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BILLY MILLS

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Christian Name: William Mervin Mills
Lakota Name: Tamakoce Te'Hila

BIOGRAPHY

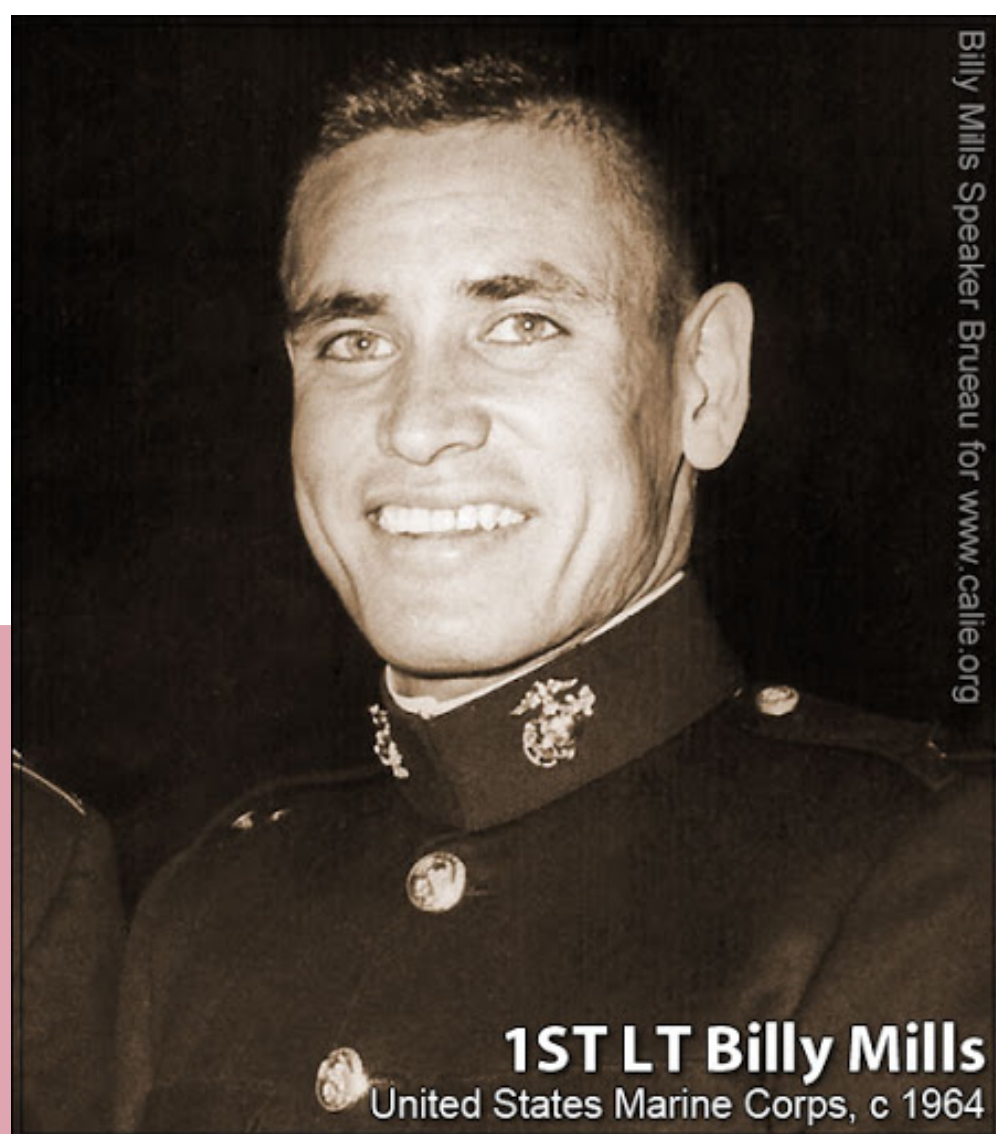
- Born June 30, 1938 on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota
- Age 8 Mom died, Age 12 Dad died
- Attended Haskell Institute and began running career
- 1962 Married Patricia

CAREER

- Received a scholarship to University of Kansas
- 3 time NCAA All-American cross-country runner
- 1960 won individual title at Big Eight cross country championships
- University of Kansas team were National Champions '59 and '60
- 1962 Joined Marine Corps.
- 1964 won 10,000m race at Tokyo Olympics

CULTURE

- 1986 Co-founded Running Strong for American Indian Youth and current spokesperson
- 2012 Awarded Presidential Citizens Medal from President Obama
- 2014 started Dreamstarter grant program



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