

Presentations - Feb 23, 2010



Drummers, Wayne Ward, Clarence Ward (center) Christopher Ward, Layne Steinhauer and Wilfred Steinhauer

Jim Medley, President, Kees Kikkert, Vice President, and Jerry Plastow, Treasurer, represented the Edmonton Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association in making 2 presentations to the schools of Whitefish Lake First Nations (Pakan School) and Saddle Lake Cree Nation Secondary School (Kihew Asiniy).

We met Cpl. Delve and Sgt. Sawatsky at the Saddle Lake Detachment. Insp. C. Demerais and Cst. V. Woods, "K" Div. Aboriginal Policing, also travelled to the schools and attended the ceremonies.

Transportation was provided for us by Cpl. Delve to the Whitefish Lake First Nations Reserve. He indicated there is an excellent relationship between the residents of this Reserve and the RCMP. This became evident by the interaction with everyone at the Pakan School. The school itself was spotless, as was the Reserve, unlike 1966-67 when Kees and myself had patrolled there.

Our presentation of a buffalo robe was done with traditional ceremony, including smudging and a Cree Prayer. A procession of honored guests, including ourselves, was led into the school gym by five drummers who were also singing in Cree.

The buffalo robe was laid out on a table for all to view. After the official presentation and speeches, individual thanks were made by every student and teacher. A hearty lunch was provided and enjoyed before returning to the Saddle Lake First Nations Reserve.



Jerry L-R - Cpl. Robert Delve, Whitefish Lake CTA, Georgina Halfe, Kees Kikkert, Jim Medley, Jerry Plastow



Plastow receiving a gift of a blanket.

Photographs of the presentation of Drum making kits to the students at the Kihew Asinily School - Saddle Lake Cree Nation Secondary School Feb 23, 2010.

In the afternoon, our presentation of 13 drum making kits was made to the staff and students of Kihew Asinily (Saddle Lake Cree Nation Secondary School). A traditional drum, rattles, and song presentation was given by several students.

Overall, we were very impressed with the warm relationship between the residents of both First Nations Reserves and members of the RCMP.

These donations have proven to be very worthwhile, highly regarded, and much appreciated by the recipients.

Submitted by Jerry.

Students making new drums from material provided.



Vincent Steinhauer, Kees Kikkert, Jim Medley,
Jerry Plastow and Brent Sawatsky.



Drums at the Kihew Asinily school



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