

EVENT

Peter MacDonald, Sr.

WWII Navajo Code Talker

August 11, 2022 from 12pm-1:30pm

Navajo Code Talkers Day, celebrated every year on August 14, is a day that holds great importance in the history of the U.S. This is because the day recognizes the contributions of Native American soldiers during World War II. Yes, Native American soldiers encoded and transmitted messages using a complex Navajo language-based code during a time when secret communication was essential to win a war. And guess what? The code was never broken by Japanese forces in the Pacific and proved to be of great assistance to the U.S. Marines. On this day, celebrate the great American heroes and their service to the nation!

The Navajo Code is a unique World War II legacy. It was used in all Pacific battles to transmit top secret and confidential messages. It is the only military code in modern history, never broken by an enemy. The Navajo Code commissioned by the United State Marine Corps saved hundreds of thousands of lives and helped to shorten the war in the Pacific.

Peter MacDonald will discuss his experiences as a traditionally raised Navajo boy, in training to become a Medicine man, eventually joining the USMC during World War II to become one of the 400 legendary Navajo Code Talker's.

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It is my goal to inspire and encourage Native American participation and pride in the work they accomplish.

