

# EDITOR FOR TALKING LEAVES SOUGHT

The Cherokee Talking Leaves, official news letter of the Southeastern Cherokee council, is looking for a person with editorial ability to become Associate editor of this newsletter.

Such a person should recognize that this is a voluntary position that is performed out of a desire to serve the tribe and benefit the communications between all the tribal peoples scattered across this great country. Such a person would need to have writing ability and reasonably good computer skills.

Such a person should be able to make a long term commitment to the position and have the ability to garner news from the various bands and individuals in the tribe. This position would be a position that would lead into becoming the Editor in Chief of the Cherokee Talking Leaves.

Interested persons should contact Rick Runningbear either by E mail, regular mail, or phone. Contact information is:

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The Cherokee Talking Leaves has been serving the Tribe almost from its inception. For many years the editor was John Night Eagle Curtis. The current editor is Rick Runningbear Dunifer, who has been editor since 2008.

As the leadership positions of the tribe are often filled with elders who are aging there is an ever present need of "young blood" to step up to the plate and carry the torch of responsibility for the tribe.

Anyone with journalism training or experience, who has worked in a newspaper printing establishment, or simply has an interest in promoting the continuation of Talking Leaves is invited to apply. # # #

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEODORE JONES IV (T.J.)

By Jim Howling Wolf Allison

I was honored to speak at T.J.'s funeral. There were men and women in uniform representing all four branches of Service of this great nation. They lined the hallways holding in attention our American flags.

T.J. was a sniper and the last survivor of the many teams he served with. Like many men returning from combat duty he had serious issues. This nation failed to recognize his distress: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

I personally knew this young man. He and his parents are members of the Southeastern Cherokee Council. They were very close to the late Chief Thunderfoot of the Buffalo Creek Band.

T.J. was so proud of his Marine Core brotherhood as well as his Cherokee blood. T.J.'s Indian name was "Stalking Wolf".

T.J.'s life ended in a difficult way and only God truly understands. He was a confessed Christian and the Creator called him home. Our Bible teaches that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I spoke of the Cherokee ways of honoring the deceased and some persons stood and sang his praises.

We have not only lost a tribal member but have lost a defender of the freedom this country has.

T.J. left behind a family, wife, child, and another on the way. We lost a great young warrior, friend, and brother. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Walk In Peace,

*Jim Howling Wolf Allison  
of Chota*



**THEODORE JONES, IV : BORN NOVEMBER 9, 1985, DIED MARCH 21, 2013**

According to newspaper reports, T.J. Jones was shot by police officers when he failed to drop a pistol, when ordered, that he had been firing. He died later at a local hospital. He had been suffering from "flash backs" that was one of the symptoms of his Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which has also afflicted many other military veterans returning from conflicts in war zones.

His father later posted this message on Facebook:

"Today I feel great pain. My beloved son, Theodore "TJ" Jones IV, last night suffered another flash back to his combat service as a U.S. Marine. He has lost the battle with PTSD. This morning he sits within sight of Creator and Jesus. He now smokes the Pipe with other warriors who fought to defend their beliefs. Thanks for your prayers and thoughts."



*Editor's Note: Some of our bravest and most decorated military veterans were persons of Native blood. It seems to "be in our Native blood" to be patriotic and defend our nation and families and way of life.*

*We of the Southeastern Cherokee Council honor our brave soldiers and send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the loved ones of Theodore (T.J.) Jones IV*

