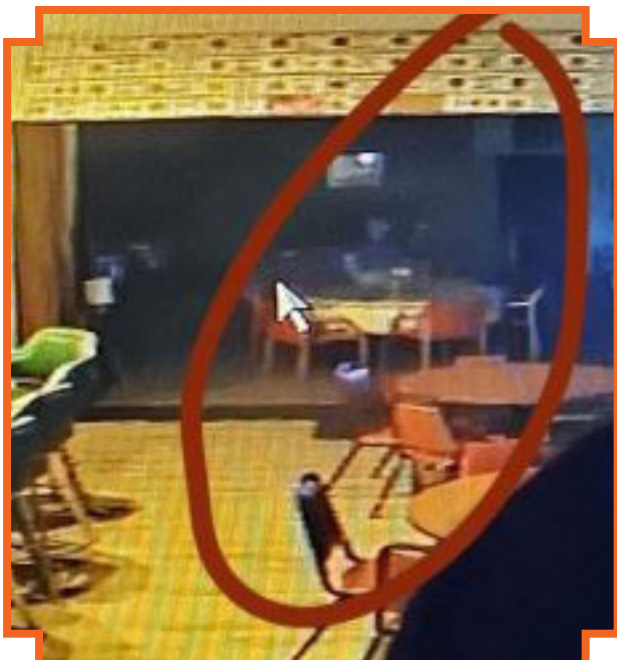


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Post 15 resident ghost has finally been photographed.

We think we know who it is, do you?



Post 57 can breathe a sigh of relief, Chris and his twin have been Reunited..



Above is the ship, Cable Innovator working in Salisbury Sound, Southeast Alaska



Sitka had to call in a little help when their their under water internet cable broke. No cell phone, text, internet, and could not use credit cards!!!!



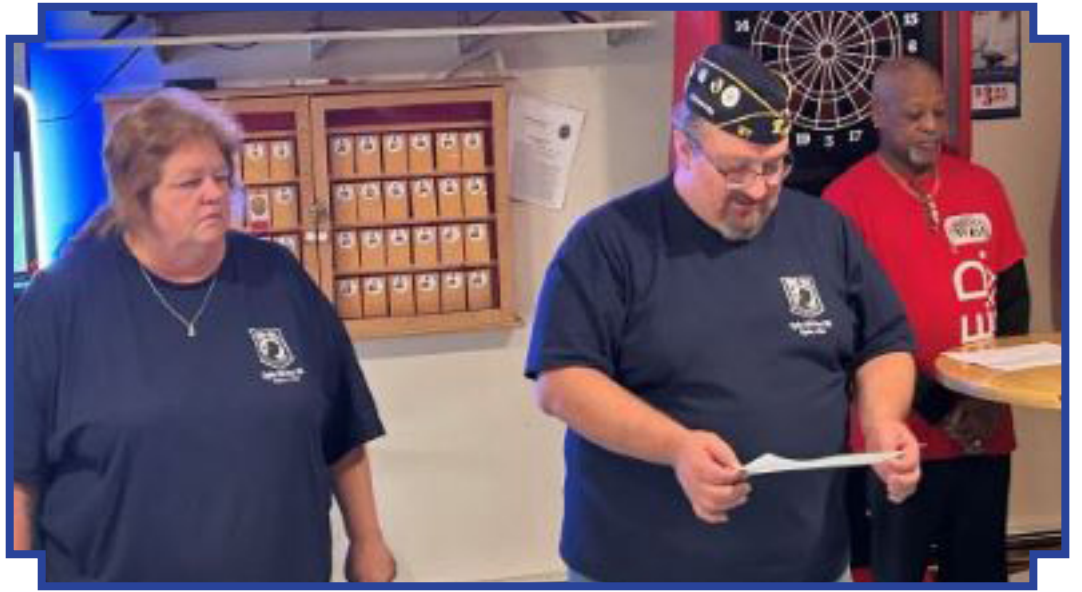
This blue football field is the home turf of Barrow High School in Utqiagvik, Alaska - the only known American football team to play north of the Arctic Circle. Located at roughly 71°N, Utqiagvik is situated next to the Arctic Circle and is the northernmost town in the United States with nearly 5,000 residents. Temperatures there remain below freezing (32°F or 0°C) from early October through late May and only reach or top the freezing point 136 days per year, on average.

Honoring MIA/POW



Post 57 remembering our POWs and MIAs at their POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony led by Post Commander Chris Bedel, Unit President Fran Bedel and Squadron Commander Aubrey Hendrix.

Post 30 Commander/Chapter 30 Ride Coordinator was a guest speaker and helped lay a wreath on Eielson during the POW/MIA Ceremony



Post 21 Historian Lisa Pugh, retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant, received her beautiful quilt from Quilt of Valor



We cannot forget about the 3 Bozos

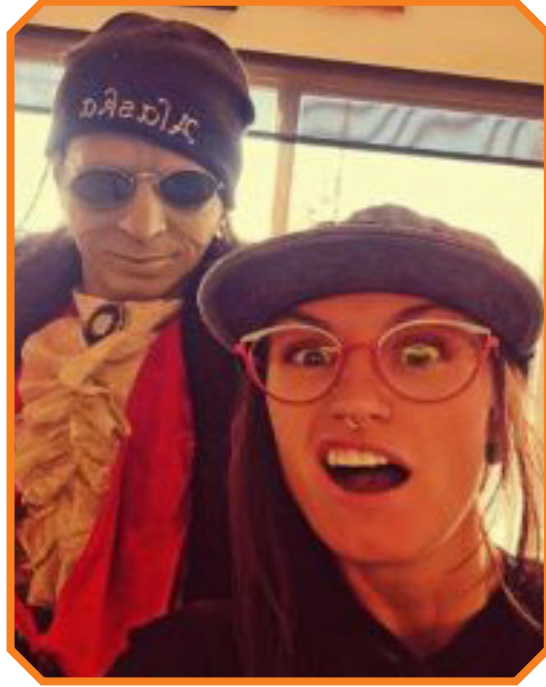


Post 5 hosting their Early Bird Dinner. Lots of good eats, portobella mushrooms with wine and garlic, atop seasoned chicken, pesto tortellini, garlic bread and cake!

(don't know about you, but I am going to Post 5!)



HALLOWEEN COUNTDOWN!!!!



Post 57 Ghouls



Is she related to one of those Bozos?



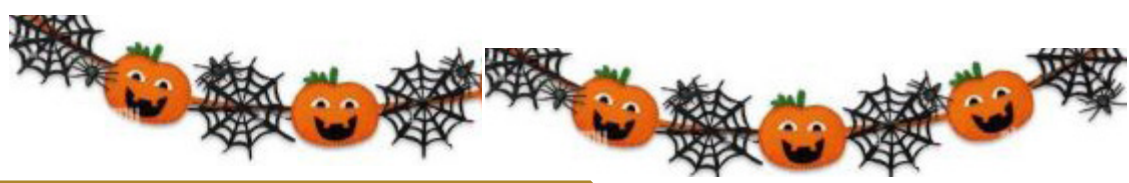
Post 15 joined in on the Halloween costume Parade!!



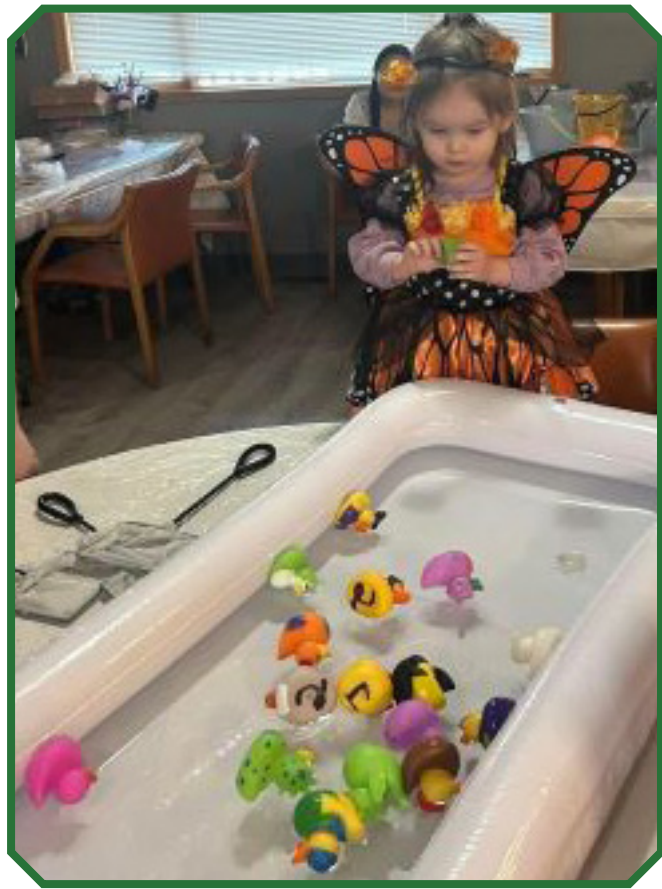
Post 16 showing off NEW MEMBERS!!!



More Post 5 Early Bird and Food



Joe was present with a Quilt of Valor in a ceremony at Post 15



A note from Vince, Commander of Post 13

In the summer of 2022, I was invited to the ceremony of the award to the nephew of Code Talkers Mark and Harvey Jacobs at the Alaska Native Brotherhood hall (ANB). I was surprised that Alaska had Code Talkers, 5 of them, from SE Alaska. After the honor I started my research and discovered while these men had been recognized, the history was spotty and not celebrated locally as their history needed to be told. That started the Code Talker Project at Post 13. During my initial investigation we discovered all were local and 4 of the 5 were members of Post 13 at one point or another. 2, the brothers, final resting place is here in Sitka at the National Cemetery.

That same year we had our first annual celebration at the Post. We rented the movie theater and showed Code Talkers of WWII free to anyone that wanted to attend. Afterwards at the post we had the Naa Kaahidi dancers and a Tlingit Drum Group, and we even brought up Cody Daish, movie producer currently working on «Unbroken Code» telling the story of the two Navajo Code Talkers from their youth until their return to Iwo Jima after the war.

It was during this celebration, that Rachel Roy, told me that her grandfather, Louis Minard was a Code Talker, thus began my “quest”. As Commander of Post 13 it was my responsibility that this soldier and his family received the honors he so richly deserved.



This Killer Whale hat was carved by Dakl'aweidi Clan leader Gusht'eiheen in 1900. It was used to help create the Code Talkers Coin.

Above is the Tin'aa which translates to "the copper shield that is a symbol of wealth, prestige, and tradition in Tlingit Culture was awarded to Vince Winter

cont. from Vince from Sitka

This was two years of digging up documents, working with Senator Murkowski's team via ZOOM, emails and phone calls. Once we had what we thought was enough "proof" it was sent to the Department of the Army, Awards and Decorations. At this point all came to a crashing halt. They demanded even more information. The saying it takes a village does not even scratch the surface of the people I reached out to get involved and counted on to assist. Even then I still found myself going through attics, digging through papers and microfiche and spending much time in the archives of the Sitka Historical Society and Museum.

Finally on Sept 13 of 2023, the Department of the Army confirmed and recognized that Louis Minard was indeed a Tlingit Code Talker. The battle was over, but not the quest. Being recognized is not the end of it, now the ongoing fight is with the Secretary of the Treasury, as that is the person that needs to authorize and "mint" another Silver Congressional Medal for the family of Louis Minard. Senator Murkoski is once again at the helm and her team continues to drive this with a sense of urgency. I am hopeful, soon, we will be able to award this family the medal in honor of the spirit, passion, mettle and courage their father, grandfather, great grandfather carried himself with.



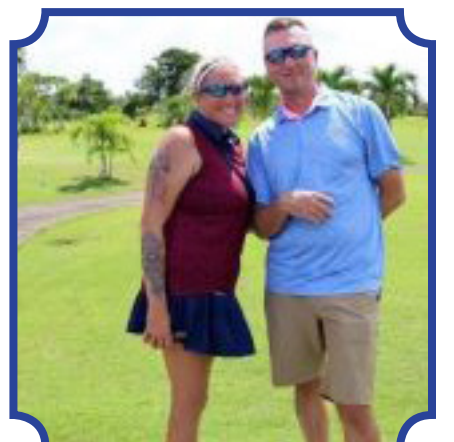
Granddaughter Rachel Roy (left) and daughter Denise Roy of Codetalker Louis Minard along with Vince Winter talk to students about the Code Talkers



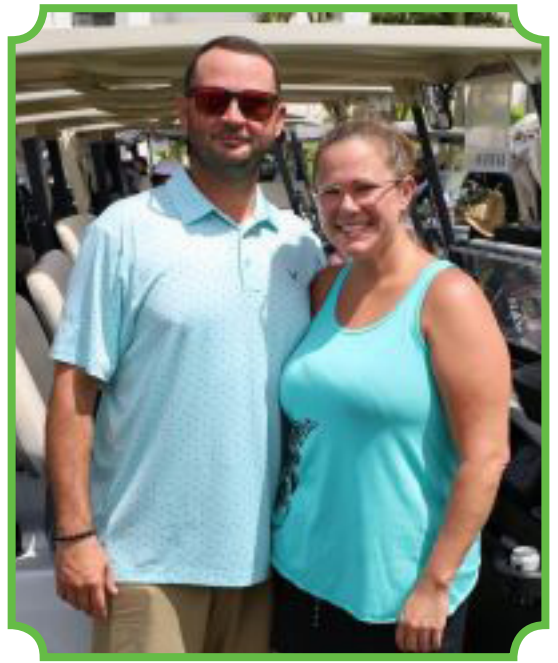
Placing the ashes off Louis Minard at the cemetary and the community wide celebration of The Code Talkers and Alaska Day in Sitka.



This amazing Post held this tournament October 2024. I would have volunteered to caddy!!



WHO WANTS TO PLAY GOLF IN GUAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



GUAM FUN!!

