



My name is Shawn “Kack-Te-Ah-be” Walker. I am the son of Cecil “Key-O-Kum” Walker Jr., the grandson of Vestina “Mah ne” Nonken (Nioce), Great grandson of Joseph “Suak-Kwe-Hah Gah-Ba” Nioce and Alice “Paton-naw-Kwa” Nioce (Lasley). My grandmother proudly served on the Tribal Council throughout diverse years between 1976 to 2000, to include the development and start of the Nation’s casino. Her legacy is remembered within our community.

I am currently working on my Educational Doctoral Degree from Walden University. I completed my Master in Business Administration with a focus on Change Management from Friends University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Washburn University. I have been a law enforcement instructor for over 19 years, which included the following topics over the years: leadership, management, basic/advanced technical skills, and active threat training.

I proudly represent our Nation as a Military Veteran with over 21 years of service. In 2012, I retired from the Kansas Army Nation guard with three overseas tours, which included two in Iraq and one to Bosnia. Which over that time, I managed over 28 million dollars, supervised maintenance operations of 12 medical aircraft responsible for the south half of Iraq, managed four aircraft technical shops, and perform down aircraft recovery missions.

Over the last 24 years, I have served within law enforcement. Starting my career in tribal law enforcement with the Kickapoo Nation, and then being a part of the starting up of our Nation’s tribal police department in September 1997. I left the department in 1999 to expand my law enforcement knowledge. I spent ten years with the Mission Police Department, a suburb of Kansas City. I served as a Police Mentor in Afghanistan as part of the CIVPOL mission to training Afghan Board Police in Khowst Province. Before returning to the Nation as Chief of Police in 2013, after being Chief of Police in Pleasanton, Kansas.

In 2015, I had the opportunity to expand my ability to teach and provide training to other law enforcement officers within the United States. I left the Nation and joined the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. In the last five years, my territory has been Alaska, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Tribal Nations. Within that area, I have delivered training to over 1,900 law enforcement officers within the state, local, and tribal agencies. In February of 2020, I was appointed as a part-time deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff Office in Kansas.

I have been concerned with our direction these last few years, and have decided to run for the council member’s third seat on the Tribal Council. I want to see our Nation taking steps forward and supporting the growth of all our people. I feel a government should remember they work for **all the people**, should be **open with the people**, and **take accountability** to fix issues within the government. If elected to Tribal Council, here are a few of the things I would like to place my focus.

Stop the bleeding of our Nation. We are losing more members on the Nation’s rolls than we are gaining. In addition, it seems each general council meeting when finance gives their report fewer

enrolled children are showing up on the tribal rolls. A Band-Aid will not fix this bleeding, so as a Nation will have to come together for this issue. There is no reason we cannot take responsibility to solve the problem for the long-term. I think we owe it to our children who cannot be put on the rolls and their future children. I know many underlying issues that come with this problem. We need to solve these together, as a Nation is not a Nation without people.

Ways to reinforce our Nation's culture.

- Our Language is extraordinary and could be lost if not used. If possible, I would like to see our language department expanded. We should develop ways to engage more of our people to speak and write in Potawatomi. I would like to know if we could do on-line classes for those not within the Nation's boundary. The more we use and develop our Language, the more it will grow and hold with our people.
- We should develop an area where our people can come back with their families to share and remember the Nobility of our Nation. A place where the following can be shared; traditional ways, songs, hunting, fishing, tribal services, our history, etc.
- We need to save our history before its lost. I would like to see about developing a way to record the history, stories, and wisdom from all of our elders and to share it with our Nation. As we have seen with COVID-19, it is possible to lose that wisdom before its time.

I would like to expand our Nation's resilience programs, to provide help to those to overcome those issues they are facing. Over the years, our Nation has suffered many hardships, which have left scars on our Nation. We could have let that define who we are and played the victim, but we did not. We used each of these hardships and challenges to come closer together, which allowed us to discover new growth for our Nation. Nation's scars only shown what we have endured, but we determine who we are as a Nation.

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Thank you for your time, and I hope that you will support me in representing our Nation with your vote.

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