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## Sharing Our Culture



From left to right are dancer Bennae Calac, Jericho Vivanco, Delbert Briones and Wayne Nelson.

On November 9, 2018 a group made up of Luiseño and Cahuilla tribal members share the Birds with Students at Clayton A. Record Elementary School in San Jacinto to celebrate November's National Native American Heritage Month with cultural activities.

Wayne Nelson, from the Pala Band of Mission Indians, was joined by Bennae Calac, Jericho Vivanco, Delbert Briones of the Intertribal Bird Singers and Dancers during appearances at numerous schools in the San Jacinto Unified School District.

Nelson told students at Clayton A. Record Elementary School how the singers' rattles are made and that the designs and colors often carry special meaning. Bird songs are social songs that talk about the migration of Native Americans and the weather conditions, terrain and hardships they endured, he said.

At San Jacinto High School,

Derek Duro led the Torres Martinez Bird Singers in a presentation during which several Native American students joined in the singing and dancing.

Students at Clayton A. Record Elementary School in San Jacinto watched a Nov. 9th presentation by the Intertribal Bird Singers and Dancers as part of the school district's celebration of National Native American Heritage Month.



Torres Martinez Bird Singers, led by Derek Duro, second from right, presented a program at San Jacinto High School.

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!



77-Years Ago on December 7, 1941  
America Entered World War II



On December 7, 1941 America was forced into World War II by the Japanese attack on its military and Navy bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Inland of Hawaii is located in the Pacific Ocean about 2,000 mile off the west coast of California.

World War II actually began in 1939 with the invasion of Poland by German troops. Almost all the major countries in the world were involved in the chaos. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted to join in support of our allies but Congress refused. During the next four years, from 1941 to 1945 a total of 670,846 Americans were wounded and 405,399 Americans lost their lives, three were Soboba member.

## HONORING OUR VETERANS



# HONORING OUR SOBOBA VETERANS

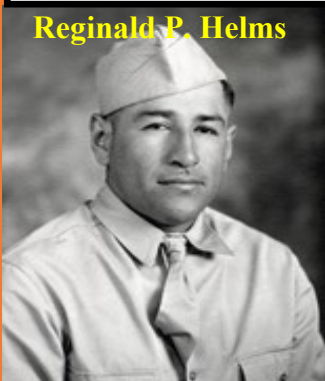
Soboba Tribal members have served in the armed forces of the United States in every war and conflict since WW I.

The United States entered the war with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941 ending in May 1945 in Europe and September 2, 1945 with Japan. WW II officially began in September 1939 with the German invasion of Poland.

It is estimated that over 80 million people were killed during the seven years of WW II. U.S. military records indicate their were 670,846 Americans wounded and 405,399 lost their lives, three of which were Tribal Members of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

Currently 51 veterans are buried at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery of which 32 were Soboba tribal members, 12 Indians from other Indian tribes and 7 non-Indian.

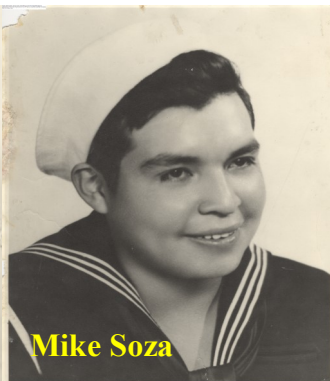
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Reginald P. Helms



Romaldo A. Helms



Mike Soza

**World War I Soboba Veteran:** buried at Soboba are Prudencio Resvaloso who also served with the U.S. Calvary as a Scout in Arizona, Danny Navarro, and David Navarro.

**Non-Soboba:** Eugene Arenas (Cahuilla), Ben Largo (Cahuilla) and Mariano Largo (Cahuilla).

**World War II:** Soboba veterans that are buried at Soboba are brothers, Romaldo "The Boss" Helms and Reginald Helms who were killed in action, Eloy Soza, Frank Soza and William "Willie" Soza (*Mike Soza who was killed in action while serving in the Navy in the Pacific Ocean and is buried at sea.*) Ernest Salgado Sr., their uncle, Frank "Chico" Silvas, Joe "Jody" Silvas, Marcus "Max" Mojado, Mateo "Moot" Apapas, Joe John Lala, Norbert "Norb" Arres, Theodore "T-Bone" Arres and Carmel "Sallie-Buck" Valenzuela.

**Non-Soboba:** George Silvas (Soboba/Sioux), Leonard Lubo, (Cahuilla), Senon "Sub" Lubo (Cahuilla), Miguel "Mickey" Briones (Non-Indian), Refugio Garcia (Non-Indian), Pio Morillo (Non-Indian), Richard Macy, (?) and James Navarro (Indian).

**Korea Veteran:** Larry "Dee" Boniface, Benny Helms Sr., Jesse "Helms" Gilmore, Tiefert Lugo, Leonard Arrietta, Ralph Arrietta Jr., Gloria "Castello" Cozart and Robert "Buggie" Bentiste.

**Non-Soboba:** Fred "Pinkie" Miranda (Pechanga), Bruce Cozart (Non-Indian), Orvin Gilmore (Non-Indian), Mariano Torte (Santa Rosa), Clifford "Tippy" Brittan (Pala) and Andrew Jackson (Pomo.)

**Vietnam Veterans:** Peter Felix "Boy" Castello, Allynn Silvas and Martin Hurtado,

**Non-Soboba** Phillip "Woody" Rodriguez (La Jolla) and Arthur R. Lopez Sr. (Torres Martinez)

**Cold War Veterans:** Danial Arres, John Vincent "Dugger" Valdez, Paul Resvaloso Sr., and Robert "Bobby" Arrietta,

**Non-Soboba** James "Jimmy" Walker (Pima/Pechanga).

\*During WW II a Gold Star was awarded to the mothers of those killed in com-

bat. Mrs. Helms lost two son, Romaldo and Reginald Helms therefore was awarded two Gold Stars. Mrs. Martina Rose Soza, the mother of Mike Soza was also a Gold Star mother.

**Please Note:** Three Soboba tribal members Albert Silvas, World War I veteran and Danial Silvas, Korean veteran are not buried at Soboba and Mike Soza was killed in action during WW II and was buried at sea.

**Soboba Veterans Sill Kicking:** Treasa "Silvas" Seaton, Benny "Junie" Helms, Robert and Louie "Bunky" Vivanco, Glenn Valenzuela, Harvey Resvaloso, Ernie "Jr" and Richard "Dumbo" Salgado, Gordon "Gordie" Arres Sr., Willian Sosa Jr., Charles "Chuck" Castello. and Anderson "Calm Waters" Begay.



Ernest Salgado Sr



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# Soboba Elders Corner

Sorry folks but I must still be on someone’s “Don’t share information with Ernie list.” (Maybe one of those folks that find my paper offensive.) Or maybe it was just an oversight. I’ll go with the oversight, I’d hate to think I offended so many good folks on the Rez. Who Me?

But sister, Raina Masiel came through and let me know that the Tribal Elders Christmas Party was gong to be at the Queen Mary in Long Beach on December 14, 2018.

The Elders New Years party is scheduled for December 27, 2018 at the Soboba Sports Complex. I don’t have the time. For more information or questions you might want to call Erica at 951-392-1900 .

To all you elders born in the month of December.



AND

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!

GRAFICA STREGATA

**IDEA:** What I would like to do, starting in January 2019 is list all the birthdays of tribal members regardless of age.

And if you want to send a photo that works for me too.



Some people  
come in our life  
as blessings.  
Some come in your  
life as lessons.

-Mother Teresa.

# Memorial Services



**Foster Hurtado Sr.**  
MARCH 19, 1925 – DECEMBER 10, 2017  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION

Foster Joseph Hurtado Sr., passed away peacefully on December 10, 2017 at the age of 92 of natural causes.

Foster was a tribal member of the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians and was its oldest member.

He was born in Montebello, California on March 19, 1925.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served on the USS Neville and USS ISM 260 during the invasion of Saipan and Tinian. He earned three medals before being honorably discharged.

Foster was preceded in death by his wife Mary (Bentiste), daughters, Baby Helen and Alberta, son Eugene and grandchildren Tam, Tiffany and Steven.

He is survived by sons Foster “Tino” Jr. (Emily), Kenneth “Pogo,” Gary and Jerry “Owie” (Christine) and daughter Christine; eight grand-children, 23 great-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Foster attended Sherman Indian High School in Riverside and worked as a mason marker.

He was an avid USC football fan and loved going to their games.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on December 15, 2018 at St. Joseph’s Mission Catholic Church, 23600 Soboba Road on the Soboba Indian Reservation.

The traditional tribal lunch will followed the church services at the Soboba Sports Complex.

## A Testimonial To Foster Hurtado Sr, By Ernie Salgado Jr.

Foster Hurtado Sr., was my uncle through his marriage to my aunt, Mary Bentiste.

In my youth I always admired his physical conditioning. Although he wasn't very tall at around 5 foot 8 inches he had a physique even the RINO Arnold Snotsnegger would have envied.


I became a professional apprentice barber In 1961 and a master barber a year later.

Foster was the Soboba reservations resident barber back in the early 50's. It seemed like Saturday was haircut day on the Rez at Midgets place.

He recognized my interest in barbering and became my mentor. I was around 12-years old when he started teaching me how to cut hair. And by the time I graduated from high school in 1959 I was a well trained barber.


Thank you Foster for taking the time to teach me. I still keep my California Master Barber License up to date.

*I Loving Memory of*



*David Neal Morreo*  
*"Chief"*

July 25th, 1974 ~ November 10th, 2018



**SERVICE INFORMATION**

**VIEWING**

Friday, November 23rd, 2018 @6PM  
At the Inland Memorial Harford Chapel  
120 N. Buena Vista St.  
Hemet CA, 92543

**GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

Saturday, November 24th, 2018 @10AM  
Soboba Cemetery  
23600 Soboba Rd.  
On the Soboba Indian Reservation  
Lunch Reception to follow @ The Soboba Sports Complex

## TRIBAL INDIAN LAWS



**Jurisprudence:** The study of the theories and philosophies of law

From Tribal sovereignty, to historical treaties with the U.S. government and the Constitution of the United States, the organization and study of the laws surrounding Native American Indian and Alaska Native tribes of the United States are as intricate and varied as their respective tribal histories.

Join others in the study and immerse yourself in the culture, history and application of **INDIAN LAW**.

### 8) SOVEREIGN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

What does "tribal sovereignty" mean in the United States of America?

## Anniversary Services

**Maurice B. Chacon**



Our Lady of the Snow on the Cahuilla Indian Reservation  
On Saturday , December 29, 2018  
10:00am  
Reception Immediately Following

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:14



“Progress Through Education”

The Relationship between the American Indian Tribes and the United State Government is Political.

Assemblyman, James Ramos

40th Assembly District

Making history, James Ramos is the first California American Indian to be elected to the California State legislator.

He is a tribal member of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The Reservation is located in the City of Highland CA adjacent to the City of San Bernardino.

Ramos is the immediate past Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

He attended public schools in San Bernardino. Upon graduating from high school he earned a bachelors degree at San Bernardino State and his MBA from the University of Redlands.

Having growing in poverty on the San Manuel Indian Reservation he understand the need for education and opportunity.

With a deep commitment to the preservation American Indian culture he is deeply involved in establishing new venues.

He is co-founder of the San Manuel Band’s Cultural Awareness Program, and serves as director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference held annually at California State University, San Bernardino.

Ramos has served as a San Bernardino County Supervisor since 2012. In 2015, he was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as Board Chairman.

Ramos was the first Native American to be elected to the Board of Supervisors, as well as to the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, on which he served from 2005-12.

Ramos has worked for both Republican and Democratic Governors. In 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed him to the California State Native American Heritage Commission of which he is chairman.

In 2011, he became the first American Indian appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor Jerry Brown.

In addition to his elected service, Ramos is a proven civic leader and has served on numerous boards and organizations in the greater San Bernardino area.

**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 40**

Assembly District 40 includes the cities of San Bernardino, Redlands, Highland, Loma Linda and Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County.

Assemblyman elect, Ramos currently represents over half of the 40th Assembly District as chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

He was elected to his first term on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in November 2012. He beat the incumbent Supervisor by 19%.. He was reelected to the board in June of 2016 with almost 65% of the vote.



NATIVE WOMEN WARRIORS - ELECTION WINNERS MAKING HISTORY



Deb Haaland  
Congress New Mexico



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Lt. Gov - Minn



Sharice Davids  
Congress Kansas

**THREE MORE FIRST:** Deb Hassland (D) New Mexico and Sharice Davids (D) Kansas share the honors of becoming the first American Indian Women to be elected to the United States House of Representatives.

Peggy Flanagan (D) Minnesota is the first American Indian Woman to be elected Lt. Governor in the United States of America.

NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

CHAD BIANCO

Chad Bianco was elected Riverside County Sheriff by an overwhelmingly margin on November 6, 2018.

Bianco received 54% of the vote to end the 11-year reign of the Riverside County Sheriffs Department by Sheriff, Stan Stiff.

He attended college on a baseball scholarship and received numerous NCAA awards and All-American recognition.

In 1993 he attended the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Academy where he graduated at the top of his class.

Lt. Bianco, 51 is a 25-year veteran of the Riverside County Sheriffs Department.

He is currently stationed at the Hemet Sheriffs substation in Valle Vista.

He was endorsed by the Riverside County Sheriffs Association. The organization contributed \$800,000 to his campaign.

He believes hard work and integrity are the cornerstones of success. *“Respect as a person, father, employee, and leader, is something that you earn, based on your actions, morals, and integrity.”* He said.



Drinking Soda Pop

Can Kill You!

Us sugar addicts while searching for our favorite sweet snacks, like the protein in a peanut-butter cup or the fiber in an oatmeal cookie and soda pop fail to see the health dangers.

Yet, a recent study declares that there is no upside to consuming sugar-filled sodas, making these beverages one of the worst possible ways to ingest sugar, especially if you’re at risk for diabetes.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports on a study recently published in the British Medical Journal that concluded that drinking too many sodas may not only have a negative effect on your health, it also *“may increase your risk of diabetes more than other sugary foods.”*

The study looked at 155 previous studies, and conducted assessments on people with and without diabetes for 12 weeks. It found that foods containing natural sugars, like fruit, do not add to diabetes risk.

*“However, foods with added glucose, such as soft drinks, breakfast cereals, baked goods and sweets, do have harmful effects.”* Soft drinks were then singled out because they are considered *“nutrient poor.”*

One suggestion is to climbing aboard the sugar-free La Croix train instead? Some folks swears, you’ll think the Key Lime flavor has sugar, even though it doesn’t.

I haven’t tried it yet, but hope the additives aren’t more harmful than the sugar.

The make believe sugar can be a serious threat to your well being.

Read the labels to see what’s in it. Don’t assume that whatever is in advertised is true. Think for yourself.



California Tribes Unite

The California Tribal Chairpersons, Inc., will be meeting in Sacramento in December to finalize their charter.

The Board of Directors will consist of the Tribal Chairperson from each member tribe.

A six-member Executive Board will also be seated at the December meeting. Each will select two Tribal Chairpersons to represent them on the Executive Board.

The organization will give the California Tribes a much stronger political voice at the State and National levels.

Bo Mazzetti, Tribal Chairman for the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians has been a driving force behind the organization.



Just though you might want to know

December calendar. (This will be the only time you will see this phenomenon in your life)

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The month of December this year will have 5 Saturdays 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. It only happens once every 823 years. The Chinese call it "BAG FULL OF MONEY". Send this message to all your friends and within 4 days the money will surprise you.

Based on Chinese Feng Shui, the one who does not transmit this message can lose this great opportunity ... I do my part, you never know!



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My View—Your View

Ernie C. Salgado Jr.



Soboba Tribal Council Announces Lower Per Capita, Duh!

It’s time for a reality check.

I understand the Tribal Council has hired a new casino general manager.

At this time I don’t have any information on him/her. Where they worked, experience, education or background.

My hope is that he/she has a brain, knows gaming and is not easily intimidated by tribal politician's that don’t know Jack S... about business.

Three things have to happen with the casino:

- 1) We need an aggressive “Out of the Box” marketing and promotional program.
- 2) We need to hire a professional manager for our table games, Black Jack, poker? and so on.
- 3) The Council needs to allow the general manager to do their job. If him/her don’t get the job done send them down the road.

Under the current table games management system we are losing 2 to 3 million dollars per month given the current number of players.

It would be coat effective to pay the current manage to stay home and pay him and hire an experienced Table Games Manager.

Black Jack is a volume game, Which means that the more people that play the more money the casino makes.

Now, if increased the number of Black Jack players and betting by half a million dollars a day, which is normal at most well managed casinos we would net an additional \$2.1 million a month or more.

I kid you not it is that simple. For example, The casino makes \$14 for every \$100 bet on Black Jack and Poker can give us another 3 to 5 million dollars per year..

Here is some food for thought: *“Doing the same thing and expecting different result is the definition of insanity.”*

Yes, I opposed the building of the casino at it’s current location but it is what it is so how do we make it work?

Bitching about it is not going to get our per capita check back up. What will get the per cap checks back up is what I just proposed.

It can be done, but as long as heads are buried in the sand a lot of Tribal Members are in for a rude awakening and some hard times. which, can be avoided.

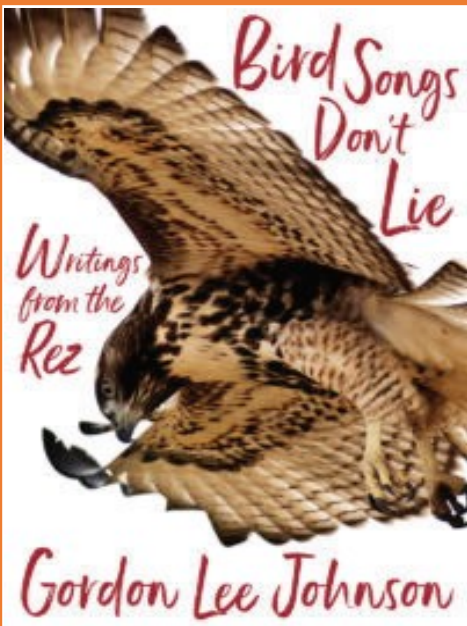
The time has come for us to put our differences aside and get Soboba back in the ball game so to speak. AND get our per cap checks back up.

In summary, Please don’t misunderstand what I’m trying to get across to you. It’s not personal, it’s about doing good business.

I know how to make it happen and willing to help.



If there is anything we should have learned from our history it is that as a people we don’t have time for petty politics when the future of our well being is at stake.



Gordon Johnson is introducing his new book, “Bird Songs Don’t Lie: Writings from the Rez.” to the community.

It is a collection of newspaper columns from his time with the Riverside Press-Enterprise and The Californian and nine short stories based on a fictional Native American tribe, the San Ignacio Tribe

Johnson is a Tribal member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. He currently lives on the Pala Indian Reservation in north-east San Diego County.

He Said. “*I wants my writing to connect my Native American culture with the non-tribal community.*” “*Tribes are more than the casinos of today and the Westerns of yore.*” He added.

Johnson has written about the tribal culture so eloquently for most of his 67 years. He journalist career started in the early 1980s as editor of The Californian newspaper.

Rez Doggs Eat Beans is one his most well known books nd a must read. Both books can be ordered on-line at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Soboba Casino/Hotel Grand Opening?

No date has been set for the opening of the Soboba Casino/Hotel.

Construction seems to be somewhat “Delayed.”

The latest estimate is that it will be opened within the first three months of 2019. But nothing solid.

The marketing department must be pulling their hair out as it will have little or

no time to promote the Grand Opening. However, a job fair was held for the casino/hotel.

Lots of loose ends that don’t seemed to be getting tied down.

The question that begs to be asked, is how mush is the overruns and last minute change orders costing us?

We need to stop asking how stupid Maxine Waters can get because she takes it as a challenge!



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