

Tanake, fellow Tribal members,

My name is Phillip George, also known as P.K. My great-grandparents were Zacariah T. George and Emily Elizabeth Cobb, and my grandparents were Moroni J.J.T. George and Hattie Jane Milling. My father is Claude L. George. My grandmother taught me to care for others and to have compassion, while my grandfather taught me the rewards of hard work and patience.

In my sixty-plus years, I have learned many valuable lessons. I served as a proud Sailor, covering 5 continents, seven seas, and five oceans for this great nation. I have faced numerous close calls in operations and have overcome significant health issues, leaving me permanently disabled. I believe that surviving these experiences means I have a purpose to fulfill, a path I am unaware of.

My life experiences have prepared me to handle extreme circumstances and remain calm and rational, especially when making decisions with potentially immediate negative reactions. I am running for the Executive Committee because I feel a duty to help my tribe in any way I can. I want to use my experiences to positively influence and motivate our younger tribal members, helping them to be self-sufficient, productive, and achieve their goals.

Life is passing rapidly, so we must set our goals and take the appropriate steps to reach them. Being a council member of a tribe today comes with challenges, and decisions must be made based on information from all sides to ensure the best outcome for all members.

We have much to be thankful for, despite the challenges of living in a world where many face instability, inequality, and economic downturn. I want to contribute to our tribe and people, ensuring that we are prepared for the future and the changing climate does not cast a shadow over our children's and grandchildren's futures.