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## Navajo Code Talkers

Every WWII combatant appreciated the need for an unbreakable code that would help them communicate while protecting their operational plans. The U.S. Marines knew where to find one: the Navajo Nation. Marine Corps leadership selected 29 Navajo men, the Navajo Code Talkers, who created a code based on the complex, unwritten Navajo language. The code primarily used word association by assigning a Navajo word to key phrases and military tactics. This system enabled the Code Talkers to translate three lines of English in 20 seconds, not 30 minutes as was common with existing code-breaking machines. The Code Talkers participated in every major Marine operation in the Pacific theater, giving the Marines a critical advantage throughout the war. During the nearly month-long battle for Iwo Jima, for example, six Navajo Code Talker Marines successfully transmitted more than 800 messages without error. Marine leadership noted after the battle that the Code Talkers were critical to the victory at Iwo Jima. At the end of the war, the Navajo Code remained unbroken.

More than 30 other tribes served as Code Talkers, in addition to the Navajo Tribe. In 2000, Navajo Code Talkers were honored with Congressional Gold Medals for their services in developing and implementing their traditional Dine' language as a secret code of communication on the battlefields in both WWI and WWII.



TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SERVED *Thank you*

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## BULLETIN

### MEET COQUILLE TRIBAL POLICE CONSERVATION OFFICER BOBBIE COLLIER

From the time she was a little girl, Bobbie Collier knew she wanted to be a cop someday. Bobbie grew up on Mt. Hood, deep in the heart of the forest lands. She was always drawn to the mountains, rivers and the wonder that is the PNW we all love. Just after graduating high school, she started working at Kah-nee-ta until she eventually joined the Army in 2006. Shortly after her trainings, she was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a transportation and logistics specialist, driving truckloads of supplies across the bomb ridden warzone.



After 6 months in Iraq, Bobbie developed thyroid cancer, and was brought back stateside to have surgery to remove it. After she was healed, she made her way back to her unit in Iraq, finishing out the last 5 months of the deployment running missions and transporting goods between major cities and bases. After an adventurous 10 years in the military, Bobbie, her husband Steve (also an Army veteran), and their new baby twins, moved cross country to reside once again in the heartland of the PNW. After a few years of working for the US Forest Service in the sand dunes across Lane, Douglas and Coos county, Bobbie decided it was time to chase her dream to become a law enforcement officer.

Originally hired by Coos Bay Police Department in 2022, Bobbie went through police academy and started working to patrol the streets of Coos Bay shortly thereafter. Bobbie's favorite part of being a police officer is the ability to help people during their time of need and handing out stickers to kids.



Once Bobbie was told about the tribal opening for a new position, she immediately applied for the position. Bobbie was ecstatic when selected for the new Conservation Officer position, and views it as a chance to combine the two things she loves the most other than her family: to be out in the woods and making a positive difference.

You will find Bobbie out in the woods, patrolling the tribal forest lands, and smiling because "Every day is a new day, and a new reason to be happy!"

Submitted by Bobbie Collier

# PREPARE

*in a year*

## WHAT TO DO NOW

Learn what types of disasters are likely to happen in your area.

Learn about your community's warning signals – what do they sound like and what should you do when you hear them? Also, learn which radio stations will provide emergency information for your area.

Learn about animal care in your area.

If you are disabled and unable to care for yourself, your planning needs to include your support network who will help you and your household in the event of a disaster.

Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or childcare center and other places your family frequently visits.

## What to do **NOW**

### BEFORE AN EVACUATION

Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.

- Identify several places you could go in an emergency, such as a friend's home in another town or a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency.
- If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Shelters may or may not be able to accommodate your pet. Have supplies ready to take.
- Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Always follow the instructions of local officials and remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.
- Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation, both a "go-bag" you can carry when you evacuate on foot/bicycle or public transportation and larger supplies for traveling in a personal vehicle.

## PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN

- Review your plans every six months so everyone remembers what to do.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguishers, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every month; replace batteries every six months.
- Replace stored water and food every six months to a year, depending on expiration dates.
- Update plan as necessary.

## EVACUATION PLANNING

A wide variety of emergencies may cause an evacuation.

In some instances, you may have a day or two to prepare, while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation.

Planning is vital to ensuring that you can evacuate quickly and safely, regardless of the circumstances.

## IF YOU EVACUATE BY CAR

Always keep a half tank of gas in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages.

- Plan to take one car per family to reduce delay.
- Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave via other forms of transportation or on foot. If evacuation is urgent, you will not have time to prepare, which is why it is important to plan ahead. Certain evacuations, like a tsunami, may require an evacuation by foot.



You are invited to



Fry bread tacos \$11

Fry bread \$7

Fun activities

**Saturday**

Nov 2nd, 2024

1 PM - 5 PM

COMMUNITY PLANKHOUSE

A fundraising Event for the Elders House



November  
CALENDAR

11	Veterans Day CIHA OFFICE CLOSED
	NO KRA MEETING THIS MONTH
28	Happy THANKSGIVING
25 - 29	CIHA OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

Census  
Community  
Survey ✓ \$

Have you received a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau requesting your response to the American Community Survey? Each completed survey is important because it is a building block used to create statistics about communities in America, like yours.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a part of the US Census Bureau's program to count people every ten years. It helps to give a clear picture of social, economic, and housing details over time. Your answers help the Tribe with things like education, veteran's programs, jobs, housing, community projects, health care, services for older adults and those with disabilities, and support programs for low-income families and children.

The Census Bureau samples addresses instead of individuals. Most homes chosen for the ACS get a letter with instructions to fill out the survey online. If the online survey isn't done within a few weeks, they send a paper version. If the survey still isn't completed, a field representative visits the home for a personal interview using a laptop.

If you are chosen and need help with the survey or have questions, you can reach Debbie at the CIHA office or call the US Census Bureau directly at 1-800-354-7271. For more information about the ACS, please visit [www.census.gov/acs](http://www.census.gov/acs). Remember, your input matters!