**Wi xast sxelxalt psnaqssyilxtet, incha kn ka?oup lus enim kl’a (Thunder and Lightning)**

**Dan Nanamkin - candidate for Colville Confederated Tribes Business Council, Nespelem position #2**

I am a servant to our tribal people, committed to our cultural survival, safety and wellbeing.

My mother, Annabelle Broncheau was from the Wallowa band of Nez Perce. My father, John Andrews (Okanogan/Sinixst) was a brave proud Korean War veteran. I was raised with service/spirituality in the home of Nancy/Paul James. Now, my loving family stands strong in culture and work ethic to break the cycles of violence and historic trauma to raise our next generation leaders in clean sober homes with love, indigenous values and language.

I’ve worked since I was 17 for our tribe with devotion as: A wild land fire fighter, forestry, police officer - “officer of the year 1991.” Tribal gaming agent, housing authority, health education, a cultural school teacher, youth prevention programs, and the director of the Nespelem Community center where I personally funded many community events. I experienced life off reservation while developing a family prevention program in California

For the past four years, I traveled the nation as an activist for indigenous rights and humanity. I am currently studying in a Washington State teacher’s lab to develop curriculum to advocate for indigenous education to become mainstream and inspiring for our children.

I have written grants and opened my home to provide a cultural resource center known as **The Young Warrior Society** Sovereignty land camp. In **Unity** with a nationwide network of skilled volunteers, we inspire our youth to become respectful stewards of mother earth rooted to our natural resources/ traditional foods/plant medicines, while learning permaculture, green energy and breaking down racial barriers. “We control our food, we control our future!"

Internationally, I have spoken at numerous events, documentaries, news, film and Ted Talk to promote tribal food security, cultural education, land back, and for indigenous environmental and social justice. **Water is life!**

Locally, I gladly volunteer reservation wide, during fire relief efforts, search and rescue missions, at schools/colleges, convalescent center, participate at sweat lodge, ceremonies and funerals. During COVID, I helped numerous sick families with food and plant medicines then started the **Honor All Life** pod cast to support those hurt with grief/loss/depression.

I humbly listen to spiritual knowledge keepers in ceremony who say, we must stand strong as **One people** together. Our cultural laws must lead our way.

By listening to our elders, homeless, off reservation tribal members, veterans, jobless, matriarchs, youth and those struggling with addictions/poverty I share numerous ideas on my web site: [www.nanamkin.com](http://www.nanamkin.com) that comes from the heart of the people who are underserved and unheard. I understand that same struggle in poverty and as a care taker of the elderly. My hope is to inspire our tribal leadership toward compassion to listen intently to the voices of all our people.

Water is now a commodity on Wall Street. We must be prepared for serious financial challenges ahead. For the upcoming CARES act funding, we must include a greater sustainable solution.

Colonization has been hard on us all. In my mistakes I ever made, I am a product of that. Yet we come from a strong loving, forgiving resilient people where healing is possible. I stand before you with a very humble campaign, alongside many great candidates. Our creation stories and language provide our laws and guidance to live here in harmony as we have since time immemorial. That is the road I follow. We must never forget who we are and where we came. **TOGETHER WE SHALL RISE!!** Lemlempt.