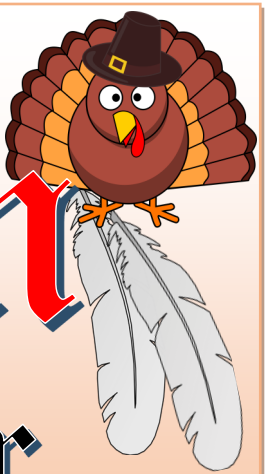


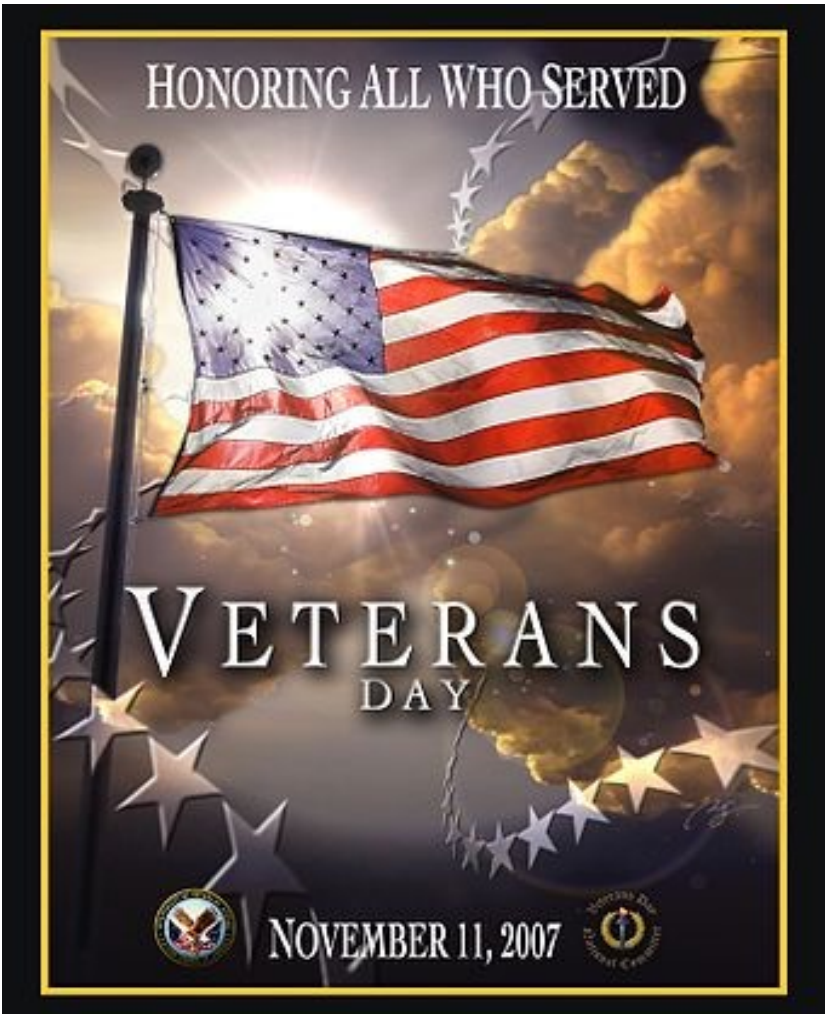
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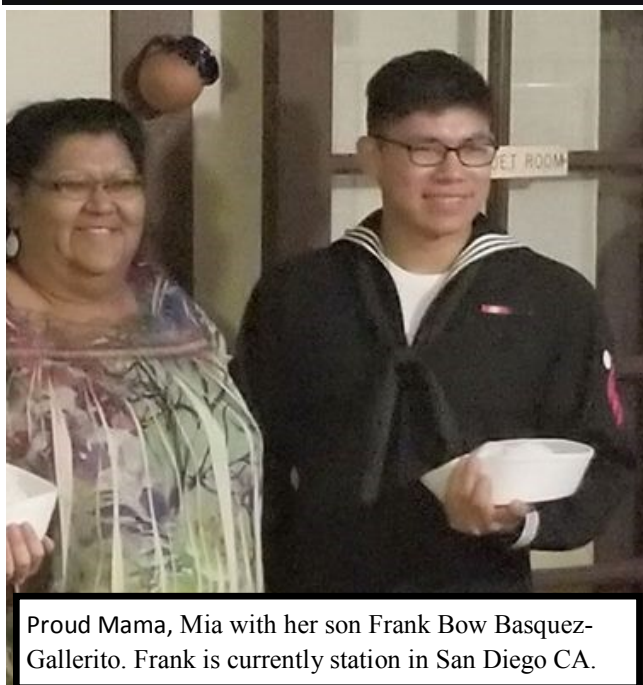


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Proud Mama, Mia with her son Frank Bow Baskuez-Gallerito. Frank is currently station in San Diego CA.



HONORING 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.

World War I Soboba Veteran buried at Soboba are Prudencio Resvaloso who also served as 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" Bonifance, 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,

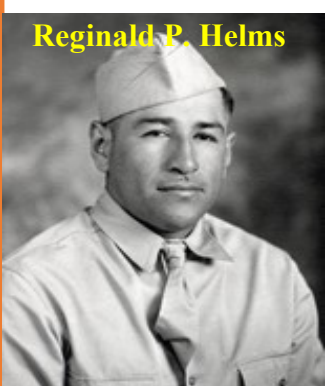
Non-Soboba James "Jimmy" Walker (Pima/Pechanga).

***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.

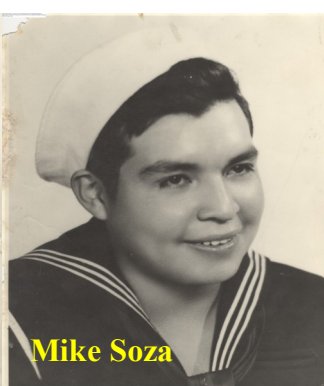
Soboba Veterans Sill Kicking: Treasa "Silvas" Seaton, Benny "Junie" Helms, Robert and Louie "Bunky" Vivanco, Glenn Valenzuela, Harvey Resvaloso, Ernie "Jr" and Richard "Dumbo" Salgado, Gordon "Gordie" Arres Sr., William Sosa Jr., Charles "Chuck" Castello. and Anderson "Calm Waters" Begay..



Reginald P. Helms



Romaldo A. Helms



Mike Soza



Ernest Salgado Sr



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NOTICE:

Soboba General Membership Meeting
10am November 10, 2018
Soboba Pre-school
Soboba Indian Reservation.

Soboba Elders Corner
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 13 -12 Noon, Thanksgiving Luncheon at Soboba Country Club
QUESTION OR INFORMATION CALL Erica at 951-392-1900



Frances Diaz	11/1
Frank “Pancho” Masiel	11/1
Georginna Parra	11/3
Peggy Garcia	11/10
Raina Masiel	11/12
Marilyn Arres	11/13
Amelia Arres	11/15
Annette Linton	11/16
Bunny Silvas	11/16
John Briones	11/17
Davis Modesto	11/18
Virginia Salgado Duenaz	11/20
Bruce Arrietta	11/21
Joseph Meza	11/26

Happy Birthday
Becky and Corryn

Lorraine “Raina” and Frank “Pancho” Maciel
52nd Wedding Anniversary
November 12, 1966



All Saints Day-All Souls Day
St. Joseph’s Mission Church

On the Soboba Indian Reservation All Saints Day and All Souls Day is known as “Candle Night” which begins at dusk and into the evening on the first day of November. The blessing of the candles normally takes place at the big cross at the entrance of the Soboba Tribal Cemetery around dusk. And for some unknown reason as long I can remember every “Candle Night” was accompanied by fairly mild to strong winds. The old people use to tell us when we were children that “Candle Night” was the day that the dead came back to visit us, but we shouldn’t be afraid. Yea right, but excuse me if I wasn’t buying it. Dead folks wandering around the graves in the middle of the night when you can’t see 10 feet in front of you. And to make matters worse their were a lot of people mingling among the graves or standing under the big peppertree or next to the eucalyptus trees off by themselves on the edge of the cemetery. Just so you know that when my pants become a little damp or I start to smell like raw sewage my imagination had gotten the best of me. And with the older guys whispering, pointing and running away didn’t help matters either. Even some of the older gentlemen got into the act as well. For us Rez kids Halloween was nothing more than a warm up for “Candle Night”. However, the lessons were not lost because once a year on “Candle Night” we are given the opportunity to communicate in our hearts with our loved ones that have gone before us.

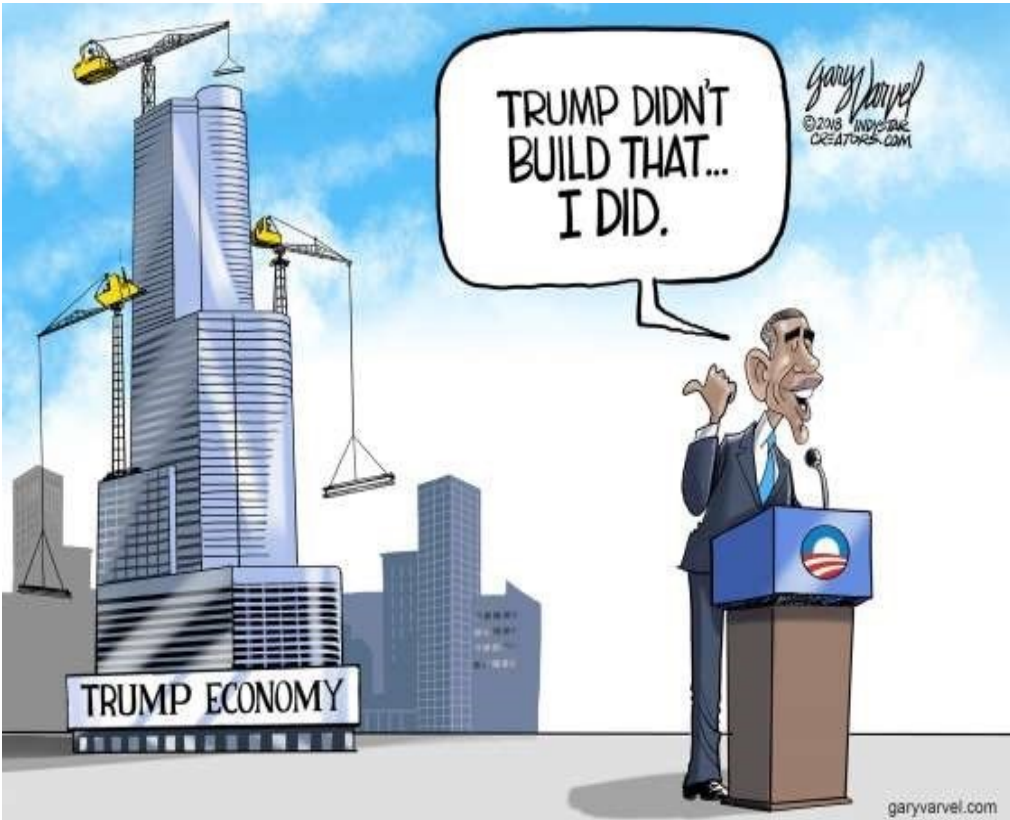
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This is Leonard Peltier, American Indian USA Political Prisoner.



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8) SOVEREIGN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

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

ABOUT JAMES RAMOS

Ramos, a Democrat, has served as a Supervisor of San Bernardino County 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 Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Ramos to the California State Native American Heritage Commission for which he is chairman. In 2011, he became the first Native American 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.

Ramos is also the immediate past Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, with a deep commitment to the preservation of California Indian culture. 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.

Supervisor Ramos has served and continues to serve the Inland Empire in government leadership roles at the State and Local Boards and Commissions.

- Chairman CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation
- Chairman San Bernardino County Homeless Youth Task Force
- Vice Chairman San Bernardino International Airport Authority
- Vice Chairman San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
- Executive Committee of California State Association of Counties
- Chairman Urban Counties Caucus and Chairman Latino Counties Caucus.
- Vice Chairman Local Agency Formation Commission San Bernardino County



James and Terri, his wife of 28 years, are the proud parents of four children and three grandchildren.



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FRANCES DIAZ MARKS YEAR TWO AS SOBOBA

Soboba Housing Manager, Frances (Salgado) Diaz is a Soboba tribal member and was retained by the Tribal Council two years ago to head the Tribal Housing Department. Frances brings over forty-years of experience in the tribal housing position.

“Time flies, can’t believe it has been two-years” It has been rewarding helping tribal members get new homes on the reservation.” Diaz told FIR in a recent interview.

When asked what she viewed as accomplishments over the past two-years. She said. *“The expansion of financing for home construction on the reservation is the biggest realization.”*

We are able to building homes for tribal members due to the tribal home loans, the HUD 184 home loan program and the Veterans home loan program.”

“And the Soboba Tribal Housing Department is now approved to conduct the Tribal Survey Report (TSR).” “This is the legal description of the tribal land where the home will be built.” She added.

SIR asked her how the approval to conduct the Tribal Survey Report (TSR) helps. She said. *“The home loan process can be completed within a 30 to 45-day time frame depending if it a tribal home loan or HUD 184 and the Veterans home loans.” “Getting through the BIA bureaucracy was a high anxiety experience that took up to to two-years in some cases. Now we can complete the TSR process within the home loan process.”*

When asked what the tribal goals were for the future. She said. *“Developing more home sites for the tribal members that don’t have a land assignment which includes access roads, water, electricity, natural gas and sewer systems.” “Also expanding home loan options for the tribal members.”*

Currently Frances is serving as the Chairwoman for (AMIHA), the All Mission Indian Housing Authority

Under her leadership the All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA) in order to meet the challenges of economic changes in Indian County the AMIHA has established a separate department as a non-profit

501(c)(3) to help fill the housing needs of tribal members from the gaming tribes.

This department of AMIHA will allow the coalition of the tribes to consolidate the 184 loan process as well as contract with the HUD Title VI program which provides funds for the development of the infrastructures such as septic systems, roads, water, electric power and natural gas lines to name a few.

The New HUD 184 home loan guarantee program provides tribal member that receive “Per Capita” from their tribes with an option to buy a home either on or off the reservation. It also provides option to buy a manufactured home or to construction a home on or off the reservation.

Under the new HUD guideline the tribe can manage the development of a consolidated multi housing development at any reservation location.

The AMIHA can also do this as well with the consent of the member tribal governing body. For example, if a tribe or a group of tribal members wanted to build homes using the HUD 184 loan program at the same time on a reservation the tribe or AMIHA can put all the proposed home to be built into a single construction project that will meet all the requirement of the HUD program. This process allow for the TSR, loan process, environmental assessment and construction to be completed in a one-stop-shop procedure.

The Soboba tribe has established a tribal home loan program of its members through the Tribal Credit Department. However, the Soboba tribal home loan program is limited to tribal member under the age of 60 and only for homes on the reservation.

Under Frances’ leadership the Soboba Tribal Housing program can move forward to help tribal members with the sometimes challenging home loan process to getting a home.

Frances can be reached at the Soboba Tribal Administration Office Monday thru Thursdays from 9am - 4pm - phone number 951-654-5544 extension 4145; email stfdiaz@soboba-nsn.gov.

Education: A Family Tradition

Henry “Sonny” Bentiste is beaming with pride over his three great-grandchildren’s academic success and he should be proud of them.

First, his great-daughters, Sia and Shayne Kelly Knutzen have earned their BA degrees and will be continuing onto a postgraduate masters programs in phycology.

Shayne graduated from the University of Oregon and Sia from the University of Colorado and little brother, Jeremy Knutzen who earned an impressive 4.197 Grade Point Average (GPA) in high school will be attending The University of Texas in Dallas and majoring in finance.

Great-grandpa Sonny’s pride is share by their parents and grandparents.

The proud parents are Kelly and Jeff Knutzen and grandparents, Josie and David Romp are wearing smile of pride as big as piano keys.

Tribal education has come a long ways over the past half-century. For example, in 1968 our primary objectives were;

- 1) *To lower the high school drop out rate of the Tribal students.*
- 2) *To increase the high school graduation rate of the Tribal Students.*
- 3) *Increase the school attendance of the Tribal students.*

Yes, some of you tribal folk between the ages of 65-70 know what I’m talking about.

Soboba was one of the few tribes that was successful in keeping students in school and graduating.

However, on a state and national level this was not the case. Between 1968 and 1975 higher education may as well been a foreign word.

Vocational Training was the focus of the Government for the advancement of the American Indian people.

In 1953 the Government introduced the *“Tribal Relocation Program.”* This was a vocational training program that relocated tribal members to one of the larger cities in the nation for vocational training.

The Relocation Program was a major part of the Governments *“Termination Policy”* which was to end the Tribal-Government relationship. The primary intent of the program was to training the tribal people so that they would become gainfully employed off the reservation and serve their ties to their homeland.

Although the *“Tribal Relocation Program”* was a disaster the positive outcome was it united the tribal people from the various tribes through out the nation.

Alcatraz and the American Indian Movement (AIM) were two of the many multi-tribal groups resulting from this unity.

Ok lets get back to Soboba. Alice “Bentiste” Helms was the first tribal member to earn a BA collage degree in the late 70’s.

However, Donna Silvas (*Not the Donna that was married to “Bugs.”*) and Bruce Ramirez who have close family connections in Soboba but are enrolled members of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe in Montana earned advance collage degrees in the late 60’s.

Donna Silvas earned a law degree and was a Mineral Rights attorney. She is credited with exposing the mismanagement of the Tribal Trust Fund. Her grandfather, Jose Antonio Silvas was Lucy “Silvas” Bentiste’s brother.

Bruce Ramirez earned his PhD from Penn State and has worked as a lobbyist for the handicapped in Washington D.C. for the past p40-years. His mother, Margret Estrada was Alice and Sonny’s first cousin. His grandfather was Albert Silvas who was also Lucy Bentiste’s Brother.

Alice also takes pride in her own great grand-children’s academic achievements.

Her oldest great granddaughter earned her BA at the University of California at Riverside.

Alice has three great grandsons attending universities as freshman, Benny Helms IV at Humboldt State University in northern California and twins, Jayden and Dakota Helms at Fort Lewis Collage in Durango, Colorado and a great-granddaughter, a freshman at USC.

Proud grandparents are Diane and Benny “Junie” Helms. Jr.

(Sorry we didn’t have the nmes of the great-granddaughters)

Although we have acknowledged only a few of the Apapas-Silvas family members that have earned higher education degrees or are currently attending colleges and universities it’s gratifying to see so many of our young tribal members attending institutions of higher learning.

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