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MILITARY APPRECIATION BOOK

In Honor of **RICHARD FRANK** WORLD WAR II ARMY VETERAN



Respected Athabascan leader and Doyon Elder, Richard Frank, was born August 2, 1927, and passed away September 20, 2012, in Fairbanks at the age of 85. Frank, the youngest sibling of 10, grew up living a subsistence lifestyle moving between Rampart, Stevens, Village, and Minto, Alaska.

Frank became involved in community projects at a very young age and joined the workforce at age 13. At age 18, Frank enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in the Pacific theatre during World War II.

After serving for the Army Air Corps, Frank was hired as an aircraft mechanic for Wien and Boeing on the North Slope of Alaska. He also worked on the Tanana and Yukon River "steamboats" carrying freight to rural areas of Alaska.

Later, he met his wife, Dr. Rev. Anna Frank. Together they had two daughters, Roxanne and Robin, and two sons, Parker and Darrell.

Frank was a distinct advocate for Alaska Native rights and land claims, serving as Chief of the Minto Tribal Council, President of the Minto Village Corporation, and a Board Member of Tanana Chiefs Conference. In 2001, he was appointed by Governor Tony Knowles to the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council.

Frank was recognized in the September 12, 2012, edition of the Congressional Record, an article stating that Frank's "leadership, recognized throughout the state, is one of the reasons that the Native people of Alaska won their battle for land claims with the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971," ensuring that his life and work will remain a permanent part of America's history.

Message to **SHAREHOLDERS**



Dear Doyon Shareholders,
Alaska Natives and American Indians have played a vital role in every branch of the United States military for over 200 years and continue to serve in great numbers.

As Native Americans, we make up for the largest per capita of any ethnic group that has served and serves in the U.S. military since the American revolution. Even when they didn't hold U.S. citizenship, our veterans served in World War I to protect our land and freedom, and in World War II to protect our freedom from others.

I am incredibly humbled by those that continue to voluntarily serve to protect our freedom. My appreciation for our servicemen and women goes beyond this book.

Doyon, Limited publishes its annual military appreciation booklet in honor of our World War II veteran and shareholder, Richard Frank, and all other shareholder veterans and service members.

Sincerely,

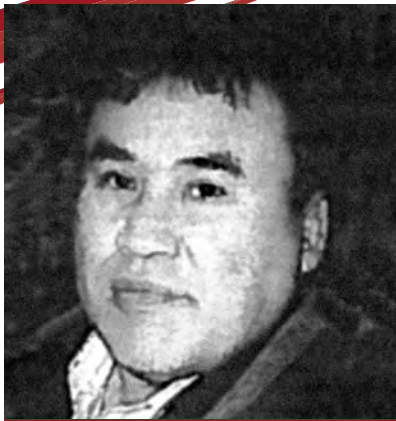
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“Military educates and instills; discipline, integrity, good work ethic, motivation, set goals, and initiative.”

- *Gregory A. Patsey
(U.S. NAVY),
Minto, AK*



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“Gabriel Pitka from Kaltag, served 4 years, 4 months honorably in the Marine Corps. A message would be: best and worst years of my life but worth it. Ever since I saw my first recruiter in high school, I knew what I wanted to do, and my school counselor, Eddie Hornsby, made it happen. If anyone wants to ask questions about the Marine Corps, don't be afraid to ask me. I don't sugar coat anything.”

- *Gabriel Pitka
(U.S. MARINES),
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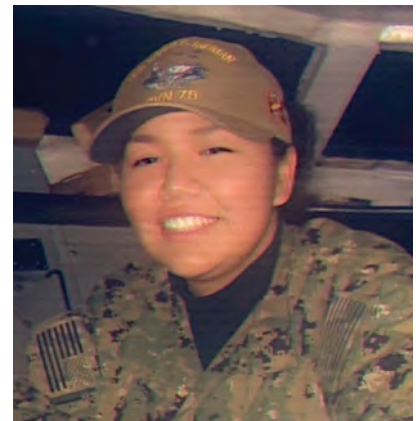
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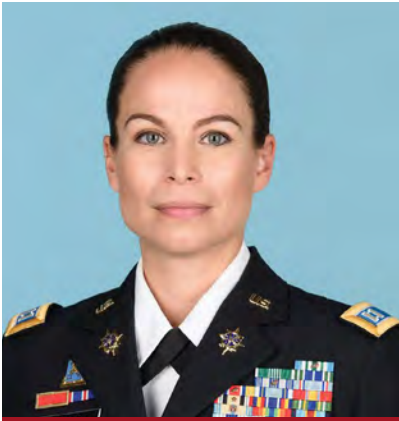


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ARMY

Jamie A. BENTON

Tanana



NAVY

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At-large

“Giving yourself in service to your country is something that is a part of our Native culture. We are taught to respect other people and do what’s good for your community. I honor my fellow veterans before and after, that have and will make this ‘One Nation Under God, his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit,’ Amen.”

- *Gabe Titus*
(U.S. ARMY),
Minto, AK



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“I would highly recommend the military to our young men and women coming out of high school. My suggestion would be to enter into a career field that you could use in civilian life. One you enjoy. Godspeed.”

- *Sean Wigley*
(U.S. ARMY, ANG),
Noorvik, AK



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“My name is Rachel Silvera, maiden name Patsey. I am from Nulato. I served in the U.S. Navy for 8 years and 10 months. I joined because I wanted to travel outside the state of Alaska and take advantage of the G.I. Bill the military offered. I learned a lot from serving as an active duty member, such as independence, discipline, and leadership qualities. I was very nervous at first to join because I was getting out of my comfort zone, which was home, but everything turned out to be just fine. I am very proud of where I grew up and never hesitated to tell people when they asked. Small village in Alaska off of the Yukon River. They were, and some people still are, astonished of the state of Alaska. I now am taking advantage of the G.I. Bill going to school to become a Medical Laboratory Technician.”

-Rachel Silvera (Patsey)
(U.S. NAVY),
Nulato, AK



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“Few things you will gain and learn: discipline, self esteem, learn and life in different culture, see the world, education, benefit for later in life. I am proud to be a U.S. Veteran.”

-William Derendoff (U.S. NAVY)



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Huslia



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William DERENDOFF
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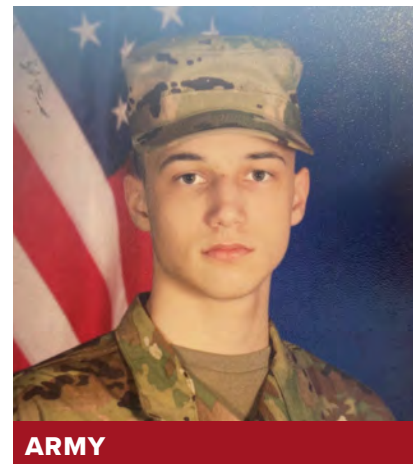
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“I encourage you to join the military in whatever branch you choose. It's a good opportunity to see the world and get educated at same time. Remember freedom and to keep our country safe is important to all in the USA.”

-Joslin Olin (U.S. NAVY)



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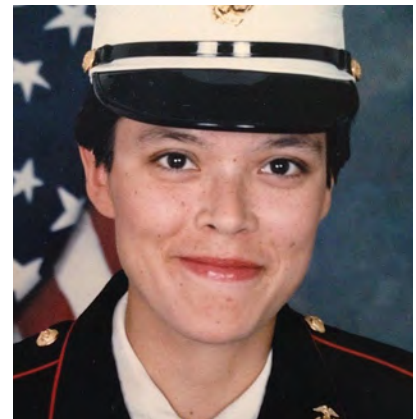
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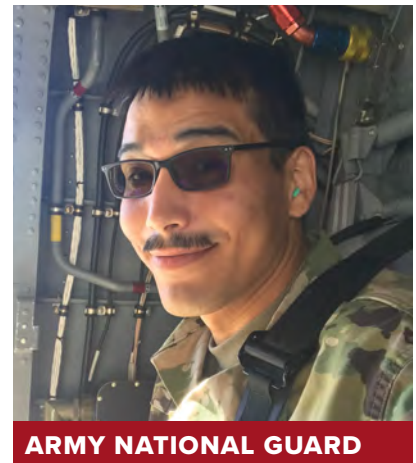
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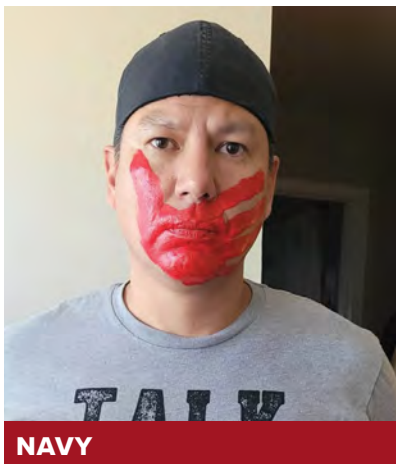
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Venetie



NAVY

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FROST** ★

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“Joining the United States Navy was a great experience and fulfilled a part of our civic duty as American citizens. With the help of our Athabascan core values and the right people, one can achieve great success while maintaining our culture. The journey in life is full of adventures and failures but since the destination is the same for everyone, one must continue to be true to oneself and embrace change. I am proud that I served with who did but also especially proud to be Koyukon Athabascan. Happy Veteran’s Day from my wife Erin and I.”

-Harlan David Esmailka
(U.S. NAVY),
Allakaket, AK



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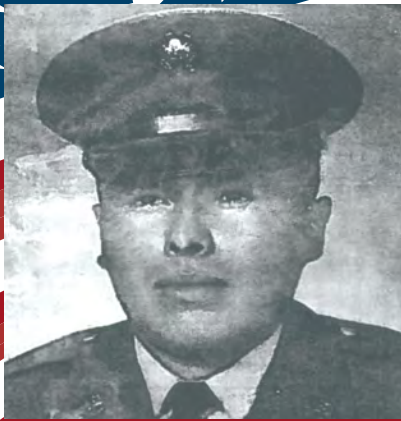
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“I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve in the military. I don’t consider this a job because this career of service has been a true blessing. As an Army nurse, I am able to integrate the values of our people into my daily life and I am privileged to be here to represent such a rich culture. I want to give honor to the Lord for guiding me to this path and also to my grandma, Virginia Starr, for instilling hard work and wisdom in me at an early age. She is the reason I am currently in the Army Nurse Corps. I look forward to using the skills I have attained in the Army to abolish health care disparities in Alaska and continue to serve our community in the future.”

-Erin Lee Esmailka-Oberholtzer
(U.S. NAVY),
Westminster, MD

“Taking the first step on any goal is always the biggest and scariest step but so worth it.”

-Katelyn Renae Kangas
(U.S. NAVY),
Fairbanks, AK



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**Dara
LESLIE**

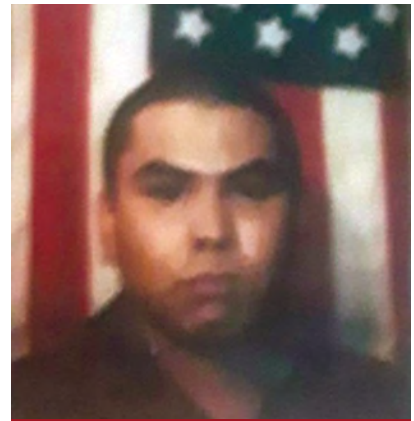
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Nulato



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Stevens Village



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Marie McCARTY

Galena

“Lest We Forget Our Heritage:

To all, in everyday life please do your best to make the correct decision for the aspect and well-being of our people, but also in every interaction that concerns the welfare of our Native veterans.

Some of these men and women are still fighting for their lives daily, hourly.

Not only do the men, women, and children of our Native culture fight against the stigmatization of our people, but some within our culture battle against suicide ideation, and is very much relevant to our veterans who have suffered, and are still suffering the horrors of war.

For fear that we forget the strength of our blood, we must build one another up to the height of our Chiefs, our Elders, our ancestors. We must guide one another to the light through the darkness in all aspects of life. So each one of us remembers how to hold our head high through the storms, so each one of us remembers the strength of our Native blood.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-15”

-Nathan Thomas
(U.S. MARINES),
Tok Junction, AK



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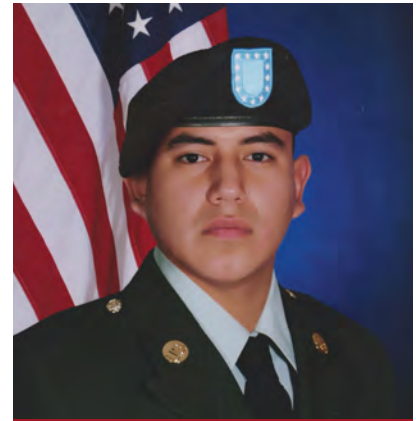
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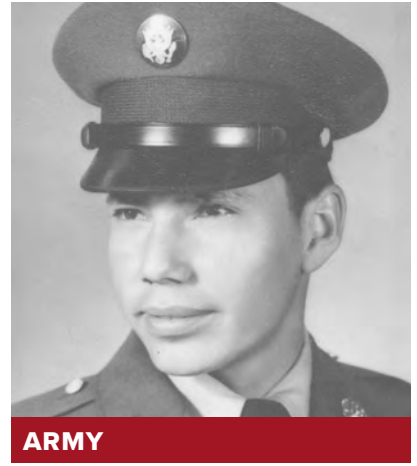
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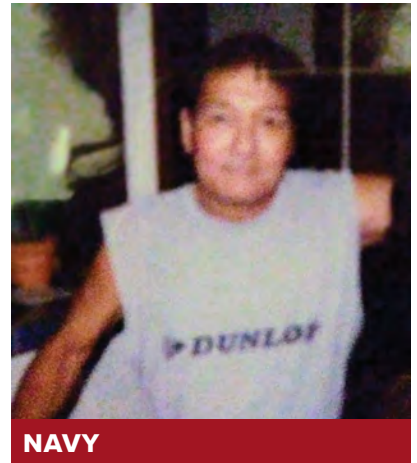
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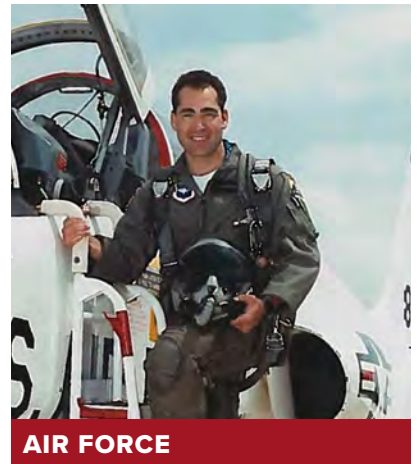
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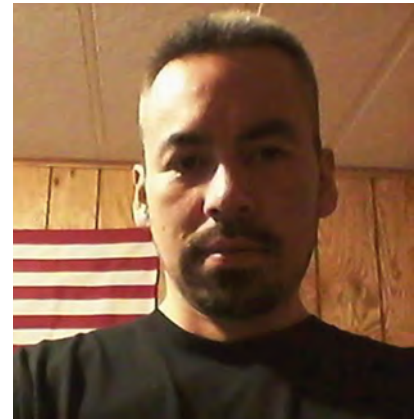
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