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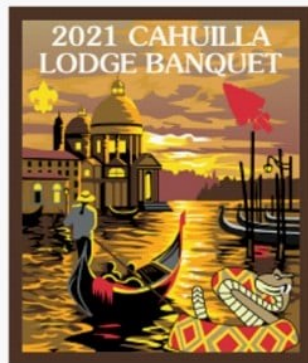
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## 2021 Cahuilla Lodge Banquet



On Saturday, January 23, was the Cahuilla Lodge Virtual Banquet when OA members and their families came together for "a night in Venice". Sixty eight Order of the Arrow members, plus their family members, attended the virtual banquet with an evening of games, recognition, and fun.

Chapters were asked to have one of their members put together a table decoration with the theme a night in Venice and submit photos for the contest. Three chapters entered the contest and Navajo Chapter won for best overall, Aca won for most creative, and Serrano also had a great entry.

The 2020 outgoing lodge chief, Jesse De La Torre, recognized the outgoing lodge officers and thanked them for their outstanding service during a challenging year. Incoming 2021 lodge chief Victor Vargas swore in the 2021 lodge officers and challenged them to strive to make this year one of the best ever for Cahuilla Lodge.

Despite the necessity of making this year's lodge banquet virtual, the limitations of holding the banquet over the internet was overcome by the sense of community and fellowship that everyone who attended contributed to an outstanding evening.



Chapters - If anyone has Chapter news or other articles they would like to see in The Call, please contact your 3rd Vice. We are always looking for updates on what you are doing at the Chapter level.

Get all the latest updates and more at <http://www.snakepower.org>



## Leadership and Service as First Vice



By Alpha Yam, 1st Vice Chief, Cahuilla Lodge 127

Prior to being elected to the lodge leadership this year, I saw myself in a couple positions within my local Navajo Chapter. This was the position that cemented my commitment to not just cheerful service in the Order but also to the local arrowmen that I serve.

I am now four months into my year-long term. So far it has been quite a learning curve that has been one of the easier hurdles, I must say. The main glaring responsibility of the Lodge's First Vice is to plan, organize, and run pretty much all of the activities and events of the lodge besides LEC's and the ordeal. This task at hand itself is not an easy one, and with many school commitments, like AP classes and college applications, this may get in the way, at least until the summer break rolls around the corner.

All of my accumulated skills that I have learned over the years are being put to the test every time I put on my uniform, and sometimes outside of it. I am still learning and improving through the experience opportunity that I have and am glad in that sense.

*Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui*

## Tahquitz Camporee 2021 – Mountain Man Theme



The Tahquitz Camporee, hosted by the Tahquitz Chapter of Cahuilla Lodge, had a good attendance with 75 scouts and about half as many adults. The program was held at Boseker Scout Reservation/Camp Emerson at the Lake and Fort areas. After checking in early Saturday morning at the Meadow, the participants were guided by Arrowmen to the Centennial Loop trailheads to start their wilderness journey. Throughout the day, each cohort patrol rotated through ten mountain man activity stations: Two Man Saw (only thing cut was the log); Fishing (well over 2 dozen bluegill caught and released!); Hawk throw (no missing ears); Canoeing (splashing, but no one flipped); Branding (no burns); Maze in the Fort (a few tumbles); Compass course with animal tracks and scat identification (still see many scouts need more training taking bearings); Buffalo Hunt (Velcro ping pong balls couldn't bring down the beast, but it was fun trying); Gotta go cat hole and first aid race (always a hoot); Teepee village showing animal hides (so that's what a cleaned skunk smells like) and promoting Leadership training for ILST, NYLT and Foxfire (interest perking up).

The day ended back at the Meadow where the OA called-out six attending candidates. In addition, each troop was awarded a special commemorative mountain man medal.





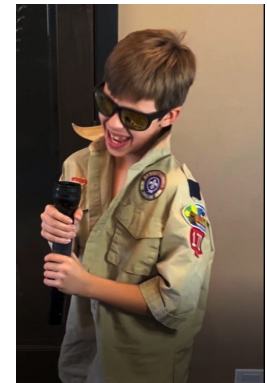
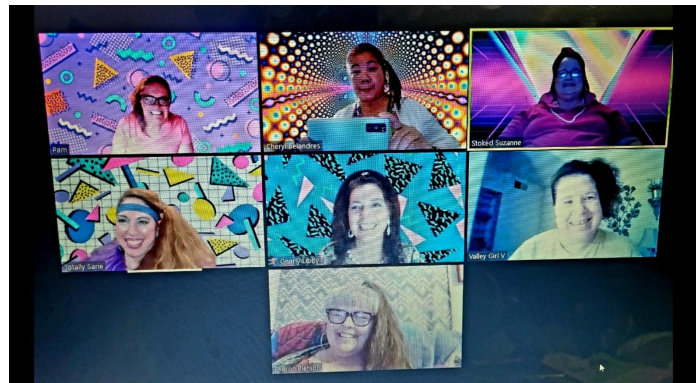
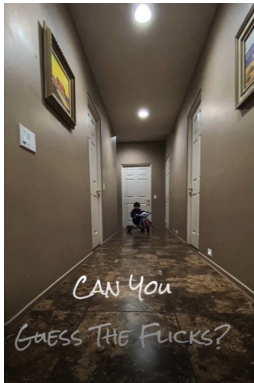
# Serrano Chapter News

Serrano chapter has been pretty worse for wear for the past few months and we are starting to come back from Covid-19. Most of our officer positions are filled now and we are even starting to get a meeting place set. Among these things, we are even planning our first service project since Covid-19 at Hesperia Lakes. We are looking forward to the rest of 2021 and hope we can get back on track soon!

## 8-Bit Virtual Campfire



On February 7 was the 8-Bit Virtual Campfire hosted by Aca Chapter members for Sunrise District. This was a 1970s and 1980s themed virtual campfire with scout troops, patrols, and families submitting their videos to showcase. In between some of the video entries there were flashback moments with scout PSAs and iconic commercials from the 1980s and 1970s. Over 30 scouts and their family members tuned in to watch.



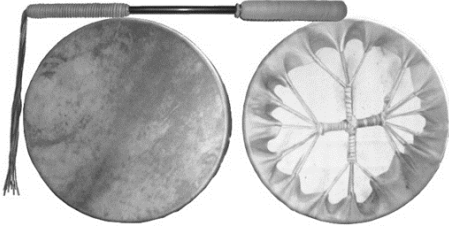
**Meet Mike Shannon** from the VFW Post in Joshua Tree, CA. He was originally a member of Seneca Lodge in New York and in 1978 became the committee chairman for Pack 78 at the Marine Corps Base in Twentynine Palms. On February 3 Aca Chapter held their meeting at the VFW Post and Mike decided to celebrate the scouts coming by wearing his old scout uniform. This is the first time that he's worn his

uniform shirt since 1979. He may not have worn a scout uniform in 41 years, but his scouting spirit is still strong.

We like Mike, he's awesome.

# Upcoming Events

## Cahuilla Lodge Indain Affairs Day, August 7



Come be a part of Cahuilla Lodge's annual Indian Affairs Day and learn about the Native American aspects of the Order of the Arrow program. Activities include demos on Native American Pow Wow style dancing and drumming, special guest speaker, hand drum making, sand painting, how to make a choker, and a heritage display.

The cost is only \$5 per person plus the cost of each craft class that you would like to join.



## Summer Ordeal Induction Weekend At Camp Emerson, August 13-15

This will be the last chance of 2021 for OA candidates that were elected for OA membership to complete their Ordeal Induction.

## CIEC Adventure Weekend, September 25



Cahuilla Lodge members are asked to help with our lodge's duties at the annual CIEC Adventure Weekend at Glen Helen Regional Park. Cahuilla Lodge will be hosting activities on the "OA Island" and we will be showcasing our camp promotion booth. We are also looking for volunteers to help

with the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning.

## Section W4S Conclave, October 8-19



Don't miss the largest OA event in Southern California, the Section W4S Conclave. This is when all 3 lodges in our section come together for a weekend of fun and fellowship! You'll have the opportunity to participate in sports competitions, attend great training classes, and make new friends from other Scouts BSA Councils. This year's theme is "Buccaneers" and the conclave will be held at Camp Tahquitz. You can register to attend the conclave by visiting the Cahuilla Lodge website at [www.snakepower.org](http://www.snakepower.org).