



Specialist Pearle Hare (l-r), 1SG Daniel S. Gilliss, PBC Vice-President Charles Lone Chief, PBC Secretary Linda Jestes, President Marshall Gover, Council Seat 2 Representative Karla Knife Chief, SFC Sgt. David Murphy and Cpt. Chris Rains stand around the plaque created by the Bravo/Pawnee Company.

Pawnee Tradition honored among the U.S. Military

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The long-time tradition of the Pawnee warriors is now joined by the modern technologies of the U.S. military. Bravo Company 486th Civil Affairs BN of the U.S. Army will now be referred to as the Bravo/Pawnee Company. Other units include the Alpha/Apache, Charlie/Comanche, HQ/Seminole and the Delta/Dakota.

“We chose the Pawnee Tribe due to the rich history and because we identify with the members as warriors fighting for freedom,” said 1st Sgt. Daniel Gilliss. “As my team researched the different tribes, the main thing that caught our interest in Pawnee was the Tribe’s history of battle and the members’ abilities to successfully combat hostile forces to protect their families and lands.”

SFC David Murphy, team sergeant with the Bravo/Pawnee Company, provided some background about the regiment.

The 486th Civil Affairs Company started in July of 1955 as a U.S. Army Reserve unit based in Tulsa, Okla. and serving primarily on overseas missions.

In 1989, the 486th Civil Affairs Company changed to the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion. This resulted in a new jurisdiction under the U. S. Army Reserve Special Operations Forces. Currently, this unit is referred to as the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

In addition to providing support for SOUTHCOM consisting of Hurricane Mitch relief and the New Horizons and Safe Haven outreach, the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion conducted training or operations in various commands. These assignments encompassed the following commands; European, Pacific, Northern and Central Command, which includes Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Since 9/11, the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion has been involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operations in the Horn of Africa.

The Bravo/Pawnee Company will present a plaque to the Pawnee Nation on Oct. 15 during an official ceremony held at the Tulsa Armed Forces Reserve Center located in West Tulsa.

During this time, Pawnee Nation President Marshall Gover will honor the soldiers with a flag representing the Pawnee Nation Tribe. The soldiers will also wear badges created in the image of the Pawnee Flag on their helmets.

A member of the command, Specialist Pearle Hare, is the daughter of Karen Haymond, enrollment assistant for Pawnee Nation, and Walter Hare. Hare's son, Ian Ralph Cramer, is 7 months old.

"On behalf of the Pawnee Nation, I'm very honored to be represented by the brave men and women of the Bravo/Pawnee Company," Gover said. "It's truly a privilege to be associated with individuals that carry such honor and pride."

"I'm also proud of our Tribe members that have either previously served or who are currently representing our Country. I ask that all Tribe members keep these men and women in their prayers as they stand ready to fight on behalf of our Nation."

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