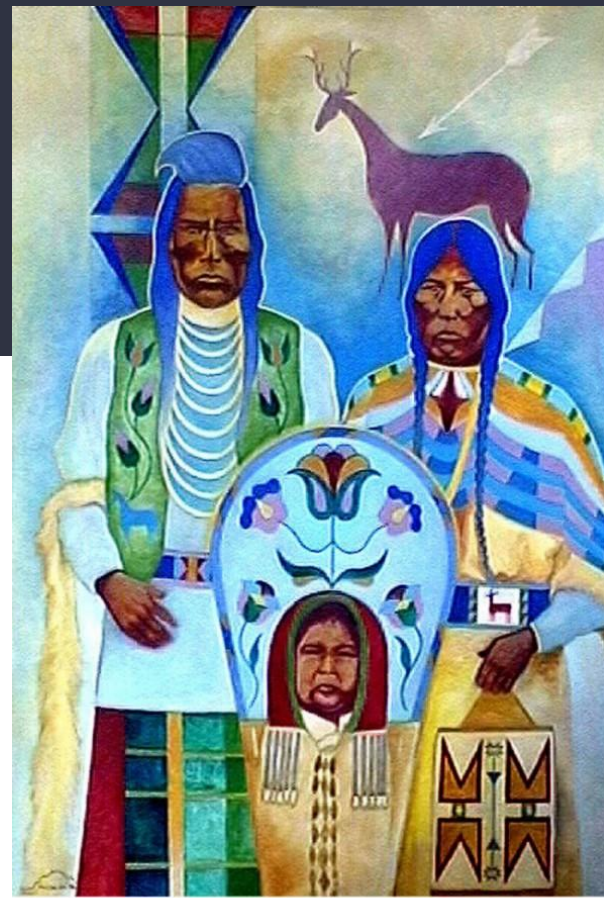


# NEZ PERCE TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Council Report & Presentation

May 2023



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# JANUARY 1995 RESOLUTION 95-185

Social Services moves from under the BIA Northern Idaho Agency to the Nez Perce Tribe.

Under Public Law 93-638

## The Nez Perce Tribe Social Services Department Organizational Chart



The Nez Perce Tribe General Council

The Nez Perce Tribe  
Executive Committee

Executive Director

**Social Services Department Manager**  
**Jackie McArthur**  
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### Indian Child Welfare & Services

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports/Intake  
Family Preservation Services  
Foster Home Licensor  
Child Protection Team  
Child Advocacy Center  
Nez Perce Tribe Children's Home  
'inhimiyume (My Relative's) Sober Living Home  
'init Home (Teen Shelter)

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### Uuyit Kimti

Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault, Abuse Later in Life, Stalking & Teen Dating Violence

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Intake, Safety Planning, Support Services, for vulnerable tribal elders

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### Financial Assistance

Nez Perce Tribal Burial, Elder, Hardship & Emergency Medical Assistance  
The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)  
BIA General Assistance

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Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation  
Emergency Food Bank & Mobile Food Pantry

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Congregate Meal Site & Elder Home Bound Delivery, Caregiver Assistant & Tribal Elder Travel

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**Tribal TANF** connects participants with education, training, and employment and provides assistance for low-income families to care for their children.

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**Goal Statement:** To offer culturally sensitive and holistic services to American Indian families and the communities of the Nez Perce Reservation, while providing a welcoming environment for families to receive services and support to strengthen self sufficiency and family wellbeing.

**Programs within Department:** TANF, Indian Child Welfare/Family and Child Services; Tribal Veteran Services, Adult Protection, Food and Nutrition, Financial Assistance, Uuyit Kimti, and Senior Citizens Program Congregate Meal Site

**DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES:**

**JACKIE MCARTHUR, TARICIA MOLIGA, SOPHIA ALLEN,  
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TIA HERNANDEZ, KIYANA ELLENWOOD, MIRANDA DOMEBO,  
LORETTA ISLES, JASMINE HIGHEAGLE, ASHLEY WHEELER,  
JALEN KASH KASH, KAYLEE MCCORMACK, ASIA WEASKUS, JULIA GOULD,  
VICTORIA WEASKUS, MONIQUE SHROPSHIRE, MARQUE WILSON,  
WHITNEY FOSTER, JOANDRA WILSON, SAMANTHA PENNEY, CLOUD WILLIAMS,  
SIM-SIN HEAVY RUNNER, AMANDA SAMUELS LOPEZ, MARQUEL GREENE,  
SANDRA WAHSISE, MARGARET MCCORMACK, MARY S. TAYLOR,  
GEORGANNE MORRISON, MARY TALLBULL, APRIL MCATTY  
CECELIA MCATTY, RONDA SPAULDING, CAROLYN AMERMAN  
PAUL SHERWOOD, CONNIE GUILLORY  
DARA CURRY, BRIDGETTE GREENE, THUNDER GARCIA,  
CLARENCE ELLENWOOD, ANTONIO DOMEBO, TONY DICK, ELIJAH ARQUETTE**

- **43 Employees**
- **Seven department vacancies advertised or in the interview process**
- **33 employees are Nez Perce (77%)**
- **4 employees are enrolled other tribe and Nez Perce descendant**
- **3 employees are other tribe with Nez Perce spouse.**
- **3 employees are non tribal**
- **93% of employees are enrolled in federally recognized tribe.**

**66% (2/3) of Non Indian staff reside on the reservation and economically responsible for tribal household/family**

**57% of employees who are enrolled other tribe are Nez Perce Descendant**  
**100% of employees who are other tribe are economic contributors to Nez Perce households on the reservation**



**93% of all staff reside on the reservation – of those who reside off reservation, 75% are Nez Perce. 50% of all positions at Social Services are professional level requiring college and experience.**

# NEZ PERCE ELDER DATA

## FISCAL YEAR 23

Nez Perce 55 Years and Older Residing On Reservation

465

51% of Senior Citizens live on the reservation

Nez Perce 55 Years and Older

914

26% of enrolled members are 55 years and older

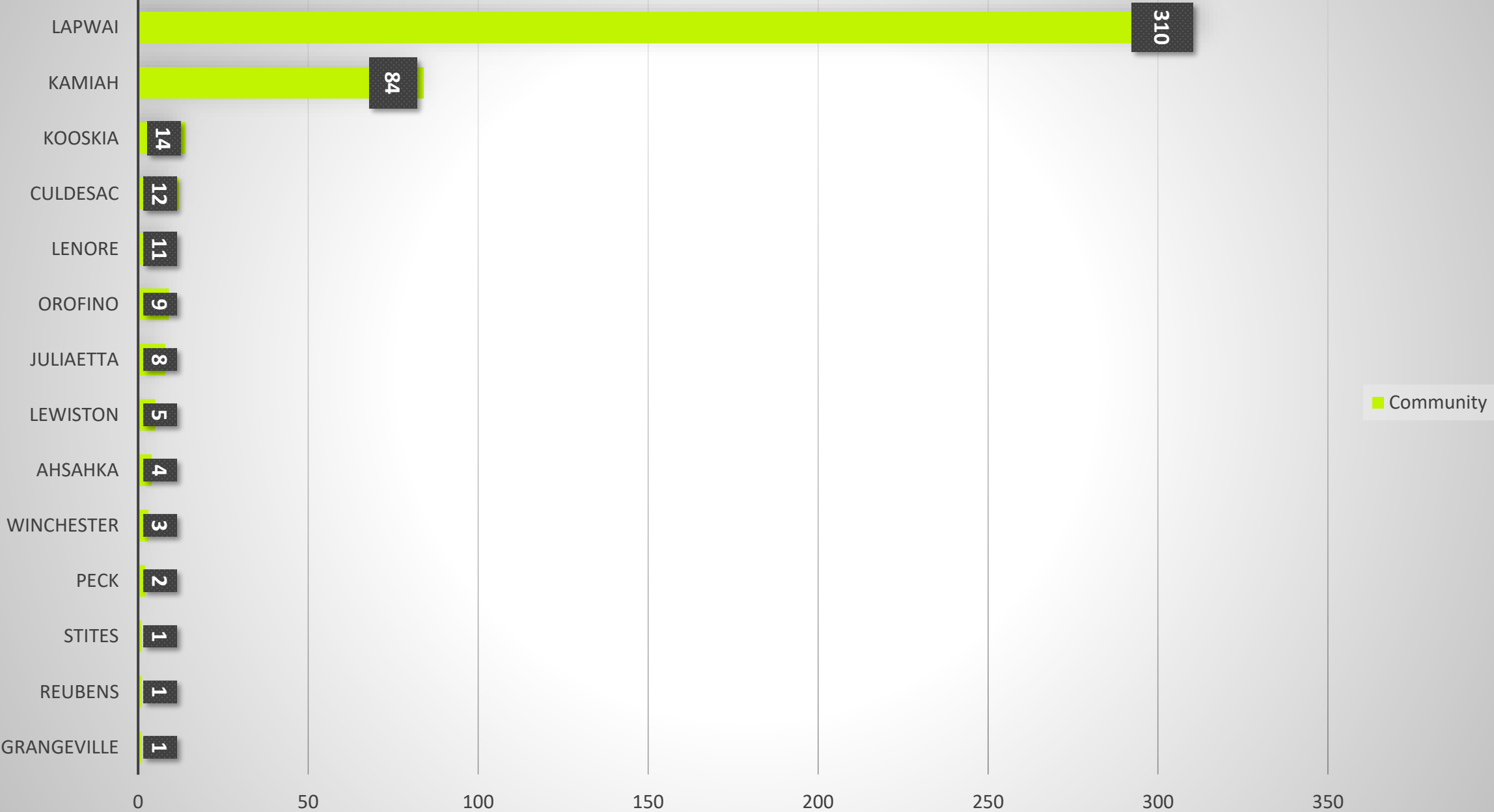
■ Nez Perce Senior Citizens 55 Years and Older

Total Enrollment

3559

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# Reservation Residency



# DATA SOVEREIGNTY

- Recognizing the importance of the ability and capacity of the Tribe to collect, analyze, manage and report sovereign data, such as death rate, the Nez Perce mortality gap, Nez Perce natural growth since 2016 and death by male or female to the stakeholders. The following has been compiled:

*Source:*

*Nez Perce Tribe Burial Assistance*

*Nez Perce Tribe Enrollment*

Year	Deaths	New enrollees	Growth
2016	27	32	5
2017	30	55	25
2018	29	39	10
2019	32	36	4
2020	52	36	-16
2021	42	74	32
2022	51	30	-21

# MORTALITY GAP

YEAR	NUMBER OF NEZ PERCE WHO PASSED AWAY	MORTALITY GAP: NEZ PERCE AGE AT DEATH VS. NATIONAL POPULATION AGE AT DEATH <b>OVERALL</b>	MORTALITY GAP: NEZ PERCE AGE AT DEATH VS. NATIONAL POPULATION AGE AT DEATH FOR <b>MEN</b>	MORTALITY GAP: NEZ PERCE AGE AT DEATH VS. NATIONAL POPULATION AGE AT DEATH FOR <b>WOMEN</b>
<b>2016</b>	27	14.89 years less	10.59 years less	20.88 years less
<b>2017</b>	30	15.37 years less	11.74 years less	19.83 years less
<b>2018</b>	29	17.36 years less	15.39 years less	19.2 years less
<b>2019</b>	32	13.02 years less	19.44 years less	7.76 years less
<b>2020</b>	52	9 years less	6.59 years less	13.27 years less
<b>2021</b>	42	16.07 years less	7.59 years less	13.87 years less
<b>2022</b>	51	13.46 years less	14.82 years less	10.76 years less

Mortality is defined as the frequency of deaths in a specific population (death rate).

The gap is the age difference at death between specific populations (Nez Perce Tribe vs. United States/National)

There is a mortality gap between the average age at death for the Nez Perce Tribe compared to the US population.

Social Services provides this data with our NiMiiPuu Health Medical Director.

**SOURCE:**

*Centers for Disease Control Life Expectancy per year*

*Nez Perce Tribe Burial Assistance*



October 2022 – to April 3, 2023

*Funding: Nez Perce Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Health & Human Services, Foundation.*

Financial Assistance: Tarcia Moliga and Sophia Allen

<p><b>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</b>  <b>74 persons served</b>  <b>\$30,429</b></p>	<p><b>NPT Financial Assistance Hardship</b>  <b>366 persons served</b>  <b>\$54,600</b></p>	<p><b>NPT Financial Assistance Emergency Medical</b>  <b>37 persons served</b>  <b>\$3,900</b></p>	<p><b>NPT Financial Assistance Elder Assistance</b>  <b>325 persons served</b>  <b>\$157,850</b></p>	<p><b>NPT Financial Assistance Burial Assistance</b>  <b>126 persons served</b>  <b>\$121,200</b></p>	<p><b>NPT Financial Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance</b>  <b>12 persons served</b>  <b>\$5,500</b></p>	<p><b>Low Income Household Water Assistance Program</b>  <b>50 households served</b>  <b>\$13,411</b></p>
<p><b>NDN Grant Helping Indigenous People Thrive</b>  <b>800+</b> hygiene, food, cleaning packs to homeless and in need</p>	<p><b>BIA General Assistance Program</b>  <b>22 clients</b></p>	<p><b>Individual Indian Monies Assessments forwarded to Northern Idaho Agency Supt.</b>  <b>2 assessments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Permanent Supportive Housing team for the Nez Perce Tribe</li> <li>• Hygiene/Food packs for tribal members in treatment</li> <li>• Awarded new grant- Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant</li> <li>• LIHEAP (energy assistance) clients may request a box fan or space heater.</li> <li>• Small food pantry in the front of Social Services Financial Assistance Office.</li> </ul>			

## Tribal TANF



## Funding: State of Idaho and Health & Human Services

Exceeded the required Work Participation Rate (WPR) for 2022. The projected target rate is 37% and we achieved 83.7%. Received a letter from the Director of Office of Family Assistance, ACYF, Washington, D.C. congratulating the Nez Perce Tribe on meeting this requirement.

Significant change to the TANF Program's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Enactment of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is the roll out of a new software system, TANF Data Portal (TDP) that features its benefits and changes designed to improve federal reporting. This replaces the original current data reporting system that does not provide the needed information for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Nez Perce Tribe was selected to be a part of the new cohort of pilot users. being implemented

The monitoring results for 2022 are as follows:

Benefit Eligibility Case File review: Contract Compliance Requirement 90%;  
Contract Compliance **Result** 100%.

Supportive Service Payment Review: Contract Compliance Requirement 100%;

Contract Compliance **Result** 100%.

## Accomplishments:

A client who received their Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management will begin employment with the Senior Citizens Program.

A client will begin a 90-day appointment with the TERO Program.

A client received an incentive for completing 6 months of employment in the amount of \$500.00.-

One of our college graduates (AA degree) will become a full-time employee with the Nez Perce Tribe once she gets her driver's license.

The Case Manager is working closely with the client and the Program.

A NNCR was having difficulty with her grandson attending school and maintaining grades at Kamiah School District. Faculty, grandmother and TANF Case Manager worked together to find options. The young man entered into the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy, a residential home. He is excelling and grandma is very happy. He will graduate this summer and is thinking of going into the military.

The 2023 -2024 budget has identified the need to increase Service To Participants (STP) to assist families with car repair, appliances, household repairs, etc. These are items that the regular grant could not assist to meet the requests. The budget has increased its Service To Participants line item.

Three (3) clients reached their goal of becoming gainfully employed! One as a CNA at our NiMiiPuu Health Authority, hotel management clerk in Lewiston and a salesperson trainee in management at a business in Lewiston.

## Current breakdown for TANF families

1 Parent: 6            2 Parent: 2            Child Only: 52            Total: 60

From the 52 NNCR families, over half of the families stepped in to help families due to drugs which represents 50%. The families assume these children and the costs associated with taking care of them.

Graduation 2024 is upon us! We have 6 confirmed graduates from Lapwai and Kamiah and one of the graduates from Lapwai is the Salutatorian. Support services will be given to the families.

## Food and Nutrition

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations. Many households participate in FDPIR as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) because they do not have easy access to SNAP offices or authorized food stores. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers FDPIR at the federal level. The program is administered locally by either Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) or an agency of a state government. Currently, there are approximately 276 tribes receiving benefits under FDPIR through 102 ITOs and 3 state agencies.

Our department consist of five employees, we have Antonio Domebo (Records Certifier), Tony Dick, (warehouse manager), Clarence Ellenwood Sr. (warehouseman) Elijah Arquette (warehouseman) and Thunder Garcia (director).

Mobile Food Pantry Partnership with Idaho Food Bank, we continue to average/serve at least 300 people each month for the mobile food pantry from October 2023 thru April 2023. We also serve another 20 families monthly with our emergency food pantry. We provide this service in conjunction with the Idaho Food Bank as well.

USDA Food Distribution, we average 210 households and 367 participants each month. Emergency Food Pantry, we assist another 9 (36 participants) families each month. We have also started our Hydroponics Wall Project and is a work in progress. We should have different type of lettuce, cilantro, basil and spinach. These will be ready by the end of September. This project was in conjunction with the University of Idaho Hydroponics Club and University of Idaho Extension Agent.

We will also have several facilities projects for FY 23. We are replacing our roof top units, a purchase of a new refrigerated truck, and some indoor improvements to our building.

## *Funding: USDA*



**UUYIT KIMTI**  
**(New Beginnings)**

**ALL GENDERS Welcome**

Uuyit Kimti Program provides emergency shelter, assistance, advocacy, and transitional housing to all, who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Office: 208-621-4778  
Emergency Call: 911  
Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233  
YWCA of Lewiston: 1-800-699-3176  
Strong Hearts Native Help: 1-844-762-8483

You are never alone, we are here to help!

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Director – Amanda Lopez  
Advocate of Safety & Wellness – Marquel Greene  
Reception of Resources – Sandra Picard

From September 2022 - April 2023, Uuyit Kimti program has had a total of 33 referrals made to the program’s office and a total of 30 victims seeking client services and advocacy.

The Uuyit Kimti program was recently awarded the Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for Culturally Specific Population’s Grant from the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. This funding will allow the program to provide culturally specific & trauma informed support services as well as provide technical assistance and training to the program. Our tribe is the only grantee in the state of Idaho, and we are very excited at this opportunity.

Uuyit Kimti is continuing to work with its partners, since September 2022 the program has been at multiple events and trainings. Some trainings our staff has attended are the National Indian Nation’s Conference, H.O.P.E Training, In Services Multi-Discipline Training for Serving and Responding to Victims of Crime and Mandatory Reporting. We have also had multiple events with our partners such as the Open House Uuyit Kimti held in Lapwai, Domestic Violence Month Activities, YWCA Soup Fundraiser in Orofino for client support services, Family Engagement Day with Indian Child Welfare, Pinwheel Parade For Child Abuse Awareness month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities self-defense class partnering with tribal law enforcement, Teen Night & Teen Dating Awareness Month Activities, University of Idaho Red Dress Special, Women’s Wellness Conference, Women’s Talking Circles and our MMIP Walk.

**FUNDING: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, IDAHO COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

Uuyit Kimti program is confidential & voluntary, and services are open to all genders. The program provides emergency shelter, assistance, advocacy, and transitional housing to all, who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. You are never alone, we are here to help. Call us at 208-621-4778.

*Women's Talking Circle*  
*Uuyit Kimti*

*"Healing takes time, and talking about it is a courageous step."*

*A safe place to share, heal, support & be supported. All women welcome. Meal provided. No Child care. Open to all topic's women go through.*

March 29th 2023 @5:30pm  
April 19th 2023 @5:30pm  
101 Agency Rd Lapwai, ID

*More Information Call 208-621-4777*

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**MMIP WALK**  
**MAY 3 2023**  
**LAPWAI, ID**  
*Uuyit Kimti*

**Registration at Valley Foods - 11am**  
**Start Walk to Park - 11:30am**  
**Prayer & Honor Songs - 12pm**  
**Lunch Served 12:15pm**  
**MMIP Speakers 12:30pm**

*Lunch & Door Prizes* *Red Gear First Come First Served*

**Thank you to all of our partners and sponsors!**

**NPT ED Office**  
**NPT Vet's Program**  
**NPT Financial Assistance**  
**NPT Education Department**

**MORE INFO CALL 208-621-4778**

**APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**  
*Uuyit Kimti*

**STORY DISPLAY**  
Survivor awareness display in community.  
WITH Tribal Community Centers & YWCA of Lewiston - Clarkston

**ALL MONTH APR 2023**

**WEAR TEAL DAY**  
Tag us in your picture wearing teal and enter to win a gift basket!  
WITH Uuyit Kimti Facebook Page

**4th APR 2023**

**COFFEE AWARENESS**  
Partnering with Black Bison to bring awareness with coffee labels  
WITH YWCA of Lewiston - Clarkston

**ALL MONTH APR 2023**

**SELF DEFENSE**  
Women & Girls Ages 12 and up  
@Pi-Nee-Waus 5:30pm  
WITH Nez Perce Tribe Police Dept.

**24th APR 2023**

**FOR MORE INFO: CALL 208-621-4778**

## **The Adult Protection Program**

Margaret McCormack

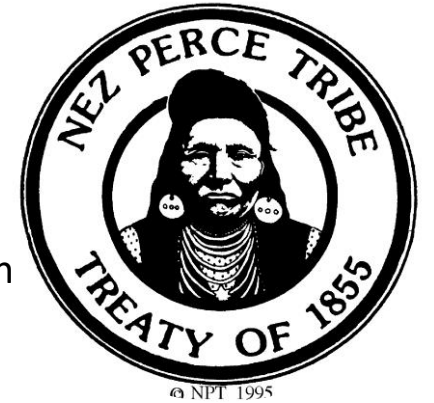
The Adult Protection Program receives reports of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and self-neglect of tribal enrolled, elderly and vulnerable adults living on the Nez Perce Reservation. Adult Protection coordinates investigation & services as well as sends referrals to Law Enforcement, Prosecutor, and other agencies as necessary.

AP attended webinars/trainings weekly, on a variety of topics such as: Approaches to Elder Abuse, Financial Exploitation, Advance Planning, Elder Fraud Prevention, Grandparent scams/Scams, Elder Abuse in Long Term Care, Leading difficult aging discussions, Identifying and Advocating for Seniors, Covid-19, dementia, Alzheimer's, Medicare, Social Security Benefits, Long-distance caregiving, Falls, Schizophrenia & Psychosis, Health care disparities for women, and the Ombudsman Program.

AP coordinated with NMPH CHR to provide Christmas Gifts to long-term care residents in our area. Assisted with the point in time count as well as providing hygiene bags. AP assisted with Chief Lookingglass complex fire, from immediate response to follow-up.

AP hosts monthly multi-disciplinary meetings as well as bi-weekly meetings with Shoshone-Bannock Tribal & Region V State Adult Protective Services, and Idaho Region II APS.

AP continues to partner with other tribal programs such as: NMPH Community & NMPH Behavioral Health, NPTHA, Nez Perce Tribal Prosecutor, Uuyit Kimti, Law Enforcement, Financial Assistance, and Tribal Court. As well as outside agencies: Lewiston Police Department, Area Agency on Aging, area long-term and rehabilitative care facilities, Salvation Army, and Goodwill.



**The Nez Perce Tribe Indian Child Welfare Program** consists of Child Protection Services, ICWA, Foster Home Licensing, the Children's Home, 'inhimiyume (My Relative's) Sober Living Home, the 'init Home (Teen Shelter) and Victim Services.

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Joandra Wilson, 'init Home Coordinator [joandraw@nezperce.org](mailto:joandraw@nezperce.org)

Youth Mentors: Samantha Penney, Cloud Williams, Sim-Sin Heavy Runner

**Funding: Nez Perce Tribe, State of Idaho, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Health & Human Services, Department of Justice.**





**The Indian Child Welfare Program** offers a multitude of services to the families and children engaged in the program through an In Home Service Plan or MINOC. Caseworkers regularly provide transportation to medical, dental, optical or behavioral health appointments. Attendance at these appointments also include client advocacy and ensuring information shared in that appointment is understood, to include the steps going forward. Caseworkers assist in collecting legal documents, such as birth certificates, social security cards, and driver licenses. Case plans are person specific and custom built to meet the needs of the family that is being served through the completion of a Family Preservation Packet. This Packet is written in 1<sup>st</sup> person and follows the bio-psycho-social-emotional-spiritual model to assess overall wellbeing of the family.

Promoting family preservation and mitigating court intervention has been successful overall, through the utilization of In Home Service Plans and/or Outreach Participation Plans. These plans have offered opportunity for children to remain in their home while staff ensures safety and provides healthy intervention. These efforts include avoiding court intervention by MINOC, if the family is willing to engage in services. The further utilization of Voluntary Placement Agreements has helped voluntarily place children with family members while avoiding full foster care placement while parents/caregivers attend inpatient treatment services out of the area.

For tribal members without children, Outreach Plans assist in navigating an individual's way through outpatient or inpatient treatment services with community partners.

Relationship building in the local county jails have been helpful in connecting those seeking services and support in their recovery. Since fall general council, staff has actively advocated for 13 individuals to successfully go to an outpatient or inpatient treatment facility to start their recovery journey.

JANUARY 19, 2023 12:30 - 6:30

**Nez Perce Tribe  
Police  
Social Services  
Prosecutor**

IN SERVICE MULTI DISCIPLINE TRAINING  
SERVING AND RESPONDING TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

Currently the Indian Child Welfare Program has 18 licensed foster homes, many of which have an active placement of a family member. There is still a dire need for additional foster homes on the reservation. Recruitment efforts have included radio announcements, newspaper articles, informational booths and information slips in each paystub for tribal employees. A current focus in the program is to develop and provide a culturally specific educational curriculum to assist potential foster parents/families provide trauma informed care to the children they serve. In recent conversations with NPTEC, an in depth conversation is being considered to make the foster care process easier to navigate, which may include removing some BIA or federal standards.

**‘inhimiyu’nm “My Relatives” Sober Living Home** has had the opportunity to house 9 women and 15 children since September of 2022 after receiving 14 applications. Updates to policy and procedures of the sober living home have included welcoming single women without children and to edit the enrollment requirements for children. Enrollment requirements include that at least one parent must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe; 1<sup>st</sup> descendants are welcome into the home with their mother. The home has opened up for recovery support groups, such as Wellbriety and 12 step groups for women. Partnerships are growing with other recovery groups and outpatient treatment facilities in the area. Volunteers in the community have also come forward to offer engagement in cultural activity for the women and children residing at ‘inhimiyu’nm.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE  
IS ASKING OUR COMMUNITY, TRIBAL  
PROGRAMS & SCHOOLS TO:



Share your Wear Blue Day pics to the Nez Perce Tribe Social Services  
Facebook Page @nptsocialservices for a chance to win a prize!  
#stopchildabuse (or if you don't have facebook, email to tiah@nezperce.org)



**I'nit (Teen Shelter) has been completed in Lapwai.** This home is grant funded by the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and can house up to 14 teens who have been identified as homeless, at risk, a victim of crime or are under the status of MINOC. Policy and procedure were approved by NPTEC, Youth Mentors were hired and the home opened to receive teens in December 2022; the house homed teens for overnight stays since opening.

Init staff have worked in collaboration with Students for Success and other tribal programs to hold overnight parties, cooking classes, Teen Nights, study groups, Youth Wellbriety, Scavenger Hunts and other various activities since opening. Information on the home and how a teen can engage in services is available upon request. I'nit staff have set a goal to also work with the Upriver Youth Council to offer more activities for adolescents in the Kamiah and Orofino areas.

Open House 9am-9pm  
EVERYDAY!

Free meals, snacks,  
drinks, activities etc.

Need Parent Consent to  
stay overnight



*The 'init Home is designed to assist adolescent teens (14-18 years old) who are enrolled in any federally recognized tribe or first descendants.*

Stay tuned for events  
posted in the future!

# 'INIT HOME IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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JOANDRA WILSON  
(208) 621-4748 or  
(208) 791-2253  
[joandraw@nezperce.org](mailto:joandraw@nezperce.org)

ICW continues work cases of child abuse in concert with Nez Perce Tribal Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Nimiipuu Health, the prosecutor's office and the State of Idaho. The utilization of this Multidisciplinary Team has been beneficial in opening lines of communication between each agency to benefit victims of crime. The Children's Advocacy Center, located in Lapwai, has been of great assistance in forensic interviews on victims and witnesses of crime while also giving a confidential meeting space for families affected.

Regular meetings and collaboration have also included the Capacity Builders for Tribes, the Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee, Title IV-E Expansion, the State of Idaho Independent Living Team, the Infant Toddler Program, and various staff meetings with other tribal programs. The working relationship with the Capacity Builders for Tribes has led to developing policy and procedure for the program, which is expected to be completed in May 2023.

ICW hosted a Hope Awareness Training for tribal and non-tribal agency partners in the region with more than 60 registrants in attendance. The program also partnered with other victim services departments to deliver training to Tribal Police and first responders with the goal of increasing trauma informed response and seamless service delivery. Other trainings ICW has attended and completed training include CPR certification, ASIST Training (Suicide Response), Victim Response Training, Grant Writing, and Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aide Training.

ICW staff provides trainings and education to children, families, agency partners and community members. Those trainings include:

- Son's of Tradition
- Daughter's of Tradition
- Healthy Relationships through Native Wellness Institute
- Positive Indian Parenting
- Financial Literacy
- Mandatory Reporting
- Drug Identification (in collaboration with Tribal Police)
- Narcan Distribution
- Team Building and Increased Communication for Teams

# Senior Citizens Program

# Funding Source: Title VI Older Indians and Nez Perce Tribe

The Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program strives to promote good health for older Tribal elders and to promote the well-being of elder individuals by assisting such individuals to gain access to elder resources, nutrition, disease prevention, and by promoting health services to delay the onset of adverse health condition resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior. Our program assists and helps Tribal elders by reducing hunger and food insecurity on our reservation.

- Total Meals for Lapwai /FY2022 In-House = 8,908 Home Delivery = 7,362
- Total Meals for Kamiah/FY2022 In-House = 1,121 Home Delivery = 6,752
- Total Meals Served Both Sites = 48,088

*Tehqis Wilki (Elder Way)*



NP Weaving: Round, Flat, Flap (yarn)

March 16 & 17, 2023 1pm to 4 pm  
@ Senior Citizens Building Lapwai  
Contact 621-3875 or Sign Up in the Dining Area  
For the Elder 55 +

*"Gathering Our Needs"*



October 20, 2022  
Time: 11:00 – 3:00  
Place: Clearwater River Casino & Lodge

**BINGO – FREE LUNCH – GIFT CARDS – PRIZES – DRAWINGS**



NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY  
SPONSORED BY: THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM  
(Only 55yrs & Up May Participate) NO CHILDREN

Happy Valentine's Day

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL ELDERS

WHERE: CLEARWATER RIVER CASINO & LODGE  
DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
TIME: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BINGO, LUNCH, PRIZES, GIFT CARDS, GIFTS, GAS CARDS. FUN, FUN, FUN.....

THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM

ONLY TRIBAL ELDERS 55+ YRS. ARE ALLOWED

It is the goal of the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program to offer comprehensive and coordinated systems of nutritional, home and community-based services to help Tribal elderly individuals on the Nez Perce Reservation to maintain their independence and health in their home and in their community. It is also our goal to provide nutritional services, elder travel, activities and informational resources to our Nez Perce Tribal elders.

Senior Citizen Programs Lapwai/Kamiah are working diligently to coordinate with our Tribal elder population in finding resources to eat more nutritious healthy foods. Our programs provide well-balanced meals that comply with the Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) which is a set of scientifically developed reference values of nutrients and menu's are approved by Julie Keller, Nimiipuu Health Dietician on a monthly basis.

Both elder sites serve approximately (360) elders on a yearly basis. A Needs Assessment Survey and Bingo congregated at the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge held on November 1, 2022 went very well with approximately 200+ elders. This survey determines the grant formula for the next three years.

A 2023 Valentine's Day Bingo was well attended by elders 55+years of age. There were many prizes with valentine's and candy hearts attached. There were over 180 elders in attendance.

Title VI Nutrition Supplemental Services Form are helping elders who are; Nez Perce enrolled, Congregate Meal Participant, Veteran, SSI/Retirement, GA, handicap and frail. Those elders will be priority for a Walmart Gift Card.

Add a Footer



**Congratulations to the Elders of the Year!**  
**The late Billy Henry\* and Gloria Johnson**  
*\*photo released with permission*



The Nez Perce Tribe  
 will be honoring the following individuals  
**February 14, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.**  
 At the Clearwater River Casino Event Center  
 during the  
 Senior Citizens Valentines Day Event:



**80**<sup>th</sup>  
 Happy Birthday



**Celebrating 80 years!**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Constance Evans</b>    | <b>Gloria Johnson</b>      | <b>Louis L. Jones</b>    |
| <b>Pauline Jones</b>      | <b>Shirley Guzman</b>      | <b>Carmen Payne</b>      |
| <b>Albert Pinkham Jr.</b> | <b>Bernadine Ellenwood</b> | <b>Karen L. Smith</b>    |
| <b>Vivian Seubert</b>     | <b>Miriam Queen</b>        | <b>Harley M. Jackson</b> |
| <b>Silas Whitman</b>      | <b>Eunice J. Henry</b>     | <b>Dorothy Hudson</b>    |
| <b>Steven Reuben</b>      | <b>Sam Pablo III</b>       | <b>Gladys Rich</b>       |

**HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

For questions contact Jackie McArthur or Rosanna Greene at 208-843-2253

***Nez Perce Tribe Elders Day***

***June 30, 2023***

***Clearwater River Casino Event Center***



***Tribal Elders Welcome... Please Join Us***

**\*\*\*NO CHILDREN PLEASE\*\*\***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION (208.843.7311)  
 FOR HOTEL RESERVATION (208.298.1400)  
 FOR VENDOR INFORMATION (208. 935.7540)**


**NIMIIPUU**

The Veterans Program operates from gaming allocation funds. Program also collaborates with other agencies to assist and support tribal veterans, for example: Walla Walla and Spokane Medical Centers, Spokane Tribal HUD-VASH, VETS Center, Department of Labor, Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR), other Tribal Veteran Programs, etc.

The Veterans Program can assist veterans and/or their families with: Ordering a DD214 (Discharge Paper); signing up for VA Health Benefits; VA Home Loans, Ordering and setting Headstones, markers or medallions; gas assistance for medical appointments; emergency assistance and direct them to the other agencies or programs that may assist them.

We host monthly Veterans meetings. We participate in various veteran's meetings and events, for example, American Indian Veterans Advisory Council (AIVAC Vice-Chairperson) meetings, Joint American Indian Veterans Advisory Council (JAIVAC) meetings with Washington and Idaho VA Programs, Valley Veterans Council (VVC), Inter-Agency Meetings and meetings with Tribal HUDVash Programs.

Our program is open, no appointment necessary, however, may want to call to make sure I am available 208-621-4738.

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- Participated in the American Indian Veterans Honor Ceremony in Spokane, WA
  - Assisted with 19 Tribal Veterans going to Washington DC for the Native American Veterans Memorial Dedication
  - Tribal Veteran Captain Connie Evans, Army Nurse Corp was the Keynote Speaker for the 40th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall
  - Held the Annual Veterans Day Luncheon
  - Attended the Pearl Harbor Day Event
  - Participated in the Point In Time (PIT) count
  - Participated in the Get Out the Vote Committee
  - Participated in 9 Webinars
  - Attended the Yakima Vietnam Veteran Honor Event where Caption Connie Evans was the keynote speaker.
  - Participated in CPS Family Engagement Event
  - Assisted Veteran Family with ordering head stone
  - Helped Veterans with filing for Health Benefits
  - Assisted Veteran with filing VA Home Loan documents
  - Assisted Veterans with gas assistance for appointments
  - Assisted Veterans with emergency assistance and referred them to other programs and agencies for assistance
  - Volunteer at the Mobile Food Bank



# Nez Perce Tribe Veteran Delegation to Washington DC

The National Museum of the American Indian is honoring the exceptional military service of Native Americans in a formal dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The dedication and processional will honor American Indian veterans and their families. Our honor, gratitude and prayers for these nineteen Veterans and the accompanying delegates in their travels.

## WASHINGTON DC-NEZ PERCE DELEGATION NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION NOVEMBER 11, 2022



Constance Evans



Maurice Wilson



Darryl Reuben



Shari B. Blackeagle



Julian Matthews



Jeffrey Jackson



Allen Pinkham Sr.



Ralph Arthur



Benjamin Arthur Sr.



James Spencer Jr.



David Taptto



Sheldon Allen



Tara L. Taylor



David Scott



Timothy A. Wheeler



Angela Brotzman



Trae Blackeagle



Levi C. Taylor



Joseph Arthur Attao

# 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WALL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



On November 11, 2022, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) will host a very special Veterans Day Observance at The Wall. In addition to celebrating the service of all our veterans, especially our Vietnam veterans, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

## Constance (Walker) Evans, Nez Perce Tribe

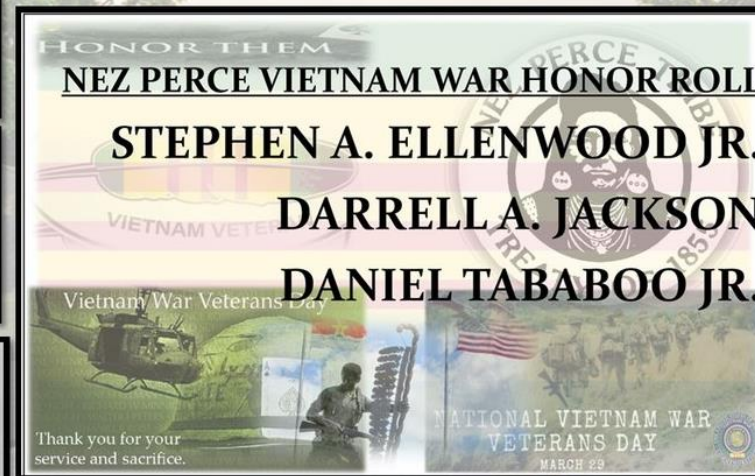
*Has been selected as the Vietnam Woman's Memorial Featured Speaker for this national event!*



Rank: Captain

Branch: Army Nurse Corp (1965-1969)

Era: Vietnam



Website for live stream on November 11th:

<https://www.vvmf.org/live/>

From the VVMF: In 1982, when the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was built and dedicated, a promise was made to never forget those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War.

This year marks 40 years since that promise was made and The Wall has become the symbol for an enduring legacy of healing, remembrance, and education.





TRAE BLACKEAGLE



CONSTANCE WALKER



JEANETTE L. SCOTT



MARTINA TALLBULL



JEANETTE EDWARDS



AURORA GOMEZ



BONNIE JACKSON



PRISCILLA PINKHAM



ELIZABETH ALLEN



DELPHINE ALLEN



GENAI CRUZ



BERNICE CARTER



MARY HAYES



KATHLEEN STEWART



VERONICA MCCORMACK



TARA TAYLOR

# NEZ PERCE

SHARI BLACKEAGLE, MARIETTA CRAIG, KATHLEEN STEWART, LILLY EDITH MOODY,  
 MARY HAYES MADISON, PRISCILLA PINKHAM, DELPHINE ALLEN ROSE, CLARA DAVIS PADILLA,  
 VERONICA MAE TAYLOR, BERNICE CARTER LAWRENCE, JEANETTE E. SCOTT, JEANETTE L. SCOTT,  
 ELIZABETH ALLEN WILLIAMS, , TRAE BLACKEAGLE, AURORA GOMEZ, BONITA K. JACKSON,  
 MARTINA TALLBULL, TARA TAYLOR, CONSTANCE WALKER EVANS, SALLY TITUS SPRINGS,  
 KIM E. WILLIAMS, ANGELA SHIPPENTOWER BROTZMAN, GENAI FOSTER

*Nez Perce Descendants:* VIOLA PICARD, DESIREE ALLEN COYOTE, TABITHA HART, DERENA TUELL,  
 VALERIE ALLEN, CANDACE GUZMAN, ELIZABETH MCCORMACK SHECKLES, APRIL SHELL,  
 TONI MINTHORN, MARY CARTER SUAZO, TASHA CARLSON



SHARI BLACKEAGLE



SALLY TITUS SPRINGS



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MARY CARTER



TASHA CARLSON



DERENA TUELL



TABITHA HART



VALLERIE ALLEN



CANDACE GUZMAN



ELIZABETH MCCORMACK

The Nez Perce Veterans Honor Our Sisters

## JUNE 12 is WOMEN VETERANS DAY

The Nez Perce Veterans Honor Their Own:

# NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY

APRIL 9, 2021

BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION



Tues., Feb. 12, 1946 LEW

### At Miami Resort

Cpl. Frank W. Penney, Lapwai, who spent more than three years as a Japanese prisoner of war, has arrived at the Miami Beach resort for a two-week vacation, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Stella Penney, and brother, Ben, according to a release received last night from the public relations office at Miami. The trio are staying at one of the beach-front hotels as guests of the army air forces with all expenses paid.

Cpl. Penney was captured on Bataan April 11, 1942, and worked in a coal mine during his internment. The 30 pounds he lost during his prison ordeal has been regained since coming home in October.

The corporal plans to return to school upon discharge.

INE Fri., Feb. 2, 1946



Pvt. Hiram (Hi) Moffett, above, 19-year-old Nez Perce Indian, has been reported missing in action somewhere in Belgium since Dec. 23, his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Moffett, Kamiah, have been notified. He entered the army in February, 1943, and has been overseas since August with an infantry unit.

Thurs., May 24, 1945

### Pvt. Hi Moffett Among Liberated

Pvt. Hiram (Hi) W. Moffett, Kamiah, a German prisoner of war, has been liberated and returned to "military control on April 29," according to a war department telegram received by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Moffett, Kamiah, from Maj. Gen. J. A. Uilo, adjutant general.

Pvt. Moffett was reported missing in action somewhere in Belgium on Dec. 23. Last month his parents received a card from him in a German prison camp.

A star basketball player at the Kamiah high school, Pvt. Moffett entered the army in February, 1944, and received his basic infantry training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He was sent overseas last August.

### War Prisoner List

The war prisoner list included:  
 Interned by Japan, camp unstated—  
 Idaho—Pvt. Harvey A. Bassett;  
 mother, Mrs. Martha Bassett, Rupert.  
 Pvt. Frank W. Penney; mother, Mrs. Stella Penney, Lapwai.

### Pfc. Alvin Amera, Ferdinand, Reported Prisoner Of Japs

Washington, June 8—(AP)—Names of 11 Washington, Idaho and Montana soldiers who are being held as prisoners of war by the Japanese were included in a war department list released today.

They include:  
 Idaho—  
 Pfc. Ralf R. Mabey, Bancroft.  
 Pfc. Alvin Amera; father, Charles C. Amera, Ferdinand.

### Two Nez Perce Indians Prisoners Of Japanese

Two Nez Perce Indian: — Pvt. Alvin Amera, son of Charlie Amera, Stites, and Pvt. Frank Penny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Penny, Lapwai—are prisoners of the Japanese on the Philippine Islands, according to information received yesterday from Washington, D. C. Relatives expressed relief when the information came they were prisoners. The last letter received by relatives was in 1941, and it was feared they had met death in action. Penny is the nephew of Amera. They enlisted at the same time.



PFC. Hiram W. Moffett  
 German POW  
 1945



PFC Frank W. Penney Sr.  
 Japanese POW  
 1942 -1946



PFC. Alvin Amera  
 Died while  
 Japanese POW  
 1942

'On this day, and every day, let us honor all who have borne the hardships of captivity in service to our Nation, remember the brave men and women who were held as prisoners in foreign lands during our Nations past conflicts, and recognize those at home who anxiously awaited their loved ones' return. Their faith in God, love, family, and trust in our Nation are an inspiration to all Americans, and we will always remember their sacrifices.' President Biden, April 9, 2021



# Nez Perce Tribal Vietnam Veterans

MARCH 29, 2023

- Alfrey, Thomas S. Sr. | Calkins, Monte L. | George, Reginald A. | Gonzales, Ray A. | Greene, Roderick (Chico) | Hines, Frank J. | Hines, William J. | Holt, David | Holt, Levi J. | Jones, Kenneth | McCormack, John | McCormack, Joseph O | Miles, David Jr | Oatman, Everett Jr | Paul, Dennis R. | Reuben, G. Steven | Seth, Leroy L. | Spencer, James (Jim) Jr | Taylor, Emmitt E. Sr | Walker Evans, Connie | Wheeler, Timothy Jr | White, Del T. | Tababoo, Kenneth | Paul, Kenneth D. | Peterson, Tom Jr | Raboin, Reginald | Samuels, Paul L. | Saunders, LeRoy | Smith, Joseph L. Jr | Smith, Wilbur J. | Tababoo, Daniel Jr | Villalobos, Manuel P. Jr | Wapsheli, Alexander | Webb, James | Wheeler, Phillip Jr | Wheeler, Roderick A. | Whitfield, Matthew Jr | Williams, Kenneth W. Jr | Wilson, Michael W. | Wolfchild, Sanders AKA Lloyd | Saunders | Carter, Rudy | Allen, Homer (Jim) | Allen, Orrin H. | Allman, Samuel Sr | Eneas, William (Bull) Jr | George, Phillip W. | Hart, Raymond Jr | Havird, LeRoy | Hines, John Nathan | Jackson, Leland H. | Johns, LeRoy | Lawyer, William H. | Oatman, Kenneth L. | Parks, John R. | Rees, Michael E.

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