

Answers to Local Issues

Jerry Geronimo Martin: A Leader for Camp Verde

Introduction: I am Jerry Geronimo Martin, a Chiricahua Apache and proud descendant of the legendary Geronimo. I've been married for 25 years and have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Camp Verde has been my home since 2017, but my commitment to community service extends throughout my life.

Experience and Qualifications: My background is as diverse as the challenges Camp Verde faces. Serving as a Marine Corps Medic in Vietnam with the "Walking Dead" instilled in me the values of discipline, service, and resilience. My Bronze Star Medal is a testament to my commitment to protecting others. Beyond the military, I've been a successful truck driver, a Fiber Optic Engineer, and an entrepreneur who built and ran HarePin Communications. As a US Government Contractor Buyer, I learned to navigate complex systems. As a licensed Real Estate Agent, I understand the importance of responsible growth and development.

Community Involvement: For the past five years, I've volunteered at Fort Verde State Park, sharing history with young minds and visitors. I'm actively involved in veteran organizations like the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League, and Vietnam Veterans of America, ensuring the voices of those who served are heard. As a member of the Worship Team at Parkside Community Church, I understand the importance of faith and unity. My community involvement extends to being the Neighborhood Watch Captain for our Emergency Preparedness Team and working to recognize Native American participation in American wars, a testament to inclusivity.

Vision for Camp Verde: I'm running for office because I believe Camp Verde deserves strong, ethical leadership. My priorities are clear: responsible growth, enforced codes, and a fair system that benefits everyone. The current zoning practices lack transparency and favoritism needs to be eradicated. We must uphold the Town Plan's separation of residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Establishing a Magistrate will address code violations effectively. The Yavapai Nation is a vital part of our community, and their voices deserve representation at the table. Similarly, the needs of disabled residents must be prioritized through accessible infrastructure.

Open Communication: Transparency and clear communication are cornerstones of effective leadership. Council members must actively listen to residents' concerns and provide timely responses. I pledge to be the voice for the vast majority, the 97%, who deserve a fair and responsible government.

Conclusion: My experience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to ethical leadership make me the ideal candidate to represent Camp Verde. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive community. Thank you.