

# Clark W. Tenakhongva

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**Goal:** Primary goal is to preserve, revitalize and maintain the language of the Hopi people and strive to impress and promote the importance of education particularly for the future generation.

**Education:**

Winslow High School

Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ

United States Army E7 Sergeant First Class

**Employment History:**

**United States Army,**

**Waynesville, MO**

**1975-1987**

Served as an Engineer and a heavy equipment operator during the first years of military service, but later became a combat Engineer and Demolition Specialist.

As a Demolition Specialist, disposed of explosive wastes and rejected powder-charged products in accordance with established safety regulations

Loaded trucks with waste, transported, and positioned waste in a specified manner for proper disposal

Set fire to waste products and materials and ensures complete destruction of all items in accordance with regulations.

**BIA Law Enforcement Officer**

**Kykotsmovi, AZ**

**1987-1989**

Enforced State, Tribal and Federal laws as necessary for safety and security.

Patrolled assigned areas, investigated activities and performed surveillance in an effort to prevent criminal activity through proper training and effective safety procedures.

Participated in community events to promote the department's image and programs.

Responded to calls for service pertaining to criminal activities and civil complaints. Secured the scene and conducted preliminary investigations.

Conducted follow up investigations as assigned and appeared in court to present evidence and testify as needed.

**Hopi Tribal Deputy Prosecutor      Keams Canyon, AZ      1989-1992**

Prepared and prosecuted through trial, in Hopi Tribal Court, all varieties of criminal charges, status offender petitions, and child welfare matters.

Appeared in Court on behalf of the Hopi Tribe in all of the aforementioned proceedings, and participated in multi-disciplinary review with other relevant departments.

Performed legal writing, research and trial preparation; interviewed victims, witnesses and complaining parties while drafting motions and responses.

Requested warrants and subpoenas from the Hopi Tribal Court in pending matters. Requested search warrants from Tribal court in conjunction with the Hopi Tribal Police

Assisted the Chief Prosecutor by appearing and arguing cases before the Hopi Court of Appeals.

**First Mesa Elementary School board member      Polacca, AZ      1989-2013**

As a member of the First Mesa Elementary School board, the board was responsible for approving a strategic plan, hiring a superintendent and monitoring the district accountability.

The School Board was also responsible for providing budget oversight which it accomplished adopting an annual budget, allocating resources to meet student needs, reviewing district expenditures and variances, authorizing payments, approving contracts and facility plans, as well as establishing schools by acquiring sites and erecting buildings.

The School board managed district policies by making appropriate rules, regulations, and bylaws.

Actively participated in board meetings both regular and special while attending work sessions and retreats collectively.

**DNA Legal Services Tribal Court Advocate      Keams Canyon, AZ 1993-1997**

Advocated in Hopi and Navajo Tribal Courts regarding all civil matters

Supported clients throughout court proceedings and explained the court proceedings to the client when necessary and appropriate.

Sought to obtain a clear understanding of the needs of the client by determining the facts and circumstances of the situation.

Reviewed available records regarding the client's family history, behavior, medical and mental health history, etc.

Sought cooperative solutions by acting as a facilitator among parties. Had regular and sufficient in person contact with the client to ensure intimate knowledge of the case and thereafter made fact-based recommendations to the court.

Monitored the implementation of court orders, ensuring that review hearings were held in accordance with the Law.

**Hotevilla Village Board member                      Hotevilla, AZ                      1994-2002**

Attended all board and committee meetings, special functions, and events on behalf of the Village of Hotevilla.

Actively and respectfully engaged in discussion of issues prior to taking or recommending any action on the issues at hand.

Engaged in funding development, strategic planning and the creation of an organization policy.

**Hopi Jr./Sr. High School, School board member   Polacca, AZ   1995-1999**

As a member of the Hopi Jr./Sr. School Board, the Board was responsible for approving a strategic plan, hiring a superintendent and monitoring the district accountability.

The School Board also had the responsibility of providing budget oversight by adopting an annual budget, allocating resources to meet student needs, reviewing district expenditures and variances, authorizing payments, approving contracts and facility plans

Managed district policies by making appropriate rules, regulations, and bylaws.

Actively participated in board meetings both regular and special while attending work sessions and retreats collectively.

**Cedar Unified School district School board member Jeddito, AZ 1996-2000**

As a member of the Cedar Unified School District School board, the board was responsible for approving a strategic plan, hiring a superintendent and monitoring the district accountability.

The School Board was also responsible for providing budget oversight which it accomplished adopting an annual budget, allocating resources to meet student needs, reviewing district expenditures and variances, authorizing payments, approving contracts and facility plans.

The School board managed district policies by making appropriate rules, regulations, and bylaws.

Actively participated in board meetings both regular and special while attending work sessions and retreats collectively.

**Staff Assistant Office of the Vice-Chairman, Hopi Tribe Kykotsmovi, AZ 1997-2000**

Managed and directed all internal and external office functions delegated to the Office of the Vice-Chairman, in addition to those governmental roles which required the Vice-Chairman's involvement.

Served as the Vice-Chairman's representative on Standing Committees and assisted in drafting legislation.

Worked with and offered support to Tribal Department Directors in the Pursuit of their goals and objectives.

Represented the Vice-Chairman in various meetings and gatherings in which the Vice-Chairman was absent or unable to attend.

**Department of Veteran's Affairs Outreach Counselor Keams Canyon, AZ  
2001-2017**

Conducted outreach activities in addition to greeting and screening veterans who sought services.

Recruited the targeted individuals for program participation, workshops, community meetings, surveys and other activities by developing and distributing outreach materials.

Networking with appropriate community organizations.

Responded to Veterans' requests for assistance by assessing their service needs and providing direct intervention, information and referral services as appropriate. Thereafter, followed up on these referrals in order to assess outcomes and provided additional services as required.

Maintained close professional relationships with and acted as a liaison to local service organizations in the target area.

Through the years of working with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, the Hopi Tribe received a Congressional Goal Medal for 10 Hopi Code-talkers and 32 other tribes.

**Vice-Chairman Hopi Tribal Council Kykotsmovi, AZ 2017-present**

Served as Constitutional Officer of the Hopi Tribal Council next in line to the Chairman

Served on various standing committees as appointed

Served as Acting Chairman upon the absences of the Chairman

Represented the Hopi Tribe when delegated and authorized

Served as the Hopi Tribe's Commissioner for the Bears Ears National Monument

**Hobbies/Other:**

Participant in Hopi Cultural Practices

KUYI Hopi Radio Personality

Avid Hopi Farmer and Rancher

Award winning Hopi Artist

Award winning Recording artist with canyon records

Fluent in the Hopi Language