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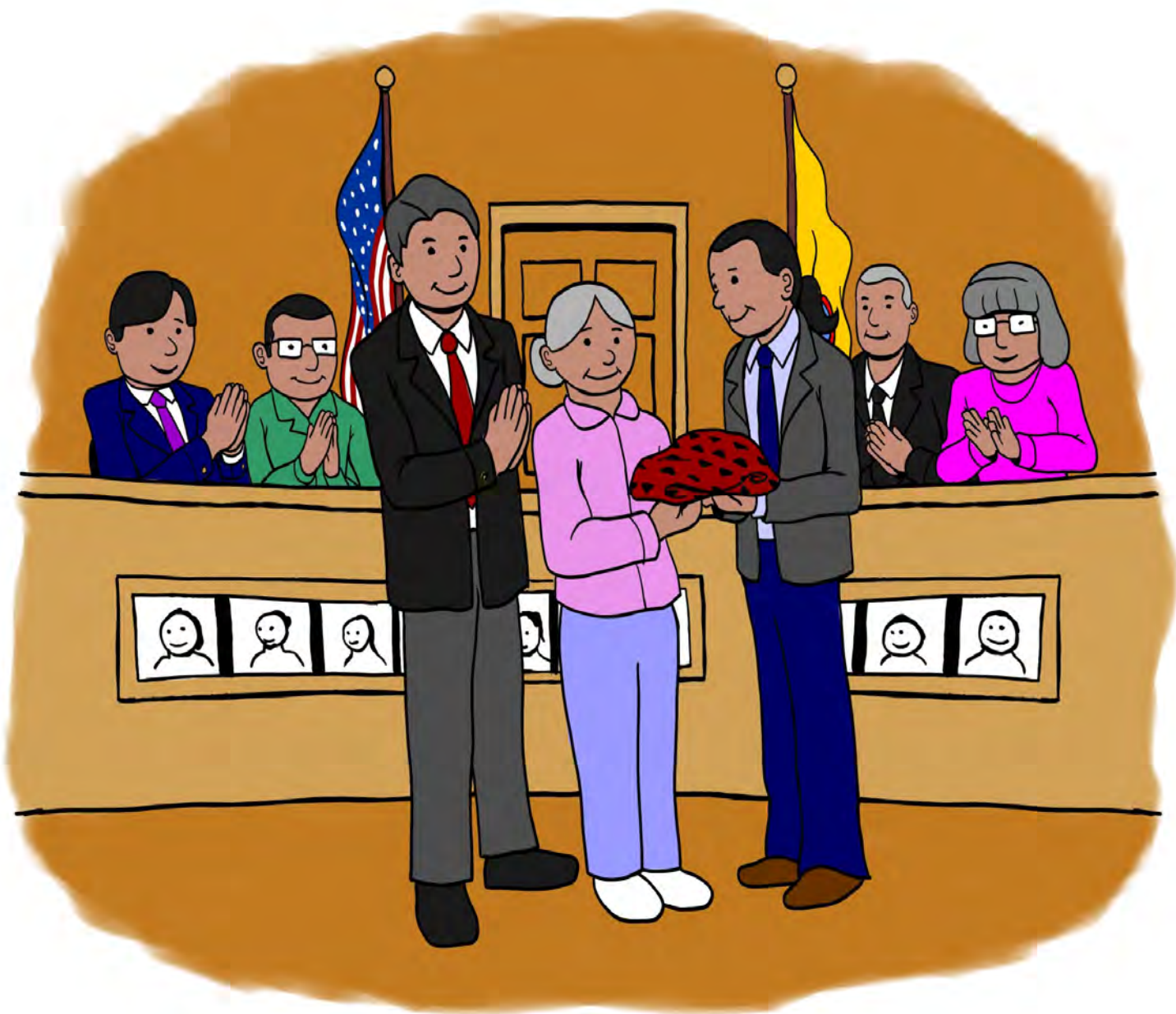


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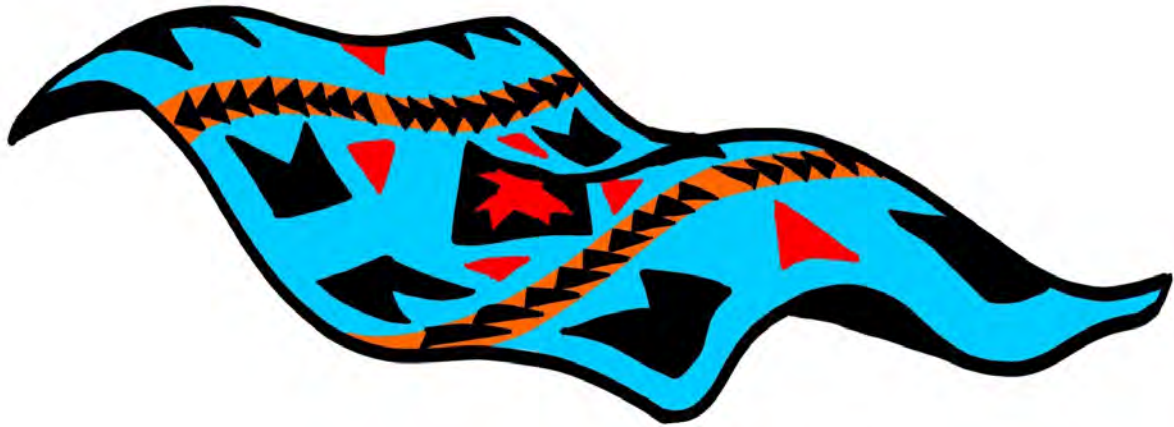
A very long time ago, many men and women of the Cherokee earned the title of Beloved.

These very special men and women were loved by all.

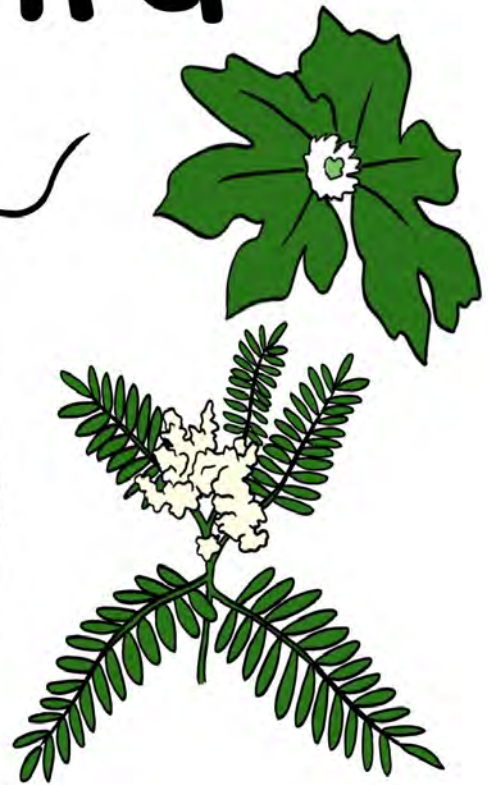


Today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
continues the tradition of honoring
very special people.

They are still called Beloved.



Ella Bird





Ella Bird (or Momma Bird) is a member of the Snowbird community. She is a Cherokee speaker who works hard to teach others about traditional foods and medicine.



Myrtle Driver





Myrtle Driver is a Cherokee speaker and a member of the Big Cove Community. She has worked to translate books into the Cherokee language, including the classic children's book "Charlotte's Web".



Lula Owl
Gloyne





Lula Owl Gloyne was the very first nurse (RN) of the EBCI. She was a member of the Yellowhill community and played a key role in helping to get the very first hospital built on the Qualla Boundary.



Louise Bigmeat

Maney





Louise Bigmeat Maney was a member of the Painttown community. She was a potter, well-known for her beautiful black and shiny pottery. She learned how to do pottery when she was a little girl.



Shirley Jackson
Oswalt





Shirley Jackson Oswalt was a Cherokee speaker and a member of the Snowbird community. Known for her beadwork and gourds, she took pride in teaching children Cherokee traditions and the Cherokee language.



Lieutenant Colonel
Kina B. Swayney





Lieutenant Colonel Kina B. Swayney was a member of the Yellowhill community. She was a military veteran who spent her life working to improve the lives of the EBCI and protect the rights of all Native Americans.



Amanda Swimmer





Amanda Swimmer was a member of the Big Cove community who was known for using traditional pottery methods with her hands instead of using a pottery wheel.



Maggie Axe Wachacha





Maggie Axe Wachacha was a member of the Snowbird community. She worked as a clerk for the EBCI Tribal Council for nearly 50 years and was known to have walked from her home in Snowbird to Cherokee, never missing a day of council. She was a mid-wife and also worked with traditional plants.



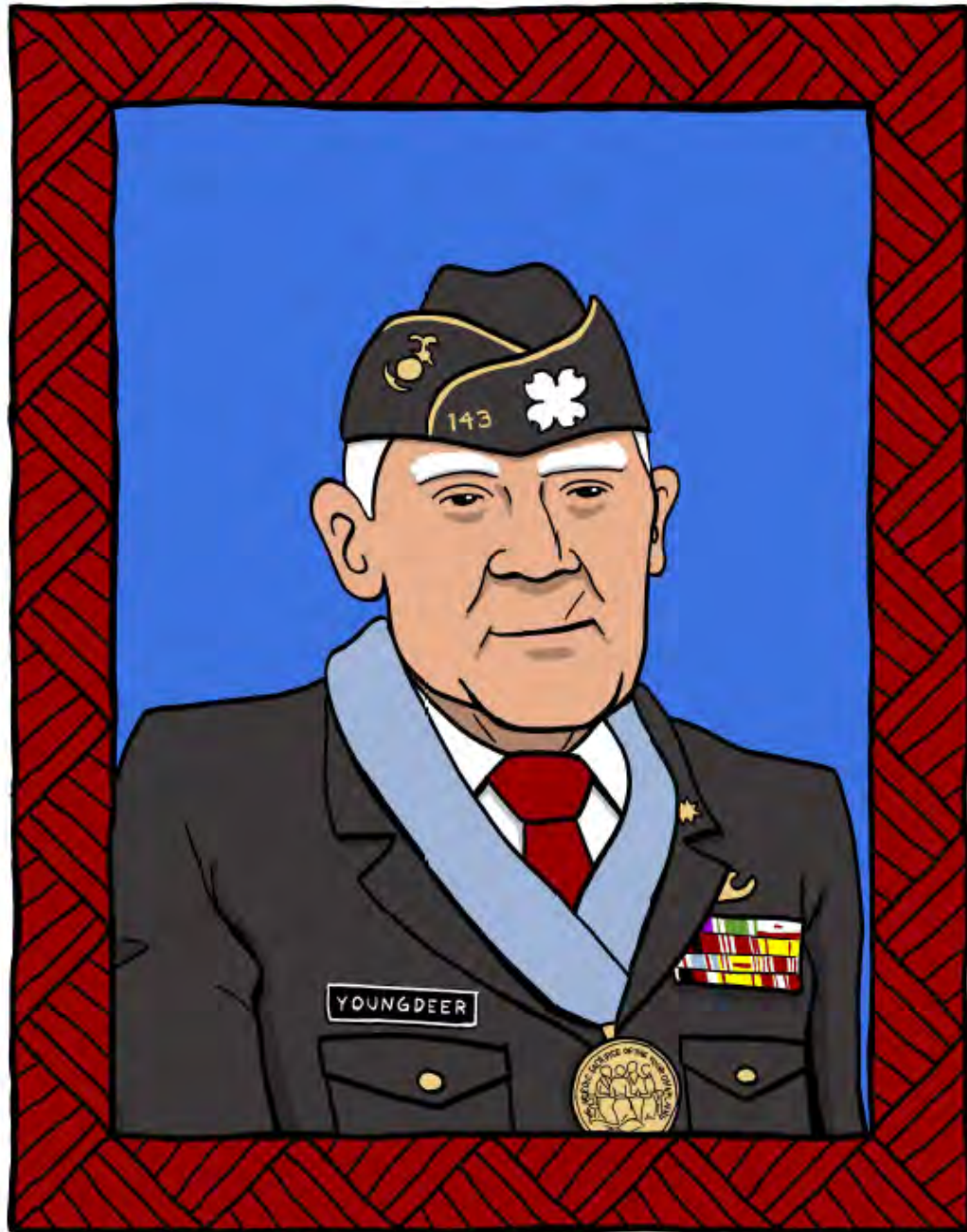


Jerry Wolfe, was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Big Cove Community. He was a Cherokee speaker, storyteller and stonemason. He was also known for his work making stickball sticks.



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Chief Robert
S. Youngdeer





Chief Robert S. Youngdeer was a member of the Birdtown Community and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp and U.S. Army. He was given the Purple Heart after he was wounded in combat. He also served as Principal Chief of the EBCI in 1983.

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They are loved, honored
and respected

