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Precious memories from one of the many Native American veterans who have honorably and heroically served a country that has not always treated them so well ...

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On July 4, 1950, Andy Shaw, Spirit Lake Nation, and his U.S. Army Third Battalion, 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division rushed from Japan to the Korean Peninsula after North Korea launched an invasion of the South.

They were detailed with doing anything they could to slow the North Korean advance while allied forces could establish defensive positions.

"We were the closest to Korea," Shaw told USA Today in an interview. "They loaded us up, and we landed in Korea on the Fourth of July. And it was hot. We didn't have no backing or nothing. The South didn't have any army."

Days later, in the the Battle of Chochiwon, Shaw's battalion engaged the North Korean People's Army. During three days of intense fighting, the communist forces were hammered by the understrength U.S. units, slowing the invasion, but the overwhelming size of the North's infantry allowed them to capture the battle. They also captured some 200 hundred American soldiers from Shaw's regiment, he included.

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The U.S. prisoners of war were brutally treated—and then it got worse.

On October 31, a North Korean major nicknamed “the Tiger” took command of the camp. This officer took the POWs on a forced march over mountains and through the bitter winter conditions without rest, beating them regularly.

If a soldier couldn’t continue on, he was shot. “It was just horrendous,” said Lynnita Jean Brown, founder of the Korean War Educator, a website dedicated to American veterans who served Korea.

“The Tiger had no humanity about him. He just killed to kill.” Of the approximately 850 POWs who were forced along the Tiger Death March, Shaw was one of only about 260 still alive when they were repatriated in 1953, an “independence day” of new significance.

Shaw left Japan in 1948 weighing 155 pounds. He left prison weighing less than 90. One thing that strikes him today is how different the Chinese and North Korean prisoners looked when released.

“They were all nice and fat. They got three meals a day.” Today, Shaw is one of the many Native American veterans who have honorably and heroically served a country that has not always treated them so well.

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Native Humor:
7 Ways Natives Can
Celebrate the Fourth of July

By Vincent Schilling

Not only that, Native Americans have enlisted and joined the military at higher rates per capita than any other ethnicity. So let's celebrate. We are allotted a bit of cynicism intermingled with genuine love for this country. However, who doesn't love the fireworks? It's easy to understand the pleasure of loud booms and explosions at the end of a day filled with warm weather, ice tea and barbecues. So, alright, we know we're going to be subjected the same thing as last year. But this time, perhaps we can consider doing some celebrating of our own in a way that befits our histories.

Here are 7 Ways Native Americans Might Celebrate the Fourth of July.

Make beaded sparkler handles - Ok this might not really work, but who's to say we haven't beaded everything else?

Tell the story of how Eddie lost his eyebrows to scare kids who love fire way too much - You know what we are talking about. Much like the lie about Santa Claus leaving coal for bad kids, we also can embellish a bit to scare those kids who love fire and fireworks a bit too much. "Yeah, Eddie was playing with firecrackers exactly like you are right now. They blew up and his eyebrows burned off. They never grew back."

Use roman candles in lieu of feathers for Native decorations - Ok, this is a Native humor article; you are supposed to laugh at the silliness of such a thing. Do NOT do this.

If there is any sort of colonial celebration, run around the crowd in regalia screaming, "We shouldn't have signed anything!" Nothing says honoring the truth of history by running around people dressed in colonial garb marching to fife and drum followed by Indians warning of the atrocities that will soon follow. This may not go over too well, but it's worth a shot.

If there is any sort of announcer at a public event, correct him consistently with a bullhorn and scream 'Not my forefathers!' Much like the previous way to celebrate this, too, may not go over very well...especially at a large gathering. Just ask Klee Benally.

At a large picnic, keep walking up to people's spaces and claim it as your own land - This doesn't need explanation. When you sit in the middle of people's stuff say, "How is THIS for independence?"

Set off the fireworks display WAY TOO early in the day - Use the bullhorn after. Then tell everyone, "This isn't what you expected was it?" Well for Native people, you aren't what we expected either! Happy Fireworks Day!

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As the Fourth of July approaches, there are a number of ways Natives might see the celebration. On the plus side, a day off is a day off. But admittedly for Native people it's hard not to feel a bit of residual animosity during the celebration of the independence of a nation that continued to threaten our already free and independent nations. But hey, it is a great time to set off imported explosions from other countries to display your own sense of belonging to this side of Turtle Island.

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WOODYSUN, HDFC is a 78 unit building including 77 units designated for the elderly 62 and older and elderly who are mobility disabled located at 44-20 64TH Street, Woodside, NY, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the waiting list for renting to those with limited income. Qualifications will be based on income guidelines.

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'Oscars' Academy Invites Irene Bedard, Q'Orianka Kilcher and Tantoo Cardinal

New members will be welcomed into the Academy at invitation-only receptions in the fall.

By Vincent Schilling

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The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has recently announced their latest round of annual members who will be eligible in voting for recipients of an oscar.

Three actresses of note in Indian Country are Irene Bedard, Q'Orianka Kilcher and Tantoo Cardinal.

Irene Bedard's films include Squanto: A Warrior's Tale, Navajo Blues and the voice of Disney's Pocahontas as well as Westworld. Some of Kilcher's films are Hostiles, Te Ata, and The New World, Cardinal's films include Dances with Wolves, Black Robe, Legends of the Fall, and Smoke Signals.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is extending invitations to join the organization to 928 artists and executives who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to theatrical motion pictures. Those who accept the invitations will be the only additions to the Academy's membership in 2018.

Read the entire list of new potential voting members in Indian Country Today here - <https://goo.gl/aS5Rqc>



Tara Sweeney confirmed as Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian affairs

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By Mark Trahant

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The Senate Thursday unanimously voted to confirm Tara Sweeney as the Interior Department's assistant secretary for Indian affairs.

She is the first Alaska Native to hold that post and only the second woman. The assistant secretary is responsible for developing and executing federal policy toward federally recognized tribes as well as individual trust beneficiaries. She will be the principal voice within the government for American Indians and Alaska Natives. She will also be the agent for exercising the federal, tribal government-to-government relationship. The assistant secretary also has operational authority over the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education.

Sweeney's confirmation was celebrated from coast coast.

At a reception in Anchorage, Gov. Bill Walker, an Independent, praised the Senate action and said this was an example of Alaskans working together. He later tweeted: "So proud of her homegrown leadership, and so looking forward to the integrity and Alaska values she'll bring to DC!"

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a previous statement: "She is a results-driven team leader and coalition builder who has an impressive combination of business acumen and service to her community. Her lifelong active engagement in Native American policy development and her outreach, advocacy, and organization skills are the combination we need to carry out the President's reform initiative for Indian Country. I look forward to welcoming her to the Department."

The National Congress of American Indians issued a statement saying it "applauds the swift confirmation ... The Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is a key office in the fiduciary responsibility of the federal government to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Congratulations to Ms. Sweeney on her confirmation, and we look forward to working together with the Assistant Secretary as she transitions into office." "I believe that if anyone is up to this hard and difficult task that it is Tara Sweeney,"

Sen. Lisa Murkowski said previously. "She has the determination and tenacity to take on this challenge and achieve remarkable things in her position. She truly has a heart for all Native people. As a proud Inupiaq, she has lived first-hand the challenges that many in Indian Country face." "Tara has a long history of relentlessly advocating for Alaska Native cultural values, rights, and economic opportunity," Sen. Dan Sullivan said in a recent statement. "She will bring this focus and determination to all Indigenous people throughout the country. I am absolutely certain that there is no one who will work harder for the rights, for the economic empowerment, and for the culture of America's First Peoples than Tara Sweeney. It's a great day for Alaska and a great day for our country." "Tara is a natural leader and has been an influential voice for American Indians and Alaska Natives," Rep. Don Young said. "Throughout her years of dedicated service to Alaska Native communities, she has championed the economic and social well-being of our First Peoples and the spirit of tribal self-determination. Her career has been marked by many notable successes and I'm very proud that she has been entrusted to positively shape the future of BIA." (Read the entire article here - <https://goo.gl/yzNnbS>)

Cutest Powwow dancer video ever goes viral

2-year old Albert (A.J.) Apsassin showed off his amazing moves at a Camrose, Alberta pow wow.

On June 24th, Twitter user @HaidaPrincess posted a video of a two-year-old powwow dancer by the name of Albert (A.J.) Apsassin.

The video was also on Facebook by Martina Josephine which has already received 1.47 million views. The video of the amazing little dancer has gone viral getting international exposure from APTN, CBC and more. The tweet also generated enough hits to trend on Twitter's Moments feed under the #Cute hashtag.



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