

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

- Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day.

It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.

How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,

When everything was still

I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"

When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands

With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard

At the bottom of the sea

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No, freedom isn't free.



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ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL

Memorial Day May 30th, 2011

1400 Hours

Great Overland Station
701 N. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Great Overland Station – All Veterans Memorial
701 N. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66608
May 30, 2011, 1400 Hours

– PROGRAM –

Welcome by Colonel Dan Welch, USMC

Posting of Colors by
American Legion WE –TA – SE Post 410

National Anthem by Emily Cottrell

Patriotic Song by Emily Cottrell

Invocation by Lieutenant Mike Welch, USA

Honoring Soldiers of the Services and Wars

Introduction of Guest Speaker
by Colonel Dan Welch

Address by Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz

Appeal for All Veterans Memorial
Maintenance Fund

Closing Remarks by Colonel Dan Welch

Moment of Silence

Taps

Retirement of Colors by
American Legion WE-TA-SE Post 410

Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Our speaker today is Chairman Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB). Chairman Ortiz attended and graduated from Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas and earned a Bachelors of Business Administration from Washburn University located in Topeka, Kansas. Steve has 22 years of management experience with major corporations such as IBM, Kansas Power and Light and Hallmark Cards.

Chairman Ortiz has an Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps as an Infantryman 0311/0351 MOS and served from 1969-1971 attaining the rank of Lance Corporal. Not content with just serving with the Marines, Lance Corporal Ortiz joined the United States Army Reserves, where he served with the 410 EVAC Hospital SMBL from 1974-1976, receiving an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Specialist-5/E-5. Steve is a life member of American Legion Post 410 We-Ta-Se and served on Post Color and Honor Guard Unit.

His corporate and military experience has served him well in his current duties as Tribal Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. His term of office started in 2007 and is scheduled to end in 2014. Prior to his election as the Tribal Chairman, Steve has compiled a remarkable record of service to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and other affiliated tribes. Eight years as the Secretary for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation: President of the Three Kansas Tribes' (PBPB, Sac & Fox, Iowa's) Health Board, a Direct Service Unit: Chairman and Secretary of the PBPB Health Board Compacted

Tribe: Vice-Chairman and Member of the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board: Chairman and Secretary of the PBPB Housing Board: Chairman and Secretary of the PBPB Utility Corporation: Member of the National Indian Gaming Commission Task Force on Health and Safety in Indian Casinos: PBPB Alternative Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association: PBPB Alternative Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians: Member of the United States Department of Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee (2010-2012).

Chairman Ortiz has worked extensively with regulatory agencies and Banking and Financial Institutions to protect the integrity of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort operations, and to continue the economic development of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. His extraordinary contributions at the local, state and federal level, has been recognized by his work as a Tribal Representative for Indian Affairs and Tribal Development and his strong relationship with the Regional Federal Director for United States Department of Health and Human Services.



About the All Veterans Memorial Monument: *The 50 State Flags and US Flags need to be replaced about 3 times a year at a cost of approximately \$7,000 each time. The funds are received strictly by donations and the sale of bricks engraved and permanently embedded in the surrounding concrete approaches at the Memorial.*