

Iver Malutin

I was born at Kodiak, Alaska on June 30, 1931. My mothers name was Pelegaya A. (Lehktonin) Malutin. She was born at Afognak, Alaska in 1892. Her grandfather was Jacob Lehktonin, manager for the Russian American company. He was in charge of All Sea Otter Hunters.

My Dad was Senafont Malutin, born at Afognak, Alaska 18901. His Grandfather was from Kiev, Russia. His Grandfather and his Grandfather's brother came with Baronof in 1794. Both Lehktonin and Malutin married native women from Afognak.

My dad was reading and writing the Aleut language fluently in 1931 (according to Dr. Lydia Black) His only schooling was at Afognak Russian School.

My dad, mother and three children moved to Kodiak in 1917 to work with the Russian Church of which my dad was a choir director and robed reader.

In those days my father traveled all over the coast to most of the Orthodox coastal communities. The main food source, for these communities, was mostly traditional foods from the sea. We maintain a lot of those traditions today.

When I was a young boy, I remember my dad would take us hunting (ducks) and fishing. We didn't need grocery stores. As I got older my dad taught me all that he could as far as living a good life. So all my life I depended on and still depend on all our traditional foods on land and sea.

I graduated from Kodiak High School in 1950. I played basket ball in high school. I was inducted into the US Army in 1951. I was honorably discharged in 1953 as a Sergeant. I had a really good Army life, one high point was at 19, I was an expert on the M-1 rifle trained by another older man. Later I was selected to be on a training team of 6 enlisted men and one officer to travel and teach on many places in Alaska.

After the Army I went back to commercial salmon fishing of which I did for over 50 years. I also worked construction at many places in Alaska and Washington. I was the only native foreman on all the jobs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

I have been very lucky as I had many good jobs and appointments among them

- Served on the Fisherman's fund council appointed by Gov. Egan.
- Served on the Kodiak Community college Fisheries Board.
- Appointed to the City of Kodiak port and Harbor Advisory Board 25 years chairman of the board 21 years.
- Past President of Pioneers of Alaska Kodiak
- Past President Afognak Native Corporation
- Served on the Russian Church Council
- Dioceson Council member representing Diocese of Alaska

- White House Conference on Aging representing the Alaska Native Elder Health Advisory Committee for ANTHC and NRC.

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- I was appointed by Gov. Murkowski to serve on the Alaska Commission on Aging. The work with the Commission on Aging has promoted more collaboration between stakeholder agencies on aging for better health care services for all Alaskan elderly.
- State of Alaska subsistence advisory board
- I serve on the Alaska Native Elders Health Advisory Committee for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and the National Resource Center (NRC) for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders.
- Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council
- Kodiak Senior citizens Accreditation Board,
- Co-Chairman of Rural Roundtable Keep Kodiak Rural
- Board Member Koniag Regional Corporation
- Member of Koniag Shareholders Committee
- Present Sun'aq Tribe Councilmember
- Key note speaker at Environmental Conference, anchorage, AK
- Keynote speaker at the University of Alaska Anchorage annual Alaska Native Oratory Society out of the Alaska Native Studies Department.
- Currently distribute food for all Elders which includes Deer, Salmon, Elk, Ducks and any other foods I can get. These come from various agencies and people. State Troopers, road dill and illegal animal killed, sport fishermen, Charter operators, Ducks unlimited and Tribal councils.

AWARDS

- State of Alaska Legislative Award Honoring many years of voluntary service

Another area that I am really enjoying is the outreach to all schools, Elementary, High School and College. In the last five years I made presentations to; UAA, Anchorage, UAA, Kodiak, Baranof Museum, North Side Elementary 5 times, East Elementary 5 times, Peterson Elementary once and Kodiak High School several times. Also Kodiak Headstart.

I usually talk about Alaska history as documented by the Russian Orthodox Church, the Russian American Company. These two are the main Alaska History documented. Also I speak on indigenous people, Kodiak history, Native traditions and native way of life as it relates to subsistence today. I am on many boards that pertain to our subsistence life style. I attended almost all the subsistence meetings be they; State, Federal or Local. I also work with the tribes on Kodiak Island.

Now I am working on an awareness project to educate everyone in Kodiak to protect our natural foods and local resources by getting information on any development anywhere on Kodiak. I have brought this information to every entity in Kodiak. Before you damage any land please check with the; Tribal council, if there is any of our foods that will be destroyed. Berries are a big one. So we are on our way.