

Gaming Commissioneres Sworn into Office

While in a leadership role with in the State Gaming Intelligence Unit Steven led Black Book investigations and monitored the activity of organized crime nationwide for the purpose of mitigating its impact on the Nevada Gaming Industry.

Other Accomplishments

Before entering the business of Gaming, Steven served as a Sacramento, California Police officer for 8 years and served honorably as a United States Army Aviator during the Viet Nam Conflict.

Although he only flies recreational these days he holds a commercial pilots license with multi-engine and instrument ratings.

Steven holds several degrees including an MBA in Global Management, BS in Business Management and an AA in Administration of Justice.

George Harjo Jr. Shawnee, Oklahoma Education

- Central State University (a.k.a Oklahoma Central University) Edmond, Oklahoma

- Bachelor of Arts May 1981
- Police Academy (BIA) Chilocco School (graduated) August 1979

- Haskell Junior College, Semester June 1971

- Stroud High School, Stroud, OK 1965

Experience

Compliance Officer Sept. 2005- June 2009. Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission, Shawnee, Ok.

Ensured compliance with Minimum Internal Controls of the National Indian Gaming Commission and Tribal Internal Controls, provided training to staff on internal controls, observes soft/hard counts & bank roll verifications, monitors gaming machine installs, modifications and removals, prepared reports and reviews findings with the gaming commission and casino management, reviewed compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act, performed pre-audits of the Nation's casinos before actual Annual audit visits.

Chief of Police/Director of Law Enforcement Sac and Fox Nation, Stroud, Oklahoma, May 1985- Sept. 13, 2005.

Responsible for the protection of life and property through the enforcement of federal and tribal statues and ordinances, and executes the total administration of federal and tribal program dollars. Counseled with Victim families of court proceedings and sentencing of perpetrators.

Police Officer Aug. 1981 -Apr. 1985. Veteran's Administration Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Activities in law enforcement are adjusted on the federal jurisdiction with paramount concern for the safety and protection of patients, members, visitors, and employees from threat to injury due to criminal act.

Protection of high valuable medical research equipment, precious metal, dangerous drugs, other U.S. Government property and the personal property of persons while on the federal reservation.

Security Officer Sac and Fox Nation Stroud, Oklahoma Dec. 1979- May 1981.

Enforced regulations and safeguarded life and property of the Sac and Fox Nation against fire, theft, vandalism, and illegal entry.

Correctional Officer Aug. 1979- Sept. 1979 Department of Corrections, Okla. City, Oklahoma.

Supervise work details, secure work

areas, and help with recreational activities of inmates. Disciplinary write-ups of inmates, screen incoming paraphernalia, transferal and transport inmates to other correctional facilities.

Ward Coordinator- Jan. 1972- Aug. 1979 Veteran's Administration Hospital, Okla. City, Oklahoma.

Worked in Medical Administration to include medical records, ward/unit coordination to include all types of administrative processes and scheduling of medical procedures for patients while in/on the wards. Coordinated with admissions, pharmacy, and other pertinent areas of coordination for the period of time a patient was admitted.

Haskell Junior College, Lawrence, Kansas Student Security, June 1971- Dec. 1971

Enforced University policies and regulations in the area of securing the property and safety to all within the properties of the University.

Atomic Energy Commission - Bendix Corporation Kansas City, Mo. Jan. 1970- June 1971.

Mechanical Assembler/plastic fabricator.

Manufactured components and parts for nuclear warheads-discharged from the military In May 1969 and possessed a top-secret clearance and thus, job required a secret clearance.

U.S. Military, USAF June 1966- May 1969 - Enlisted military personnel Amin. Spec.-Security, supply and base operations.

Organizations

Lincoln County Peace Officers/Sheriffs/Chiefs of Police meeting group 1996-2005

National Sheriffs Association, Indian Affairs Commission Branch of Law Enforcement Services, Department of Interior Washington, D.C. 1990-2005.

International Association of Chief of Police 1990- 2005.

Indian Country Law Enforcement Section under the IACP (Vice Chairman '97-'98) 1990-2005.

Higher Education Committee - Sac and Fox Nation (Vice Chairman) 1990 - 1991.

Board of Commissioners-Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority 1992 - 1996 & 1998- present.

PONI Project, core committee 1989

Awards and Recognitions

Sac and Fox Nation, Aug 1997-Business Committee Resolution- in appreciation for acting as Administrator at the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Facility by demonstrating outstanding leadership skill, ability, and accomplishment of assigned duties

Sac and Fox Nation Jan 1997- Certificate of Appreciation - for dedication and support to the PONI Project, Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Facility CORE Committee member

Sac and Fox Nation 1990- Education Service Award, Project VITA - for dedication and service to the Sac and Fox Nation's Education Department for serving as the Education liaison to the Business Committee and for working with the Education Committee for guidance in developing programs such as Project VITA.

Sac and Fox Nation 1989-1992- Certification of Appreciation- The Chief of Police received the certificates for outstanding performance on behalf of the Police Department.

Veteran's Administration Oct 1975- Medical Administration Oklahoma City, Oklahoma- Performance Award- in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the improvement of operations resulting from Superior Performance.

U.S. Air Force May 1969- Medals: Good conduct, National Defense, and Vietnam era. Certificate: Honorable Discharge.

Georges' knowledge and skills also include: Tribal Government and its operations, Federal programs and their objectives and cooperative agreement negotiations, knowledge of the legal system, terminology and courtroom procedures specializing in criminal code of laws and

holds a B.A. degree in sociology **Robert Williamson**, Cushing, Oklahoma (Reinstated)

Robert has been serving on the Sac/ Fox Nation Gaming Commission since January 2011 and is currently the Distribution Manager for the USDA office at the Sac and Fox Nation in Stroud, Oklahoma

The National Gaming Commission certifies him for Commissioner I, II, and III.

Robert also worked in a tier B casino for over 5 years. During his employment with that facility he was often left in charge as the MOD (manager on Duty) being responsible for the entire facility.

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would allow for the project to go out for construction bids in the spring or early summer. (The architectural firm recommended at the time was only for the development of documents for a HUD application. Engaging that architect for full services was beyond the scope advertised.) A suggestion was that the Nation ask the top two candidates to submit bids for full architectural services and then choose between them. Notices were prepared and the two firms invited to bid.

Selected are: Architectural firm JHBR and contractor Flintco, both of Oklahoma City, OK.

Washington DC Travel From January 25-30 During the month of January, our Policy Analyst and I went to Washington, D.C. and attended the quarterly Self Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) for Indian Health Service (IHS) and Department of Interior (DOI) meeting; the Self - Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGETC) Board meeting; and visited our Congressional delegation.

Office of the Honorable Frank D. Lucas (R-OK-3rd), US House of Representatives

Office of the Honorable Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-2nd), US House of Representatives

Office of the Honorable James Inhofe (R-OK), US Senate

Office of the Honorable Jim Bridestine (R-OK-1st), US House of Representatives

Office of the Honorable James Langford (R-OK-5th), US Senate

Office of the Honorable Steve Russell (R-OK-5th), US House of Representatives

Office of the Honorable Tom Cole (R-OK-4th), US House of Representatives

Each visit with our Oklahoma Congressional Delegation was to discuss our Federal Corporate Charter(s) to support tribal economic development and enforcement of right of way provisions against trespassers or unauthorized leasing. I felt it was a very worthwhile and promising trip, from 1) the discussions with these men and their legislative assistants assuring us that they would be discussing amongst their respective offices 2) the collaborative political inquiries as to why the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and the DOI refuse to work with us about our federal charters, and 3) inquiring as to why the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was not trying to remove trespassers/squatters from tribal members' property and 4) not addressing the land being sold along an abandoned railroad right of way.

We also received their verbal support of the NAHASDA reauthorization, legislation HR 360, that I report on in this article under the NCAI Broadcast, and we had discussions in regards to obtaining a surplus Black Hawk helicopter for our Veteran's Memorial.

IHS Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux made an announcement that the President's 2016 budget includes mandatory Contract Support Costs (CSC), a result

of so many tribal nations' lobbying Congress to support this very important initiative of segregating these funds.

National News

January 15, 2015 NCAI BROADCAST LEGISLATIVE & POLICY NEWS HOUSING | NAHASDA Reauthorization Bill H.R. 360 Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives

Yesterday, the U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM) introduced H.R. 360 to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). The most recent NAHASDA reauthorization expired in September of 2013.

The House bill (H.R. 360) has the following original cosponsors: Representatives Tom Cole (R-OK), Don Young (R-AK), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Denny Heck (D-WA), Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Mark Takai (D-HI), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Mark Amodei (R-NV), Ryan Zinke (R-MT) and David Schweikert (R-AZ).

The bill is identical to H.R. 4329, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014, which passed the House last year but stalled in the Senate.

NCAI has resolution #REN-13-070 supporting the swift reauthorization of NAHASDA. NCAI will provide additional information as it becomes available and will work with both the House and the Senate to secure passage of reauthorization.

Communication

I wish to take the opportunity to emphasize once again that we need to improve upon our communication so that our membership understands why the elected leadership and appointed commissioners, committee and board members take action that may seem questionable. Ask your questions, get answers directly from the source, and do not listen to rumors. I have repeatedly stated that the Business Committee can spend more time listening to your concerns and answering questions when an appointment is made to visit with us as a group or with me individually. We are not pressed to finish an agenda, and we can ask staff to research information regarding your inquiries if you will meet with us the day before our scheduled Business Committee meetings.

The Business Committee has been meeting with Directors, Housing, Sauk Business Enterprise(s) / Gaming Commission, and the Elder's Advisory Committee, to name only a few, and having "work sessions" to open up dialogue. This communication has been fruitful to the extent that questions were answered, planning was made, and what was emphasized was "teamwork" as we work together to develop a vision for our Nation.

I ask again for your prayers for the leadership of our tribe and the divine guidance needed to move us forward

Amen.
Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

Thank you

"Thank you to all that donated to the Angel Tree this year. Thanks to your generosity every child known to ICW was able to open gifts on Christmas day." Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL SAC AND FOX VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN!

The Sac & Fox Veterans Women's Auxiliary is in the planning stages of creating a yearly calendar honoring all of our tribal Veterans, and the men and women currently serving in the military. We are requesting photographs of your veteran(s) along with any commendations they received (i.e., Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Medal of Honor Wounded in Action, Bronze Star with V(Valor) etc.). We are asking that you also provide the date of birth for each so that it may be denoted on the calendar. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in our endeavor. All correspondence may be sent to the following address: Sac and Fox Nation, ATTN: Sac & Fox Veterans Women's Auxiliary, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Building A, Stroud, OK 74079.

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