

Men's Fire hears of 'facebook warriors' at 40th anniversary of AIM

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Two Six Nations' Men's Fire delegates attended the 40th anniversary of the founding of the American Indian Movement to hear more people needed to walk the walk and be more than 'facebook warriors.'

"We wanted to go down there and see what kind of ideas we could get from

them for the men's fire," said Lester Green, an Oneida, Bear Clan.

Buddy Johnson and Lester Green gave talks on the dish with one spoon and presented tobacco to Clyde Bellcourt, one of the founders of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

The two also participated in an 8 hour march from Porcupine, South Dakota to



Green, Bellcourt and Martin (Submitted photo)

the site of Wounded Knee Massacre. The massacre marked the end of the

American Indian Wars when hundreds of Sioux men, women, and children, fell to the guns of the United States army.

Green carried the Unity and Hiawatha flags.

About 400 marched with First Nations from Southern Ontario, New York, Minnesota, Oklahoma, the Dakotas, and California, said Green.

He said Bellcourt told him to "be proud of who you are." He said Bellcourt told him that isn't something you should be demanding on Facebook. "We're in a day and age when Facebook warriors are plentiful out there people seem to talk the talk but not walk the walk."

He said contemporary rights movements like Idle

No More can take notes from AIM. "What made aim so big it didn't matter what you believed in, or what nation you were from, what mattered was that there was this injustice going on and people finally decided to stand up and fight back." Green said a special thank you to trip funders including Grand River Enterprises CEO Jerry Montour.