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MESSAGE FROM 2024

Got a message from Bob Fulkerson yesterday with a request which seemed very fitting. Here is the link in the message:<https://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/36254/MY...>

Bob Fulkerson

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, a war that I grew up with on Army bases like Ft. Leonard Wood and Ft. Lewis, watching out my classroom window soldiers in basic training, hearing 21-gun salutes to honor those killed in action, at night watching with my mom the names of the dead scroll at the end of Walter Concrete, and wondering for two years if my Dad would come back.

When he did return, he honored all those who didn't through tireless advocacy. He would have been deeply moved by the story of **Myron McClelland, one of the first Native people from Nevada to be killed in Vietnam**, 59 years ago yesterday. I first learned of Myron at the Downieville Veterans Day parade, where they carried a photo of him, but he's gotten little to no recognition in his home state of Nevada.

In September 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something unforgettable. With the okay from the school superintendent, the principal, and the building supervisor, she took all the desks out of her classroom. When the students walked in for first period, they were surprised to find no desks at all.

"Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?" they asked.

She responded, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at one." They thought it might be about their grades. "No," she said. "Maybe it's about your behavior?" Again, she replied, "No, it's not even that."

As the day went on, from first to third period, the desks were still missing. Some kids even called their parents to share what was happening, and soon enough, news crews arrived to cover the story about this unusual teacher.

When the last period rolled around, students were sitting on the floor, still confused. Martha Cothren then said, "Throughout the day, no one has been able to tell me what they've done to earn the right to sit at the desks usually found in this room. Well, I'm about to show you."

She opened the classroom door, and in walked twenty-seven U.S. Armed Services Veterans in uniform, each carrying a school desk. They lined up the desks in rows and then stood by the wall. As the last desk was placed, the students began to grasp, maybe for the first time, what it really meant to earn the right to sit at those desks.

Martha explained, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did that for you. They brought the desks here for you. They traveled halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their lives so you could enjoy the freedoms you have. Now it's your turn to sit in them. It's your responsibility to learn, be good students, and become good citizens. They paid the price for your chance at an education. Never forget that."

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**Today (11.10) in History: [In 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress](#)**  
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Pascal Cleatus Poolaw, Sr. was the most decorated Native American soldier in U.S. history. He earned 4 Silver Stars, 5 Bronze Stars, and 3 Purple Hearts, along with a total of 42 medals and citations for his bravery and service.

Born on January 29, 1922, in Apache, Oklahoma, Pascal was a full-blooded Kiowa. He served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In 1942, Poolaw, his father, and two brothers all joined the Army during World War II. Pascal earned his first Purple Heart when he was wounded in September 1944 while fighting in Belgium. During a battle near Recogne, Belgium, he helped his unit push forward despite heavy enemy fire. By throwing grenades at

enemy machine guns, he caused many enemy casualties and saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers, helping his unit capture strong enemy positions.

His military service didn't stop there. During the Korean War, Poolaw fought again and was wounded. He received a second Purple Heart, the Distinguished Service Cross, and two more Silver Stars for his bravery.

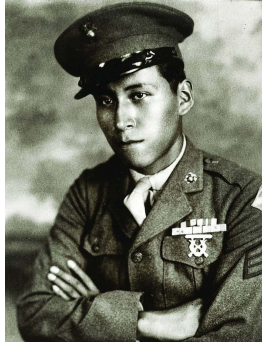
After returning to the U.S. in 1952, he retired from the Army in 1962. But his story wasn't over.

During the Vietnam War, all four of Poolaw's sons were in the military. In February 1967, his son Pascal Jr. was injured by a landmine, which led to the amputation of his right leg. His youngest son, Lindy, was also drafted to serve. Concerned about his sons' safety, Pascal Sr. rejoined the Army at the age of 45. He gave up his rank as a 2nd Lieutenant, which he earned in Korea, and chose to serve in direct combat to try to protect Lindy by taking his place. However, because of Army rules, two family members couldn't serve in combat at the same time without both agreeing. By the time Pascal arrived at his new unit, his son Lindy had already left for Vietnam.

On May 31, 1967, Poolaw was sent to Vietnam as a first sergeant with the 26th Infantry Regiment's C Company. A few months later, on November 7, 1967, Poolaw's unit was ambushed during a mission near the village of Loc Ninh. Despite being wounded, he continued to move around his unit, making sure everyone was in the right position and helping to pull wounded soldiers to safety. While carrying one soldier, he was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade and died. He was awarded a Silver Star and a third Purple Heart posthumously for his heroic actions.

At his funeral, his wife Irene said, "He has followed the trail of the great chiefs." The people of his tribe honor and respect him deeply. Pascal Poolaw gave his life for the people and the country he loved. We honor and thank First Sgt. Pascal Poolaw Sr. for his extraordinary service and the ultimate sacrifice he made for our country. 🇺🇸 Rest in peace, brave warrior. You will never be forgotten.





After being hurt, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. reportedly told his men to tie him to a tree so he could keep fighting the enemy.

Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. was from the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) Nation. He was born in 1925. Red Cloud joined the Marines in 1941 and fought in the Pacific during World War II. After he left the Marines, he joined the Army again.

In 1950, while fighting in Korea, Red Cloud and his group were attacked by Chinese soldiers. Armed with a Browning automatic rifle, Red Cloud kept shooting at the enemy even after eight bullets hit him.

When he fell to the ground, he pulled himself back up and refused to get medical help. Some stories say Red Cloud told his men to tie him to a tree with a belt so he could stand and keep fighting.

A medic named Perry Woodley said Red Cloud wrapped his arm around a tree and kept firing until he was fatally wounded.

Many soldiers in his unit were asleep during the attack. Because of Red Cloud's brave actions, the enemy could not take over their position. His heroism gave the others time to regroup and get the wounded to safety.

In 1951, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. was given the Medal of Honor after his death for his incredible bravery.



photo by Christine Haines

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We provide grants to nonprofit organizations that help children faced with disabilities and other challenges.

We accept applications for financial assistance through December 31 of each year. The Board of Trustees will consider your application for approval only after the close of this submission period.

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2026 Snapdragon Book Foundation

Application We believe that access to high-quality reading material is essential in helping to right inequities created by structural racism. We continue to be committed to awarding grants to libraries whose proposals pursue the opening of minds, hearts, and imagination for all readers.

Applications are due by 11:59 pm ET on Sunday, February 8, 2026. Our application has several open response questions. We strongly encourage all applicants to draft responses in a separate document to ensure that all progress is saved. <https://snapdragonbookfoundation.org>

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization that funds breakthrough cancer research and grants to end gender-based violence. Learn about their mission, recipients, events and how to get involved. <https://marykayashfoundation.org>

To pursue this vision, **The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation** extends financial support to non-profit organizations engaged in the communities of Northern California and Hawaii. <https://www.jvlf.org>

Nomads of the sea: The tribe that rarely set foot on land

Known as 'sea nomads', the Bajau Laut tribe have lived at sea for more than 1,000 years. Their lifestyle has given them the ability to stay underwater for very long periods of time. Travel reporter Nick Kwek goes to Malaysian Borneo to meet Asia's super divers.

<https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p0knt99b/nomads-of-the-sea-the-tribe-that-rarely-set-foot-on-land>

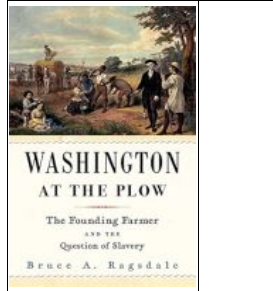
Did Paine apply an egalitarian impulse to Native Americans and African slavery in America? Matthew Jennings, Macon State College In his presentation, “**A Friend to the Indians?**”: **Thomas Paine and Native Americans**” pointed out the tension between idealizing the basic humanity of Indians yet using rhetoric for certain purposes describing Indians as a more primitive people. He describes them in his writings as “noble savages” and other times as “brothers”. Paine uses the language of the times.

author: Bruce A. Ragsdale	
title: <i>Washington at the Plow: The Founding Farmer and the Question of Slavery</i>	
publisher: Belknap Press	

He did negotiate a treaty with the Indians but the Continental Congress abrogated it. At one point, Paine characterized native Americans at one point as innocent people of nature, writing that the British could stir up Indian savagery though Indians were less savage than the British King. Paine later made mention of a primitive state of man referring to Indians where there are not spectacles of human misery and poverty such as seen in more “civilized” nations. Thus, the issue was posed as to how Native Americans and other indigenous peoples were to be understood in a new nation and in broader society in the accepted language of the day.

https://www.thomaspaine.us/article_bisheff04.html

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~~~~~**“On his return to Mount Vernon, Washington fostered the image of his rural life detached from political contest and military conflict.** To his close friend, the Marquis de Chastellux, Washington, with reference to a favorite phrase from Joseph Addison's Cato, announced that, ‘free from the bustle of a camp & the intrigues of a Court, I shall view the busy world, “in the calm lights of mild philosophy. ”’Washington described himself to Chastellux and his other French comrades, Lafayette and Rochambeau, as ‘a private Citizen on the banks of the Potomack, ‘free from the burdens of public service. That rural life, however, attracted widespread public interest in the agricultural pursuits of the new Cincinnatus. Washington the farmer was celebrated in his own country and in much of Europe, and his figurative return to the plow became a metaphor for the dreams of a new order among nations. At his estate, Washington displayed his experiments and improvements before visitors, known and unknown, in a demonstration of a public example and his personal virtue. His deepening personal connections with European and American advocates of agricultural improvement and scientific investigation shaped Washington's perspective on how the United States might engage the world and how he might participate in an enlightened community that sought to establish a new foundation for peace.”



OpEd Indian Gaming Commissioner wrote

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This City in Peru Is a Less-crowded Alternative to Machu Picchu

Fresh from a visit to the 5,000-year-old, lost-to-time metropolis at Caral, one writer discovers the wonders of Peru's less-famous "lost city."

Read in Travel + Leisure: https://apple.news/A4ntKZ51LR_aDXXKNfMpyTg

Iconic Andean monument may have been used for Indigenous accounting

Sediment analysis and drone photography of the iconic South American monument of Monte Sierpe (aka "Band of Holes") support a new interpretation of this mysterious landscape feature as part of an Indigenous system of accounting and exchange.

Read in [Phys.org](https://apple.news/ATrkzguWTQsu5G28TkQHblw): <https://apple.news/ATrkzguWTQsu5G28TkQHblw>

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*"My career did start as an archeologist, and one of the things as an archeologist that has struck me over the years is that the greatest civilizations to ever be on the planet, including our own, have invested heavily in irrigated agriculture. At the time those civilizations decided to stop investing in irrigated agriculture, is when we start to see those civilizations collapse. We cannot allow that to happen here. Investment in agriculture, investment in irrigation, investment in industry, and investment in our water supply reliability in the West is critically important to the survival of our civilization, survival of the United States."*

- Adam Nickels, acting director of the Bureau of Reclamation's California-Great Basin Region  
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How Phoenix will deal with deeper shortages on the Colorado River

"Unless Arizona's farmers and tribes can strike deals to bail out the state's growing cities, Arizona's largest population centers will likely start to face water restrictions on the Colorado River. Cities like Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tucson could lose more than 20% of their river allocations, triggering public debates in council chambers and municipal offices over how to respond, what to sacrifice and what to prioritize. Arizona's cities have been shielded from existing cuts for the past three years by agreements with tribes and through compensation from fast-depleting pools of federal money. But those agreements and that money are set to run out by the end of 2026. Water managers and officials don't know how big the cuts will be, but most agree on one thing: real cuts are possible. ... " [Read more from the Arizona Republic](#).

“In Arizona’s Willcox Basin, located just over an hour east of Tucson, the ground is literally breaking apart. Cracks spread across the surface, wells are running dry, and unusual flooding appears after heavy rains. The reason is straightforward: large-scale farms are extracting vast amounts of groundwater for irrigation, causing the water table to drop and the land itself to subside. “For a long time,” says Dr. Danielle Smilovsky, a geospatial research scientist at the Conrad Blucher Institute, “there were no water regulations there.” Smilovsky recently presented new findings at GSA Connects 2025 in San Antonio, Texas, detailing how much the region has sunk. Her five-year study, covering 2017–2021, used satellite observations to track subtle ground movements. The data revealed that some parts of the basin are sinking by as much as six inches per year—nearly three feet over the study period. Since the 1950s, the ground in some areas has dropped by up to 12 feet. The Willcox Basin now shows the fastest rate of subsidence in Arizona, although the issue extends across much of the state. . . .” [Read more from Sci Tech Daily.](#)

The 17th Annual Native Rhythms Festival will take place at Wickham Park Melbourne on Friday, November 14th Through Sunday, November 16th. This three day event...

1:00pm - 10:00pm Free Admission Everyone Welcome Schedule: 1:00pm-2:00pm Gourd Dance
2:00pm Grand Entry 2:00pm-5:00pm Intertribals 5:00pm-6:00pm Dinner Break 6:00pm-7:00pm
Gourd...

This will be our 12th annual pow wow. We will have dancing, drumming, storytelling and a children's table and so much more....

This outdoor two day Pow Wow is presented by Zintkala Zi Pow Wow, led by Buffalo Yellowbird, a citizen of Oglala Lakota...

UVU Pow Wow 2025 Location: UCCU Center, Utah Valley University – Orem, UT Dates: Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22 Schedule: Friday: 6:00pm–10:00pm...

Southern Protocol Pow Wow. Please bring your own blankets and chairs. Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children 8 & Under, Seniors (65+) \$3.00 Primitive...

Annual Wellness Powwow sponsored by the Puyallup Tribe. Dance contests for all ages from Tiny Tots to Golden Age. Representatives from Puyallup...

Nov 27 - 28 [Poarch Creek Indians 53rd Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow 2025](#) Atmore AL Admission: \$15 for both days; \$10 for one day; 6 and under free Tickets for the event can only be purchased...

Nov 28 - 30 [Native American Heritage Month Social & Craft Market \(AZ\) 2025](#) - Tuscon AZ 10:00am - 5:00pm Daily Free Admission Free Parking Scholarship Donations Appreciated Cecil Manuel - Champion hoop dancer from Pima Tribal Nation Daily...



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Gain practical skills, learn from experts, and connect with other leaders who are changing their world.

Learn more!

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Nuclear weapons violate every Indian peace treaty.

All welcome for enduring peace.

Principal Man Ian Zabarte, Duckwater Shoshone Community
Secretary of State, Western Shoshone National Council of the
Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians
Treaty of Ruby Valley (Consolidated Treaty Series Vol. 127 1863

Peace Camp Site Visit at US 95 Mercury Exit

November 21, 2025, 10:00 am



The Native Community Action Council is hosting a visit with frontline people about nuclear issues with a site visit to provide an indigenous perspective of nuclear weapons testing and high-level nuclear waste on Shoshone property at the Nevada National Security Site, formerly the Nevada Testy Site.

At 1:00 pm a lunch and air quality monitoring workshop/press conference will be held at The Temple of Goddess Spirituality at Cactus Springs 53 miles north of Las Vegas. <https://www.sekhmettemple.org/>

Contact: Ian Zabarte, Secretary (702)203-8816 (text only).

<http://www.NativeCommunityActionCouncil.org>