HOPI TUTUVENI

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
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10/2: 10th Annual Taewki Taewki Powwow, Hopi Veterans Memorial Ctr. 928-734-1151
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10/21: Fall Carnival 5-10pm Veterans Center 928-734-3151
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10/25: Dakota Access Pipeline Protest, Sacred Stone Camp 928-663-0093

Hopi Election

Vacancy

Hopi Election Board

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Qualifications: “A member of the Election Board must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, a member of the Hopi Tribe or eligible for membership in the Hopi Tribe, able to speak Hopi, and able to read and write in English. Membership in the Hopi Tribe is not a prerequisite. Persons must be able to read and write English.”

Vacant position: One (1) Alternate Election Board member to be filled by September 15th, 2016.

Contact: For information, contact Josephine Tushau, Secretary, Hopi Election Board at 928-734-3151.

Indians Against the Pipeline

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2015 Hopi Tribal Council Resolutions

(Resolutions enacted by Legislative Body)

**Date**

**APPROVED**

**SUMMARY**

**H-001-2015**

3/12/14

Authorizes and directs that a monetary sponsorship be awarded to Daniel Albert in the amount of $2,000.

Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman presiding.

**H-002-2015**

3/12/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Budget in the amount of $23,493,871.00.

Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-003-2015**

3/12/14

Appoints 58 individuals into membership of the Hopi Tribe pursuant to Article II - Membership, Section 2(a).

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-004-2015**

3/12/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 15 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, Vice Chairman presiding.

**H-005-2015**

3/12/14

Reappropriates the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund budget in the amount of $2,894,190.50 to design and construct a portion of the Community streets and roadways in Kykotsmovi.

Vote: 13 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstaining, Vice Chairman presiding.

**H-007-2015**

3/12/14

Appoints the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services to seek and accept grant award(s) and contracts with the Tawa’ovi Community.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-010-2015**

1/28/15

Authorizes and directs that a monetary sponsorship be awarded to Anthony Puhuyesva for dance group to participate in the Arizona Cultural Festival.

Vote: 8 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-012-2015**

1/28/15

Approves the Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and the Town of Kingman.

Vote: 16 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-013-2015**

1/28/15

Approves the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions concerning approximately 50 acres in the White Plains to provide construction management services for HIR 603.

Vote: 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-014-2015**

1/28/15

To enact Donation Guidelines Policy - HOPIVEWAT RESOURCE LEARNING CENTER.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, Vice Chairman presiding.

**H-015-2015**

2/02/15

Authorizes the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services to seek and accept grants.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-017-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-018-2015**

12/23/14

Authorizes the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services to seek and accept grants.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-019-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-020-2015**

12/23/14

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Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-021-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-022-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-023-2015**

12/23/14

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Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-024-2015**

12/23/14

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**H-025-2015**

12/23/14

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Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-026-2015**

12/23/14

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Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-027-2015**

12/23/14

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Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-028-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-029-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-030-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.

**H-031-2015**

12/23/14

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12/23/14

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**H-034-2015**

12/23/14

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**H-035-2015**

12/23/14

Adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Supplement.

Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Chairman presiding.
Flag flies at half mast in honor of Ethel Sahmie (Jenkins)

The Hopi Tribe’s Village of Mishongnovi will have Village Elections set for Oct. 27

The Mandate 2016 Hopi Elk/Hunt Orientation for hunters

Hopi Tutuveni 928-734-3282

Hopi Tutuveni | Tuesday, September 20, 2016

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Hopi Tutuveni welcomes non-commissioned, self-generated articles reporting local, state, or national news of interest to members of the Hopi Tribe. We are especially interested in articles reporting on local events and activities of interest to members of the Hopi Tribe. Submission does not guarantee publication. Articles may be edited for style, length and clarity. If significant editing in required, the Managing Editor will communicate with the writer prior to publication. Article submission should not exceed 500 words.

SUBMISSIONS

Letters and articles may be submitted in per

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The Hopi Tribe’s Village of Mishongnovi is

Ethel Sahmie was First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, and was honorably discharged on January 27, 1946.

She had the distinction of being the only black woman pilot to fly a female in full flight; she was 96 years old.

The Hopi Tribe’s Village of Mishongnovi will have Village Elections on Thursday, October 27, at the Mishongnovi Community Building.

Village members will cast their votes to elect Village Board of Directors and Tribal Council Representatives.

The nominations for the important village government positions. Absentee Ballots are available at the Village Office. Permits are available during the Election Ballot. Title for a request that the Village Office and will be available on October 27.

The Mandate 2016 Hopi Elk/Hunt Orientation for hunters will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Hopi Wellness Center Conference Room in Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

An orientation will be provided on current 2016 Hopi Elk Hunting Regulations, Harvest Limitations and Outsider information.

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There are three types of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational Diabetes.

**Type 1:**
- Body does not make enough insulin
- Can develop at any age
- No known way to prevent it

**Type 2:**
- The body cannot use insulin properly
- Can develop at any age
- Most cases CAN be prevented

**Gestational Diabetes:**
- Develops only during pregnancy
- Usually goes away after the baby is born
- Mother and baby are at higher risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes later in life

What can you do to PREVENT or DELAY Type 2 Diabetes?
- Lose weight
- Eat healthy
- Be more active

What you can do to MANAGE Type 2 Diabetes?
- Work with a health care professional
- Eat healthy
- Stay active

Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death for Arizona American Indians/Alaska Natives (AZ Vital Statistics, 2013). In 2014, 11.6% of Hopi children ages 2-5 years old were classified as overweight, and 55.2% were classified as obese (IHS EDM, 2009-2014). Type 2 Diabetes is a chronic disease, which means it develops over time and can be delayed or prevented with proper nutrition and a healthy active lifestyle. The staff at The Hopi Wellness Center can help in these areas. The Hopi Special Diabetes Program offer community presentations and family wellness programs with educational curriculum about eating healthy and developing healthy habits. The Fitness Center Staff are certified physical fitness trainers who can help people of all fitness levels and offer group fitness classes throughout the week. Together we can lower the number of diagnosed diabetics, let's Keep Hopi Moving!

For more information about community presentations or fitness activities, please contact the Hopi Wellness Center at (928) 734-3432. Check out our website at www.hopi-nsn.gov for a listing of current and upcoming events at the Hopi Wellness Center and the Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center.

**Know the Basics of Diabetes**

By: Terri Honanie
Hopi Special Diabetes Program

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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The vacancy will remain open until filled. All interested individuals must submit a letter of interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary. For information, contact Vernita Selestewa, Hopi Tribal Council Secretary at 928-734-3131.

**HOPI VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER**

**Hopi Cancer Support Services**

Hopi Cancer Support Services' Fundraising Committee will host its 12th Annual Climb the Mesa to Conquer Cancer fundraiser on October 1.

Activities include five games for kids, entertainment by Sunfire band and others, and a horseshoe competition. For more information, call 928-734-1151/1152.

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The six mile course starts at the Sunrise Mission road on Highway 264 up the dirt road and through the village of Mishongnovi ending at the Hopi Cultural Center. Registration begins at 7am and fee is $20 per person. Participants must be 8 years and older. It is recommended no strollers, bikes or pets on the course, due to rough terrain. Activities include five games for kids, entertainment by Sunfire band and others, and a horseshoe competition. For more information, call 928-734-1151/1152.
10th Annual Hopi Tutuveni News Special Event Activity Day

Eugenie "Geno" Talas Manager, Hopi Veterans Services

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Hopi-Tewa Women’s Coalition to End Abuse invites you to attend our events to support us in raising awareness in our communities about domestic violence and its effects on the family. More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84%) have experienced violence in their lifetime. This does not have to be an expectation for our future, by standing together we can make a difference for our people.

- Oct. 3 – Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick Off Event, 5:00 p.m., Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center, 1 & 2 Mile Fun Run and Candle light vigil.
- Oct. 12 – Values of a Hopi Woman Health Fair, 10 am – 2 pm Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center
- Oct. 19 & 20 – Domestic Violence Awareness Conference, 9-4 pm, Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Conference Center
- Oct. 25 – Promoting Healing in Our Communities Workshop, 9-4 pm, Tewa Community Building
- Oct. 25 – UNite to End Violence 25th Run/Walk, Evening, Location TBD

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Contact HTWCEA for more information, (928) 380-2119 or info@htwcea.org

VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 20 – Hopi @ Window H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
- Oct. 22/24 – Kayenta Township Invite (v) Monument Valley H.S. – TBD
- Oct. 27* – Alchesay @ Hopi H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
- Oct. 31* – Hopi @ Valley Sanders H.S. – JV 11am / V 12pm
- Oct. 20* – St. Johns @ Hopi H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
- Oct. 7* – Joseph City Invite (v) Joseph City H.S. TBD
- Oct. 15* – Hopi @ Many Farms H.S. TBD
- Oct. 17* – Hopi @ Round Valley H.S. – JV 12pm / V 1pm
- Oct. 20* – Valley Sanders @ Hopi H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
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- Oct. 22* – Hopi @ St. Johns H.S. – JV 12pm / V 1pm
- Oct. 25* – Many Farms @ Hopi H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
- Oct. 27* – Hopi @ Pinon H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
- Oct. 13* – Hopi @ Round Valley H.S. – JV 4pm / V 5pm
- Oct. 6* – St. Johns @ Hopi H.S. – JV 5pm/ V 6pm
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- Oct. 19* – Hopi @ St. Johns H.S. – JV 6pm
- Oct. 21* – Hopi @ Pinon H.S. – JV 6pm
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FOOTBALL

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- Sept 29 – Hopi (freshman) @ Round Valley – JV 4pm
- Sept 30 – Zuni @ Hopi (Homecoming) – V 6pm
- Oct 6 – Blue Ridge (freshman) @ Hopi – JV 4pm
- Oct 7* – Hopi* @ Many Farms H.S. – JV 6pm
- Oct 13* – Hopi* @ Payson H.S. – JV 6pm
- Oct 14* – Hopi* @ Valley Sanders H.S. – V 6pm
- Oct 21* – Red Mesa* @ Hopi (Senior Night) – V 7pm
- Oct 26* – Hopi @ Chino Valley H.S. – JV 6pm
- Oct 28* – Hopi* @ Pinon H.S. – V 6pm
- Nov 5* – 2A State Play-Offs – 1st Round High Seed 6pm
- Nov 11* – 2A State Play-Offs – Quarterfinals High Seed TBD
- Nov 18* – 2A State Play-Offs – Semi-finals High Seed TBD
- Nov 25* – 2A State Play-Offs – Championship TBD 2pm

*Denotes a 2A North Region Contest. Note: All dates are Arizona Standard Time (No Daylight Savings).

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While delivering the last issue of the Tutuveni, I passed a gentleman and his horse. I had to look twice because I saw that the horse displayed a license plate. I had never seen anything like that and I wanted to get a photo of the horse and gentleman. Getting a photo was my initial intention, but as I waited for him to come up the road, I wondered what his story was.

As he approached, I asked if I could take a photo of them and he happily said yes. I introduced myself as the Reporter for the Hopi Newspaper and I was out delivering the paper.

His response was, “Wow! You write the stories and deliver it yourself too?”

I laughed and he introduced himself as Jeremiah Brinkley of Missouri and his horse Skipper from Iowa. I asked him what his story was and if he was doing this for some kind of awareness.

Brinkley replied, “No ma’am. I’m just enjoying life and traveling across the country with Skip.”

Brinkley has been traveling with his horse across the United States for the last 30 years; traveling to the east coast or the west coast taking different routes each time. For this trip, Brinkley was on his way to California where he would visit friends for the winter and then travel back to Missouri next spring.

Arizona was the eighth state he was traveling through and said it was a wonderful experience thus far. He traveled through the Navajo reservation and said they were very friendly and welcoming.

“Every stopped to me and asked if Skip needed water or food and they fed him,” said Brinkley.

I asked where he was headed to and if he passing through any towns specifically during his trip. He said he was headed to Winslow and then onward.

“We want to stand on the corner in Winslow, Arizona and take a photo to send to my son for his birthday,” said Brinkley.

He didn’t know how long it would take to get to Winslow, but he was packed to camp out which he preferred.

I wanted to know more about Skip’s Iowa license plate. Brinkley said Skip was given to him by a family in Iowa when his first horse, Anna Marie passed. Getting the license plate was to honor Skip.

The license plate on Skip is an eye catcher and everyone stops and asks questions because they have never seen anything like it before. “A guy said to me, ‘Oh, now you just made them think of another reason to tax us,’” said Brinkley as he laughed about it.

Appropriately, Brinkley is well known and has many followers on Facebook which his son manages. He told me to send him a request, “or however that works.”

After getting his story, we parted ways as he was trying to find a place to camp for the night.

I thought about him and wondered how far he had gotten and if I was going to see him again as he traveled through the Hopi reservation. I sent him a “friend request” on Facebook and then posted my encounter with Brinkley to let my friend know who he was in case they ran into him on the reservation. Some friends shared my post and when he came through they already knew of him and took photos with him.

I was able to see him again when he was passing through Hopi and I wished him well because I knew I wouldn’t see him again.

His son posted an update on his father and Skip; they made it Winslow on Sept. 12 and said they will travel back to Missouri for winter instead of staying in California.

Dallin Maybee, chief operating officer of the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts, which organizes Indian Market, said an “army” of about 45 judges splits into groups and picks the winners. There are often heated debates over who should be named, he said.

Best in Class winners at the 2016 Santa Fe Indian Market are:

- Benson Manygoats (Navajo) — Jewelry
- Al Qoyawayma (Hopi) — Pottery
- Jason Garcia (Santa Clara Pueblo) — Painting/Drawings/Graphics/Photography
- Adrian Naasafote (Hopi) — Pueblo Wooden Carvings

Hopi potter Al Qoyawayma won a best of division award for pottery at Indian Market’s award ceremony (Eddie Moore/Albuquerque Journal)