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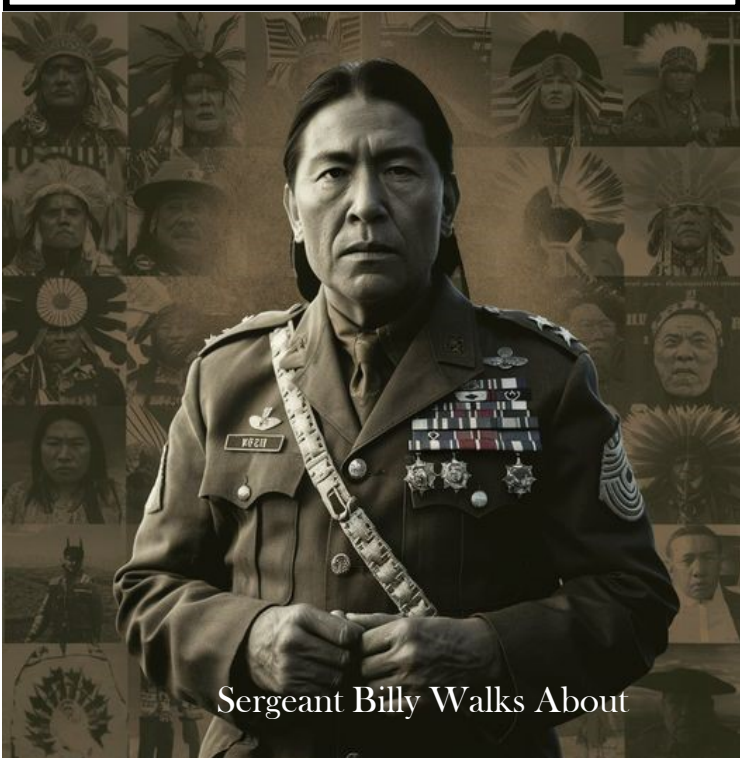
A Special Salute to All Our Veterans

Once a SOLDIER



ALWAYS a SOLDIER

The warrior you're looking at, is Sergeant , Billy Walks About, one of the most decorated Warriors in the Vietnam War. Sergeant walks about was awarded one distinguished service cross, 5 silver stars, 10 bronze Stars, and 6 purple hearts. Native tribes send more of their young men and women into battle more than any other race in the United States.



Sergeant Billy Walks About

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"I am bringing a distant nation against you. An ancient and enduring nation. A people whose language you do not know, whose speech you do not understand."

FREEDOM IN AMERICA IS AT RISK

"Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit."

"Freedom is the right to question and change the established way of doing things. It is the continuous revolution of the marketplace. It is the understanding that allows us to recognize shortcomings and seek solutions."

"Freedom is not something to be secured in any one moment of time. We must struggle to preserve it every day.

And freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

President, Ronald Reagan

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A Special Salute to Our Tribal Veterans



American Indians have been fighting for freedom since the invasion of the Europeans. They fought on both sides during the American revolution.

And even though they were not citizens of the United States of America and under no obligation to serve, they went to battle in World War One.

Six-years after the end of World War One, on June 2, 1924 the American Indians were granted American Citizenship.

The American Indians, men and women have served in every

military campaign of the USA. And even to this day they are fighting for the rights for self-governance and the protection of tribal sovereignty, which is seriously at risk as the GOP majority of the supreme court, with the exception of Justice Goshen do not recognize Indian Treaties Rights nor century old rulings made by the supreme court. In a resent ruling involving jurisdiction the court ruled against the Tribal Governments stating that if congress would have want the tribes to have jurisdiction it

would have passed legislation as such. Congress did in fact pass legislation regarding jurisdiction that clearly in conflict with their ruling, yet their decision stands. The current issue is the 5th Amendment with regards to equal protection. As provided in the Constitution all agreement and treaties made with the Indian shall be valid. The relationship between the U.S. Government and Indian shall be political, not racial. Here lays the problem with the GOP Justices.

Real American Hero's!

Although this story could be told many times over throughout Indian Country only the names and foreign lands would change, it is real, sad and like the Jewish people we have survived thousand of years of challenges.

We often have a tendency to forget or overlook the contributions and sacrifices of our ancestors. Sometime because it happened so long ago or we were not made aware. Now there are no excuses.



107-years ago, on September 29, 1918 only 42 days before the end of World War I, Pvt. Philip C. Calac and his cousin PFC Alfonso J. Calac, tribal members of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, were killed in action. They served with the U.S. Army Company C, 362nd infantry regiment, 91st Di-

vision in France and Belgium during World War I. The 91st Division was known as the "Wild West Division."

While Philip now rests at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, France. (Photo Above Right), Alfonso was brought back home to the Rincon Reservation. (Photo below Right)

Alfonso's younger brother, Pete also served with the 91st Division and was wounded several time in combat. He went on to become one of the greatest American Indian professional football player during the 1920's. (See story below)

Alfonso and Pete Calac were Georgia Calac Mazzetti's brothers. She was Max Mazzetti's mother and grandmother of former Rincon tribal Chairman Bo Mazzetti's. His father Max served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. Bo also served in the Navy during the Viet Nam War.

Upon his discharge from the Navy Bo when on to earn a BA Degree at Cal Poly Pomona. And like his father he became heavily involved in Tribal Rights. Max along with my grandfather O.J. Salgado and uncle Billy were Charter members of the National Congress of American Indians in 1946.

Tribal and family affiliations confirmed by Bo Mazzetti, past Tribal



Chairman, of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. Photos provided by Chairman Mazzetti.

Chairman Mazzetti passed away on May 1, 2025.

John Tortes "Chief" Meyers (July 29, 1880 – July 25, 1971).

John Tortes "Chief" Meyers is Still another southern California American Indian veteran worth mentioning. Meyers was a Tribal member from the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation of Cahuilla Indians.



John Tortes Meyers

Meyers attended Dartmouth College before going on to play Major League Baseball. He once said his only regret was not finishing his college education.

He spent three years in th minor leagues and was a catcher for the New York Giants, Boston Braves, and Brooklyn Robins from 1909 to 1917.

He played on the early Giants teams under manager John McGraw and was the primary catcher for Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson. Meyers hit over .300 for three straight years as the Giants won three straight National League pennants from 1911 to 1913.

Overall, he played in four World Series, the 1911, 1912, and 1913 Series with the Giants, as well as the 1916 Series with the Robins.

At the prime of his career he enlisted in the US Army in WW I which cost him a seat in Baseballs Hall of Fame. He played 8-years which is 2-years short of the 10-year minimum rule for selection to the Hall of Fame. Many sports writers said that the rule should have been waived, but it was not to be for Meyers.

Pedro "Pete" Calac

(May 13, 1892 - January 30, 1968) was a tribal member of the Rincon Band of Mission Indians which is now the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians. He attended Carlisle Indian School prior to becoming a professional football player. He played in the Ohio League and during the early years of the National Football League. Over the course of his 10-year career he played for the Canton Bulldogs, Cleveland Indians, Washington Senators, Oorang Indians and the Buffalo Bisons.



He grew up on the Rincon Indian Reservation and attended grammar school in nearby Fallbrook, California. While there, he was selected to attend the Carlisle Indian School.

Carlisle Indian School: On November 16, 1908 at the age of 15 Pete Calac left the Rincon reservation with only a third-grade education to the Carlisle Indi-

called in Robert W. Wheeler's book, *Jim Thorpe: World's Greatest Athlete*, that the other players took an interest in him because of his large size. It was then that he met Jim Thorpe and soon became life long friends and would later play professional football with the Canton Bulldogs and the Oorang Indians.

A Pete Calac Legacy: Grantland Rice, Dean of the American Sportswriters, once wrote, "I believe an All-American, All-Indian Football team could beat the All-Time Notre Dame Team, the All-Time Michigan Team, or the All-Time anything else. Take a look at a backfield like Jim Thorpe, Joe Guyon, Pete Calac and Frank Mount Pleasant."

an School located across the country in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

At Carlisle, he played competitive football. In 1914 and 1915, he was captain of the football team. He was first elected as the team's captain in 1914.

Before attending Carlisle, Calac had never played football and had no knowledge of the game. Calac recalled in Robert W. Wheeler's book, *Jim Thorpe: World's Greatest Athlete*, that the other players took an interest in him because of his large size. It was then that he met Jim Thorpe and soon became life long friends and would later play professional football with the Canton Bulldogs and the Oorang Indians.

World War One and the US Army: After finishing his studies at the Carlisle Indian School and West Virginia Wesleyan College, Pete returned to Rincon for a visit with his family and friends.

While home in Rincon he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served with his brother Alfonso and cousin Philip in the 91st Division, known as the "Wild West Division," in France and Belgium during World War I.

He was said to have returned from the war without a scratch. He later stated that "I guess I dug in too much". However, in article by the Professional Football Researchers Association, Calac was reported to have suffered career threatening wounds during the war but was back at the top of his game by 1922.



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Congressional Medal of Honor America Indians Recipients

MY VIEW By *Ernie C. Salgado, Jr.*

Veterans Day, Memorial Day and D-Day have special meanings: **Veterans Day** we honor all those that served in the military. **Memorial Day** because it is the day we pay our respects to all the veterans that were killed in action and to those that have passed on. And **D-Day** has a special meaning to me because my dad, Ernest Salgado, Sr. and Sam Powvall from the Pauma Indian Reservation were together on June 6, 1944 for the invasion of Normandy, France then later on to the "Battle of the Bulge" and on into Berlin, Germany.

Memorial Day and D-Day are only days apart and many of us American patriots view them as one. We often hear of the 'greatest generation' in reference to Memorial Day on May 29 dating back to the civil war and D-Day in reference to the WW II military invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944 that lead to the occupation of Berlin, Germany and to the end of WWII.

Even less noticed is the contributions of the American Indian Warriors courage and commitment in the many military conflicts of the Nation over the past 249-years, including the revolution.

Why is this? Especially since American Indians have voluntarily participated in every military effort to establish and defend this land and people for all Americans.

The American Indians courage and achievements examples from both theaters of WW II is well documented but too often historically ignored.

Over 2,000 American Indians from Oklahoma and New Mexico trained and fought as part of the 45th Infantry Division known as the "Thunderbirds". They saw almost two years of combat in Italy and Central Europe.

During the second World War, the U.S. military recruited American Indian from several different Tribes from through-out the country for their unique tribal languages for usage as a battlefield code.

Although many American Indian Tribes were "Code Talker," such as the Assiniboine, Choctaw, Cherokee, Comanche, Meskwaki, and Seminole to name a few the

Navajo "Code Talkers" became the most celebrated and publicized of the radio units. They were assigned to the U.S. Marines Corps.

Six American Indians were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in recognition for their bravery and many other distinguished themselves as well.

The six Congressional Medal of Honor recipient were: Lt. Ernest Childers Lt. Jack Montgomery, John Resse Jr., Lt. Van Barfoot, Ron Harmon and Ernest Edwin Evens.



Lt. Ernest Childers (Creek), was born February 1, 1918 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He graduated from the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School in north-central Oklahoma.

He was the first American Indian to earn the Medal of Honor since the Indian Wars of the 19th century.

He first distinguished himself in Sicily, Italy where he was awarded a battlefield commission. Later in Italy, unaided and despite severe wounds, he destroyed three German machine gun emplacements.

Childers reached the rank of lieutenant Colonel before retiring from the Army in 1966. He died at age 87 and was buried at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in his birthplace of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



First Lt. Jack Montgomery (Cherokee),

Lt. Jack C. Montgomery, earned the Medal of Honor in World War II for service in Italy, he graduated from the same school as Childers, the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School in north-central Oklahoma.

During the Anzio, Italy military Campaign he single-handedly attacked a German stronghold killing eleven of the enemy and taking thirty-three prisoners. **Lt. Jack Montgomery graduated from the University of Red-**

lands, California. He was recruited with three other American Indians to play football & beat Sherman. Never happened!



Pfc. John Resse Jr., Comanche from Pryor, Oklahoma.

On February 9, 1945 he was serving as a private first class in the Philippines when an attack on the Paco Railroad Station hit as Reese and fellow warrior, private Cleto L. Rodriguez were ahead of their unit closer to the station and began firing on the Japanese defenders. Together they killed over eighty Japanese before their supply of ammunition forced them to regroup.

Reese was killed while return to his unit; he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor eight months later, on October 19, 1945. Rodriguez survived the battle and was also awarded the Medal of Honor



Coronel Van Barfoot (Choctaw), was also at the Anzio Campaign in Italy where he knocked out two machine gun nests and captured seventeen prisoners. He then went on to defeat three German tanks and carried two of his wounded men to safety.

All of his heroic feats reinforced the "American Indian Warrior Image."

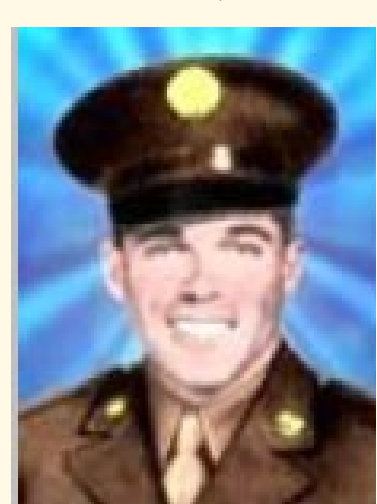
Barfoot had been awarded a combat field commission prior to his actions in Italy. He went on to serve in Korea and Vietnam and retired as a Colonel. After his retirement from the military he moved to a retirement community in Henrico County, Virginia to be near his daughter.

In mid 2009, the homeowners' association (HOA) of the Sussex Square, where Barfoot lived ordered him to remove the flagpole from which he flew the U.S. flag. The HOA bylaws didn't forbid flagpoles, but the

HOA ruled Barfoot, then aged 90, would not be allowed to use it "for aesthetic reasons," to fly the USA flag!

Barfoot contested the order, and received support from politicians, including Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Jim Webb, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs and Shan Hannity at Fox news.

The HOA dropped its demand on Dec. 8, 2009.



Sergeant Ron W. Harmon (Creek) joined the Army at his home town in Pixley, California.

On July 1, 1944, he was serving as a Sergeant in Company C, 362nd Infantry Regiment, 91st Infantry Division.

On that day, near Casaglia, Italy he single-handedly attacked three German positions which were firing on a friendly platoon.

He destroyed one position and despite being wounded on his approach, continued to silence another. He was killed while attacking the third position.

The Medal of Honor was posthumously awarded to him a year later, on October 2, 1945. Harmon was buried at the Florence American Cemetery in Florence, Italy.



Comdr. Ernest E. Evens (Cherokee/Creek) was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1931.

In 1941 he was assigned to the destroyer Alden, and was serving on her in the East Indies when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

He became commanding officer of Alden on March 14, 1942, and held that position until July 7, 1943.

While serving on Alden he participated in operations in and around Australia, New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies.



On October 25, 1944 as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Johnston, against major units of the Japanese fleet during the battle off Samar, he was first to lay a smokescreen and to engage a superior forces in number, firepower and armor as they rapidly attacked.

Comdr. Evans gallantly diverted the powerful blasts of hostile guns from the lightly armed carriers under his protection by launching the first torpedo attack when the Johnston came under straddling Japanese shellfire.

Undaunted by damage sustained under the terrific volume of fire, he unhesitatingly joined others of his group to provide fire support during subsequent torpedo attacks against the Japanese. Outshooting and outmaneuvering the enemy as he consistently interposed his vessel between the hostile fleet units and our carriers despite the crippling loss of engine power and communications with steering aft, shifted command to the fantail, shouted steering orders through an open hatch to men turning the rudder by hand and battled furiously until the Johnston, burning and shuddering from a mortal blow, lay dead in the water after 3 hours of fierce combat.

Seriously wounded early in the engagement, Comdr. Evans, by his indomitable courage and brilliant professional skill, aided materially in turning back the enemy during a critical phase of the action.

His valiant fighting spirit throughout this historic battle was beyond the Call of Duty and will venture as an inspiration to all who served with him. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



Cpl., Ira Hamilton Hayes, (Pima) & five other Marines were photographed raising the American flag in the inland of Iwo Jima on Feb. 23, 1945 by Joe Rosenthal. Hayes was born on Jan. 12, 1923 the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona. He died on January 23, 1955, at the age of 32.



**Navajo Code Talker
Joe Morris**

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More American Indian Warriors

Soboba Tribal Members Killed in Action

Photo below left to right

- ◆ U.S. Army Private, Reginald P. Helms, Killed in Action in Hotten, Belgium (1913-1944),
- ◆ U.S. Army Private First Class, Romaldo A. Helms, Killed in Action Anzio, Italy. (1912-1944)
- ◆ U.S. Navy, Mike Soza (1924-1941) Killed in Action as Sea



Reginald P. Helms

Romaldo A. Helms

Mike Soza

The photograph below was taken around the mid-50's at the Soboba Tribal Cemetery. From L-R: Tilly Valdez, Mrs. Chacon (Marian Valdez Chacon's mother-in-law), Rose Arres, seated is double Gold Star mother, Mrs. Maria "Pee-Wee" Helms the mother of Romaldo and Reginald Helms, Virginia "Dean" Badella & Clara Helms



CHINOOK INDIAN NATION



Mr. Stevens was an American diplomat and lawyer who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Libya. He was killed when the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked on September 11, 2012.

Full Name: JOHN CHRISTOPHER STEVENS
 Date of Birth: 4/18/60
 Date of Casualty: 9/11/12
 Home of Record: GRASS VALLEY
 State: CALIFORNIA
 County of Record: NEVADA COUNTY
 Branch of Service: U.S. DEPT OF STATE
 Rank: AMBASSADOR
 Casualty Country: LIBYA

JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE A KUMEYAAY NATION



Mr. Mesa is honored on Panel 42W, Row 48 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Full Name: JAMES GREGORY MESA
 Wall Name: JAMES G MESA
 Date of Birth: 9/24/1948
 Date of Casualty: 9/30/1968
 Home of Record: JAMUL
 State: CALIFORNIA
 County of Record: SAN DIEGO COUNTY
 Branch of Service: U.S. ARMY
 Rank: PFC
 Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
 Unit: C COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS



Mr. Pink is honored on Panel 28E, Row 56 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Full Name: JOSEPH PATRICK PINK
 Wall Name: JOSEPH P PINK
 Date of Birth: 10/17/1947
 Date of Casualty: 10/23/1967
 Home of Record: SAN JACINTO
 State: CALIFORNIA
 County of Record: RIVERSIDE
 Branch of Service: U.S. ARMY
 Rank: SP4
 Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
 Unit: D COMPANY, 5TH BATTALION, 7TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS



Mr. Lyons is honored on Panel 3E, Row 19 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Full Name: WILLIAM JOHN LYONS
 Wall Name: WILLIAM J LYONS
 Date of Birth: 7/27/1940
 Date of Casualty: 11/4/1965
 Home of Record: BANNING
 State: CALIFORNIA
 County of Record: RIVERSIDE
 Branch of Service: U.S. ARMY
 Rank: 1LT
 Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
 Unit: C COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Photo below was taken in Viet Nam in 1966-67 by an unknown photographer and was posted on the internet. The good looking guy, second from the right is Richard "Dumbo" Salgado (June 7, 1944*April 14, 2022). He served with the 1st Calvary Airborne Division in Viet Nam. He was a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Richard's Father, Ernest Salgado Sr., served in WW II and his brother Ernie Jr. was in the Army National Guard and was called to active duty in 1966.



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NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

The below 232 names represent the identified American Indian and Alaska Native service members KIA-MIA during the Vietnam War. Their names are etched on THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL "THE WALL" in Washington, D.C. Their status as Natives was dependent on if they checked the Native American box on their induction papers. We would like your help to identify all Native American warriors listed on The Wall, and obtain photographs to honor their memory on the Wall of Faces. Source & more information: www.vvmf.org | www.calie.org

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SERVICE	RANK	PANEL	ROW	CASUALTY DATE	HOME OF RECORD	STATE	COUNTY
ACOSTA	JOHN MICHAEL	ARMY	PFC	35E	2	1/21/1968	SACRAMENTO	CA	Sacramento Co.
ADIKAI JR	ALVIN	ARMY	PFC	4W	45	3/14/1971	WINDOW ROCK	AZ	Apache Co.
ALBERTS	ROGER DUANE	ARMY	PFC	37E	30	2/5/1968	FT TOTTEN	ND	Benson Co.
ALECK	JOHN IRA	USMC	PFC	30W	62	3/7/1969	RENO	NV	Washoe Co.
ANDERSON	WILLIAM	ARMY	SSGT	13E	31	12/23/1966	NORFOLK	VA	Madison Co.
ANTONIO JR	JOHNNIE	USMC	LCPL	32E	67	12/27/1967	CROWN POINT	NM	McKinley Co.
ARKIE	VALLANCE GALEN	USMC	CPL	25E	91	9/3/1967	PARKER	AZ	La Paz Co.
ARLENTINO	DUDDNEY NELSON	ARMY	SP4	31E	58	12/7/1967	COOLIDGE	AZ	Pinal Co.
ARMSTRONG	DEAN EDWARD	USMC	GSgt	19E	103	5/13/1967	ATOKA	OK	Atoka Co.
ARTHUR	JOHN	ARMY	SP5	3W	71	6/10/1971	FRUITLAND	NM	San Juan Co.
ARVISO	HERBERT	ARMY	SGT	17E	119	10/18/1969	FRUITLAND	NM	San Juan Co.
ATOLE	FLOYD SAMUEL	ARMY	SGT	32W	69	2/21/1969	DULCE	NM	Rio Arriba Co.
AUSTIN	WILLIAM EUGENE	ARMY	SGT	8W	72	7/31/1970	LENOIR	NC	Caldwell Co.
BAKER	ELWOOD	USMC	LCPL	22E	56	6/24/1967	BATTIEST	OK	McCurtain Co.
BARNETT	PAUL WAYNE	ARMY	SP4	35W	23	1/3/1969	DUSTIN	OK	Hughes Co.
BARNEY	LUTHER	ARMY	SP5	97W	40	12/21/1971	MEXICAN SPRINGS	NM	McKinley Co.
BARR	EDWARD NASUESAK	NAVY	SN	25W	105	5/3/1969	BREVIN MISSION	AK	North Slope Borough
BARR	THOMAS M	ARMY	SP5	25W	60	5/12/1969	ANCHORAGE	AK	Anchororage Borough
BARRIOS	JAMES PATRICK	ARMY	SP4	35W	74	1/12/1969	LEMOORE	CA	Kings Co.
BATTIEST	ANDREW	ARMY	CPL	55W	32	6/25/1968	CALIPATRIA	CA	Imperial Co.
BEAR	DONALD EARL	ARMY	SFC	53W	42	7/8/1968	MOUNTAIN VIEW	OK	Kiowa Co.
BEAULIEU	ED VERNON	ARMY	7E	3E	100	5/25/1967	LENOIR	NM	McKinley Co.
BEGAYE	EDDIE CHARLES	USMC	CPL	20E	100	12/10/1967	LITTLE WATER	NM	San Juan Co.
BEGAYE	FELIX DOHALTAHE	USMC	SP4	39E	28	2/14/1968	TUBA CITY	AZ	Coconino Co.
BEGODY	HAROLD L	ARMY	SP4	39E	29	2/14/1968	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	Hennepin Co.
BELLANGER	JOHN GEORGE	USMC	LCPL	39E	29	2/14/1968	DORCHESTER	MA	Suffolk Co.
BERNARD	JAMES VICTOR	USMC	CPL	4E	61	1/11/1966	SYRACUSE	CA	Onondaga Co.
BIGTREE	LARRY ROGERS	USMC	PFC	11E	66	10/11/1966	CHINLE	AZ	Apache Co.
BILLIE	ROBERT LEE	USMC	PFC	13W	22	2/17/1970	TAHLEQUAH	OK	Cherokee Co.
BLACKFOX	DWIGHT THOMAS	ARMY	1LT	3W	82	6/19/1971	PHOENIX	AZ	Maricopa Co.
BLACKWATER	DAVID HENRY	NAVY	HN	43E	14	3/6/1968	BUFFALO	NY	Erie Co.
BOSWELL	JOHN CHARLES	ARMY	PFC	9W	62	9/19/1970	WENOKA	OK	Woods Co.
BRISENO	JOHN CHARLES	USMC	LCPL	32W	19	2/12/1969	NORTH HIGHLANDS	CA	Sacramento Co.
BROWN JR	RANDOLPH	ARMY	CPL	30E	13	11/18/1967	BULLHEAD	SD	Corson Co.
BROWNNOTTER	LAWRENCE DEAN	ARMY	CPL	24W	2	5/14/1969	SAPULPA	OK	Creek Co.
BRUNER	DAVID	ARMY	SP4	24W	2	4/4/1969	HAWYARD	WI	Sawyer Co.
BUTLER	LAWRENCE JOSEPH	ARMY	SP4	24W	2	4/4/1969	REDWOOD VALLEY	CA	Mendocino Co.
CAMPBELL	EDGEMOND CHARLES	USMC	LCPL	25E	49	8/27/1967	AUSTIN	TX	Comanche Co.
CANO	JOSE RAMON	ARMY	SP4	34W	4	1/19/1969	MCALISTER	OK	Pittsburg Co.
CARNEY	JOSHUA ELI	ARMY	SSGT	5W	98	2/12/1971	FARMINGTON	NM	San Juan Co.
CHARLIE	PETER	USMC	LCPL	8W	93	8/8/1970	WINDOW ROCK	AZ	Apache Co.
CHESTER	ALVIN	USMC	LCPL	2E	27	7/5/1965	CUBERO	NM	Cibola Co.
CHINO	GERALD GREGORY	ARMY	SP4	46E	3	3/24/1968	CUBERO	NM	Cibola Co.
CHRISTOPHER	RONALD DELANO	ARMY	PFC	21E	66	5/17/1972	PHOENIX	AZ	Maricopa Co.
CHUIP	PAUL EMERSON	ARMY	PFC	44W	8	9/9/1968	ONEIDA	WI	Outagamie Co.
CHRISTY	GILMORE WILSON	ARMY	SP4	14E	127	2/6/1967	TULSA	OK	Osage Co.
CLAW	PETER YAZZIE	ARMY	PFC	48E	18	4/5/1968	KAYENTA	AZ	Navajo Co.
CLOUD	RONALD MYRON	ARMY	SGT	53W	8	7/4/1968	PONEMAH	MN	Beltrami Co.
CORBIERE	AUSTIN MORRIS	USMC	LCPL	17E	72	5/8/1966	PHOENIX	AZ	Maricopa Co.
CROOK	ELLIOTT	ARMY	SP5	1W	24	5/17/1972	DETROIT	MI	Wayne Co.
CRUZ	FRANK BRYAN	ARMY	PFC	24E	5	7/27/1967	SPRINGVILLE	UT	Utah Co.
CUCH	WILBERT WAYNE	USMC	LCPL	66W	4	5/26/1968	CUBERO	NM	Cibola Co.
CURLEY	ALBERT ALLEN	USMC	PFC	17E	70	3/30/1967	WIDE RUINS	AZ	Apache Co.
DALE	BENNIE	ARMY	SP4	59E	3	5/12/1968	TONALEA	AZ	Coconino Co.
DAVIS	CHRISTOPHER WILMER	ARMY	SP4	16E	104	6/18/1967	TONALEA	AZ	Coconino Co.
DAW	JERRY LORENZO	ARMY	CPL	21E	73	6/8/1967	WENOKA	OK	Seminole Co.
DEER	TERRY LOUIS	ARMY	PFC	7W	113	10/5/1970	OKEMAH	OK	Okfuskee Co.
DEERE	CHARLES KENNETH	ARMY	PFC	55E	8	5/5/1968	MCALISTER	OK	Pittsburg Co.
DEERINWATER	BRUCE EDWARD	ARMY	SSGT	34W	74	1/25/1969	CHURCH ROCK	NM	McKinley Co.
DEMSEY	WARREN LEIGH	USMC	CPL	3E	122	12/3/1965	TUBA CITY	AZ	Coconino Co.
DENIPAH	DANIEL DEE	USMC	LCPL	32E	86	12/28/1967	GOLDSBORO	AZ	Wayne Co.
DEVANEY	JAMES PRICE	ARMY	CPL	13W	68	2/28/1970	BISHOP	CA	Inyo Co.
DEWEY	ERIC MELVIN	USMC	PFC	24E	20	7/29/1967	BASOM	NY	Genesee Co.
DOCTOR	GARY DEAN	USMC	LCPL	11E	56	10/7/1966	UKIAH	CA	Mendocino Co.
DUNISING	DENNIS PAUL	ARMY	PFC	56E	5	5/8/1968	ATOKA	OK	Osage Co.
DURANT JR	FORBIS POPKIN	ARMY	SGT	4E	126	12/5/1965	PAWHUSKA	OK	Valdez-Cordova
EISENBERGER	GEORGE JOE BU	ARMY	SGT	4E	83	1/23/1966	GALLUP	NM	McKinley Co.
ELISOVSKY	DAVID HENRY	ARMY	SGT	4E	83	1/23/1966	ARLEE	MT	Lake Co.
ETSIFYT	VAN	ARMY	CPL	61W	3	6/1/1968	MCINTOSH	SD	Corson Co.
FISHER	WILLIAM JOHN	USMC	LCPL	10E	132	9/22/1966	JEMEZ PUEBLO	NM	Sandoval Co.
FLYING HORSE	CONRAD LEE	USMC	PFC	7W	22	12/25/1966	STANFIELD	AZ	Pinal Co.
FRAGUA	GEORGE LEONARD	ARMY	PFC	13E	78	4/26/1967	DETROIT	MI	Wayne Co.
FRANCISCO	PATRICK PHILLIP	USMC	LCPL	18E	93	4/26/1967	SHAWANO	WI	Shawano Co.
FRASER	THOMAS EDWIN	USMC	PVT	12W	92	4/4/1970	JUNEAU	AK	City and Borough of Juneau
FREDENBERG	RALPH	ARMY	SP4	51E	45	4/24/1968	NIAGARA FALLS	NY	Niagara Co.
GAMBLE JR	CHARLES F	ARMY	SP4	17W	127	10/28/1969	ZUNI	NM	McKinley Co.
GENERAL	LESLIE NEIL	USMC	CPL	53E	31	5/1/1968	WATSON	OK	McCurain Co.
GHAHATE	LUTHER ANDERSON	ARMY	SP4	40W	12	10/21/1968	SHIELD	ND	Grant Co.
GOING	WALLACE	NAVY	BM2	36W	69	12/23/1968	NIAGARA FALLS	NY	Cherokee Co.
GOODIRON	RONALD CHRISTY	USMC	PFC	41E	66	2/28/1968	HULBERT	KS	Shawnee Co.
GREEN	LARRY	USMC	PFC	35W	9	1/31/1969	SEMINOLE	OK	Seminole Co.
GRITTS	WILLIAM ARCHIE	ARMY	CPL	57W	9	6/13/1968	ROCK HILL	SC	York Co.
HALE	VICTOR	USMC	LCPL	37W	65	12/8/1968	LUPTON	NC	San Juan Co.
HARJO	KENNETH DEWAYNE	ARMY	SP4	16W	91	11/18/1969	SHIPROCK	NM	Phillips Co.
HARRIS	CARL E	ARMY	SGT	3E	57	11/15/1965	DODSON	MT	Phillips Co.
HAWTHORNE	PETER BRULOS	ARMY	SGT	7E	24	6/30/1968	SAN DIEGO	CA	San Diego Co.
HAYES	THOMAS	ARMY	SGT	36W	81	12/27/1968	SAPULPA	OK	Creek Co.
HEALY	LOUIS GLENN	USMC	PVT	53W	19	7/5/1968	TONALEA	AZ	Coconino Co.
HENRY	ROBERT GREGORY	ARMY	PVT	55W	35	6/25/1968	FT DEFIANCE	AZ	Apache Co.
HENSHAW	LARRY ROY	ARMY	SGT	11W	79	5/1/1970	BIRMINGHAM	MI	Chippewa Co.
HICKS	DONALD	ARMY	SP4	54W	24	6/30/1968	OAKLAND	CA	Alameda Co.
HICKSON	LEONARD MARTIN	ARMY	SGT	24W	12	5/18/1969	LEUPE	AZ	Coconino Co.
HOWARD	CHARLES VINCENT	ARMY	SGT	8E	20	7/2/1966	ST IGNATIUS	MT	Lake Co.
HUMMINGBIRD	FERRELL	USMC	LCPL	14E	27	1/14/1967	WHEATKA	OK	Yukon-Koyukuk
HUSKON	BENNY LEO	ARMY	SP4	59W	23	6/7/1968	MCGRATH	AK	Census Area
INCASHOLA	JEAN BAPTISTE	ARMY	PFC	12E	112	11/23/1966	AUSTIN	NV	Lander Co.
INGRAM	JOHN LEE	USMC	PFC	48E	41	9/16/1965	WAUBAY	SD	Day Co.
IVEY	SAM	ARMY	PFC	2E	84	9/16/1965	TUBA CITY	AZ	Coconino Co.
JACKSON	LLOYD WILNER	ARMY	PFC	11W	124	5/7/1970	LITTLE EAGLE	SD	Corson Co.
JACKSON	MICHAEL MEREDITH	ARMY	SGT	6E	44	3/24/1966	FARMINGTON	NM	San Juan Co.
JACKSON	RALFORD JOHN	USMC	PFC	24W	76	5/22/1969	WOUNDED KNEE	SD	Shannon Co.
JAMERSON	KENNETH ROBERT	USMC	LCPL	17E	104	4/5/1967	FRUITLAND	NM	San Juan Co.
JAMES	BILLIE	ARMY	SP4	50E	3	4/15/1968	MOHAVE	AZ	Mohave Co.
JEALOUS-OF-HIM	FRANK W	ARMY	SP4	22W	2	6/9/1969	CHINLE	AZ	Apache Co.
JOHNSON	CLIFFORD CURTIS	ARMY	CWO	4E	110	1/29/1966	BETHEL	AK	Bethel Census Area
JOHNSON	ZANE EVERETT	USMC	LCPL	28W	61	3/27/1969	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	Oklahoma Co.
JONES	MICHAEL BRUCE	ARMY	PFC	59E	5	5/12/1966	NORTH SACRAMENTO	CA	Sacramento Co.
KEE	WILSON BEGAY	ARMY	SP4	9W	60	6/17/1970	SPARKS	NV	Washoe Co.
KILBUCK	GEORGE GREGORY	ARMY	PFC	2E	68	8/10/1966	TULSA	OK	Osage Co.
KIPP	RAYMOND SIDNEY	ARMY	SP4	12W	13	3/17/1970	NEW TOWN	ND	McMurray Co.
LARA	CHEVO GARCIA	ARMY	SP4	9E	123	8/10/1966	FAWNEE	MT	Robesud Co.
LARGO	CALVIN DAVID	ARMY	SP4	43W	39	2/19/1968	LAME DEER	NC	Robeson Co.
LE BEAU JR	ANDREW ERNEST	USAF	SSGT	38E	78	2/11/1968	MAXTON	NC	Richmond Co.
LE CLAIR	PRENTICE DALE	ARMY	SP4	24E	96	8/9/1967	RED OAK	OK	Lattimer Co.
LEVINGS	JAMES M	ARMY	SGT	66E	10	5/23/1968	WICHITA	KS	Sedgewick Co.
LITTLE SUN	THOMAS LEE	ARMY	SP4	39E	29	11/4/1968	TUBA CITY	AZ	Coconino Co.
LOCHER	WALTER NORVEL	ARMY	PFC	22E	79	6/28/1967	HARTFORD	AZ	Hartford Co.
LOCKLEAR	JIMMY	ARMY	SP4	45W	38	9/4/1968	SCATON	AZ	Pinal Co.
LYONS	WILLIAM JOHN	ARMY	CPL	3E	1T	11/29/1971	STEWARTS POINT	CA	Sonoma Co.
MACKAY	TALTON LEE	ARMY	SGT	37W	75	12/9/1968	FT WINGATE	NM	McKinley Co.
MALONE	ROBERT GARY	USMC	CPL	9E	83	7/28/1966	TAOS PUEBLO	NM	Taos Co.

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In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Peter MacDonald Sr., one of the last two surviving Navajo Code Talkers shares his story. [Read More @ Code Talkers](#)



The legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers was declassified over two decades after the end of World War II. Now, only two are alive today. The Navajo Code Talkers are credited for major military successes in the Pacific during the war.

Peter MacDonald Sr., former Navajo chairman now 97, is the youngest surviving member, hailing from Arizona and Thomas H. Begay. He spoke to a crowd of PNM employees. "The commander in his official report said, 'Without Navajo, Marines would never have taken the island of Iwo Jima.' What a statement," said MacDonald.

MacDonald joined the Marine Corps when he was just 15 years old after lying to the recruitment office about his age, having his older cousin, who was a Marine, sign a paper saying he was 17.

"Unfortunately, on Battle of Peleliu, September 15, 1944, he (his older cousin) got killed. That was his third landing. I can never forget that. I can never forget all the friends and relatives that I have lost," said MacDonald slowly. "And you who are veterans," he said gesturing to the crowd, "You understand. All of us need to know and understand the kind of hardship and hell that every one of those veterans, you who are veterans- male and female, have gone through a lot and are still going through a lot."



Peter MacDonald Sr., at 97 ONE OF THE LAST SURVIVING NAVAJO CODE TALKERS SHARES HIS STORY

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"I am bringing a distant nation against you. An ancient and enduring nation. A people whose language you do not know, whose speech you do not understand."



Photo above: President Trump at the White House shaking hands with Peter McDonald former Navajo Tribal Chairman next to an unidentified Navajo Code Talker.
Photo left: Navajo Code Talkers stand for the National Anthem
Photo below: is a Navajo Code Talker and photos of him that appear on the cover of many books.



The American Indians had the highest percentage of any ethnic group serving in the military during WW I and II. Although the Navajo Code Talkers are the most published, many other American Indian Tribes participated as Code Talkers in WW I and II. We are proud of all our men and women that have served in our armed forces. God Bless all.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM	
American Revolution (1775-1783)	4,435 Casualties
War of 1812 (1812-1815)	2,260 Casualties
World War I (1917-1918)	116,516 Casualties
World War II (1941-1945)	405,399 Casualties
Korean War (1950-1953)	36,574 Casualties
Vietnam War (1964-1975)	58,220 Casualties
Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)	383 Casualties
Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom (Oct 2001-)	6,775 Casualties



Choctaw Code Talkers



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