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By Denver American Horse
Oglala Lakota Nation
Veteran's Service Officer

Veteran Warrior
Wakte' glipi.

DELPHINE (American Horse) BRINLEE. Born at Claremore Indian Hospital in 1963 and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1983. Honorably discharged in 1985 at the rank of Corporal, E-4. Ms. Brinlee earned three Letters of Appreciation and one Letter of Commendation while in the Marine Corps.

Ms. Brinlee and her husband moved to Rapid City, SD three years ago. She currently works as a Human Resources Specialist for Indian Health Service at Sioux San Hospital.

DAWSON AMERICAN HORSE. Joined the Marine Corps in July 1974.

Went to Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Worked as Self - Propelled Artillery Mechanic at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina 1975 - 1976.

Worked for Ordinance Maintenance in Okinawa, Japan from 1976 - 1977.

Stationed in Twenty Nine Palms, California from 1977 - 1981. During this period, he was a Marksmanship Instructor from 1979 - 1980.

He was discharged in March 1981.

Dawson re-enlisted into the Marine Corps Reserve in Little Creek, Virginia from 1985 - 1986, then transferred into the Inactive Ready Reserve.

Delphine and Dawson were honored by their relatives this summer during the Vietnam Veterans Annual Wachipi on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. They are the Daughter and Son of Wesley Warfield American Horse (Korean War Veteran, Marine Corps) from Denby, S.D. and Shirley Ann Booth of Gordon, Nebraska.

These short Biographies are brought to you by Denver American Horse, County Veterans Service Officer. Pine Ridge, S.D. Wopila, Mitakuye Oyasin (All my relatives).

Nahan (and), on Monday, September 22nd, a Veterans Stand Down was held from 10am-2pm at the Pine Ridge High School campus in the Middle School gym. Useful information was given to the Veterans at nine (9) different stations, and afterwards, participants were eligible to receive a for real military green duffle bag with much needed winter wear. Wopila (thank you) to the Kitchen Staff for a lila washte (very good) meal.

Until next week, Happy Trails.

September 19, 2014

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Veteran Warrior Wakte'glipi: Debra L. (American Horse) Wilson

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Debra was born at Claremore Indian Hospital on July 2, 1956, she graduated from Sequoyah Indian School in May 1974 and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974. Honorably discharged in August 1982 at the rank of Staff Sergeant, E-6. Ms. Wilson earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation and a Good Conduct Medal with a Bronze star.

Ms. Wilson and her husband also are active members of the United Keetoowah Band Honor Guard. They provide burial ceremonies for United Keetoowah Band Veterans and represent the tribe in various appearances throughout Oklahoma and the rest of the Nation. They reside in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and have been married for 28 years. They have two children, Romeo and Kristine.

As a Veteran, Ms. Wilson has been appointed by VA Secretaries Nicholson, Peake, and Shinseki to serve on three separate Veteran advisory committees. She is charged with providing advice to the Secretary from the Veterans point of view. She served on: Minority Veterans from 2006-2009, Cemeteries and Memorials from 2011-2014 and has served on the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee since 2012.

Debra was honored by her relatives this summer during the Vietnam Veterans Annual Wachipi on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She is the daughter of Wesley Warfield American Horse (Korean War Veteran, Marine Corps) from Denby, SD and Shirley Ann Booth of Gordon, Nebraska.

Nakun (and), in other local news, on September 12, 2014, a Flag/poles Dedication Ceremony was held at the Oglala Lakota Veterans Association Building front yard. The three flags you will see on your daily trips into Pine Ridge from the East on Highway 18, are the P.O.W./M.I.A, the United States flag, and the Oglala Sioux Tribe flag. Afterwards, meat on the grill was expertly handled by Luff Goings and Russell Zephier with Mary Belt, Jackie Siers, Alice Perkins, and Ruth Brown serving the menu of potato salad, beans, corn, chips, pies, cake, and cowboy coffee. The Drum groups' songs were great to hear and I am sure our ancestors were happy as well.

Wopila (thanks), to all of you who helped out with your time and effort on this great day to show respect for our Warriors who have gone before us and to those who are still with us today.

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