Billy Komacheet
Head Judge

Billy Komacheet, a member of the Comanche Nation from Indiannaoma, Oklahoma. The name given by his late grandfather is; "Moo-Nu-Nu-Kee", (Dancing in front of, or Leading the Dancers). Billy was raised and taught Comanche traditions by his late grandparents and continues to carry these teachings forward for his future generations. Among these teachings, he was taught to provide attention and respect for his elders and protection and guidance for children.

Being born and raised in the “Heart of Comanche Country” in the Southwestern area of Oklahoma, Billy, his wife Amber, and their grandson “Chebon” have recently returned to their family home in the Cache and Indiannaoma community.

Billy participated in sports in Jr. High and High School and attended Western Oklahoma State College on a Baseball scholarship in the early 1980’s. After college, Billy began construction as a contractor building both commercial and residential buildings. In 1995, Billy began his current career in Indian Housing, currently he serves as the Housing Executive Director for the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

Aside from his professional career, Billy is an active member of the Comanche Native American Church and currently serves as the President for the 1918 Charter Membership. Billy is very proud of his upbringing in and around the Native American Church and is very active in striving to pass this way of life on to future generations of young Comanche children assuring that these ways that have been handed down to current generations are carried into future generations in the correct manner.

At a very young age Billy was “brought into the arena” as a Straight Dancer by an adopted Uncle, an elder of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma. Since that time, Billy has travelled extensively throughout Indian Country competing in that category and along the way meeting many people and making many new friends and relations. Billy is very honored and proud to say that he is known as both “dad” and “brother” to many across Indian Country and into Canada as well, stemming from relationships made in both the Native American Church and the Powwow arena.

Billy is very proud of this distinguished honor serving as Head Southern Judge for the Denver March Powwow and would like to thank the committee for providing him this distinct honor.

“I would like to wish the very best of luck to all the dance contestants from youngest to the oldest, as the 2018 powwow season begins and the many miles that will be travelled throughout Indian Country by both contestans and drum groups, I pray the good Lord keep you and your families safe”. Uudah. Billy E. Komaheccheet