

# *Code Talkers And Warriors Native Americans And World War Ii Landmark Events In Native American History*

*On these pages, the Navajo Code Talkers speak, in english and navajo, about past and present. Laura Tohe, daughter of a code talker, interviewed many of the remaining Code Talkers, some of whom have since passed on. The Navajo language helped win World War II, and it lives on in this book, as the vererans truly share from thier hearts, providing not only more battlefield details, but also revealing how their war experiences affected themselves and the following gnerations. Their children and grandchildren also speak about what it means to them today. Beautiful portraits accompany their words.*

*Discusses the establishment of the Marine Corps unit made up of Navajo Indians who served as radio operators, using their own language as a secret code, during World War II.*

*“A reverent tribute to the great Hunkpapa chief and holy man, cast as a memoir with a rich array of new and contemporary illustrations.” —Kirkus Reviews* *Sitting Bull (c. 1831–1890) was one of the greatest Lakota/Sioux warriors and chiefs who ever lived. He was eventually named war chief, leader of the entire Sioux nation—a title never before bestowed on anyone. As a leader, Sitting Bull resisted the United States government’s attempt to move the Lakota/Sioux to reservations for more than twenty-five years. From Sitting Bull’s childhood—killing his first buffalo at age ten—to being named war chief, to leading his people against the U.S. Army,*

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*and to his surrender, Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People brings the story of the great chief to light. Sitting Bull was instrumental in the war against the invasive wasichus (White Man) and was at the forefront of the combat, including the Battles of Killdeer Mountain and the Little Bighorn. He and Crazy Horse were the last Lakota/Sioux to surrender their people to the U.S. government and resort to living on a reservation. Award-winning author and member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe S. D. Nelson intersperses archival images with his own artwork, inspired by the ledger-art drawings of the nineteenth-century Lakota. Through the art and riveting story, Nelson conveys how Sitting Bull clung to his belief that the Lakota were a free people meant to live, hunt, and die on the Great Plains. “A tragic true story told in powerfully subdued tones.” —Booklist (starred review) “Both powerful and poignant.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) As a young Navajo boy, Chester Nez had to leave the reservation and attend boarding school, where he was taught that his native language and culture were useless. But Chester refused to give up his heritage. Years later, during World War II, Chester—and other Navajo men like him—was recruited by the US Marines to use the Navajo language to create an unbreakable military code. Suddenly the language he had been told to forget was needed to fight a war. This powerful picture book biography contains backmatter including a timeline and a portion of the Navajo code, and also depicts the life of an original Navajo code talker while capturing the importance of heritage.*

*Native American Heroes*

*Life As a Navajo Code Talker in World War II*

*Samuel Holiday, Navajo Code Talker*

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*A Kiowa Country Mystery*

*Medicine Bags and Dog Tags*

*Warrior Spirit*

*Unsung Heroes of World War II*

**As far back as colonial times, Native individuals and communities have fought alongside European and American soldiers against common enemies.**

**Medicine Bags and Dog Tags is the story of these Native men and women whose military service has defended ancient homelands, perpetuated longstanding warrior traditions, and promoted tribal survival and sovereignty.**

**Provides the first broad survey of Native American contributions during the war, examining how military service led to heightened expectations for changes in federal Indian policy and their standard of living.**

**You may have heard of the Navajo code talkers of WWII, but did you know that some thirty Native American languages were used to send coded military messages during both WWI and WWII? The author reveals the little known history of how tribal languages, once thought to be obsolete, helped defeat our nation's enemies and preserve America's**

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freedom.

DISCOVER THE EPIC STORY OF THE ORIGINAL WWI CODE TALKERS... The day I betrayed Isaac, I vowed never again to speak my native language in front of white men. When America enters the Great War in 1917, Bertram Robert (B.B.) Dunn and his Choctaw buddies from Armstrong Academy join the army to protect their homes, their families, and their country. Hoping to find redemption for a horrible lie that betrayed his best friend, B.B. heads into the trenches of France—but what he discovers is a duty only his native tongue can fulfill. Stationed in worn-torn Europe since 1914, war correspondent Matthew Teller, B.B.'s uncle, is ready to quit until an encounter with a fellow Choctaw sets him on a path to write the untold story of American Indian doughboys. But entrenched stereotypes and prejudices tear at his burning desire to spread truth. With the Allies building toward the greatest offensive drive of the war, the American Expeditionary Forces face a superior enemy who intercepts their messages and knows their every move. Can the solution come from a

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people their own government stripped of culture and language? Experience the powerful tale of these courageous first American people through *Anumpa Warrior*. Based on true events, this faith-filled historical fiction takes you on a journey of our shared world history—and of hope for all people. “*Anumpa Warrior (Language Warrior)* is the first novel on the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I. Combining extensive historical research on the code talkers, insights into Choctaw culture, solid character development, and stimulating narrative, Choctaw author Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer has written a gem.” —Dr. William C. Meadows, Missouri State University, Code Talker scholar “As the granddaughter of a WWI Choctaw Code Talker, I was spellbound, speechless, and teary-eyed.” —Beth (Frazier) Lawless, granddaughter of Tobias Frazier “Sarah’s eloquent style and words give the story so much life and spirit. I say *châpeau*, hats off to you!” —Jeffrey Aarnio, former superintendent, American Battle Monuments Commission

The Comanche Code Talkers of World War

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North American Indians in the Great War  
Power of a Navajo

Survival and Loss

The Legacy of American Indian Heroism

The First and Only Memoir By One of the

Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII

Narratives of War in Postwar Japanese  
Culture, 1945-1970

Call them Native Americans, American  
Indians, indigenous peoples, or first  
nations – a vast and diverse array of  
nations, tribes, and cultures populated  
every corner of North America long  
before Columbus arrived. Native

American History For Dummies reveals  
what is known about their pre-Columbian  
history and shows how their presence,  
customs, and beliefs influenced

everything that was to follow. This  
straightforward guide breaks down their  
ten-thousand-plus year history and  
explores their influence on European  
settlement of the continent. You'll  
gain fresh insight into the major  
tribal nations, their cultures and  
traditions, warfare and famous battles;  
and the lives of such icons as  
Pocahontas, Sitting Bull and Sacagawea.

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You'll discover: How and when the Native American's ancestors reached the continent How tribes formed and where they migrated What North America was like before 1492 How Native peoples maximized their environment Pre-Columbian farmers, fishermen, hunters, and traders The impact of Spain and France on the New World Great Warriors from Tecumseh to Geronimo How Native American cultures differed across the continent Native American religions and religious practices The stunning impact of disease on American Indian populations Modern movements to reclaim Native identity Great museums, books, and films about Native Americans Packed with fascinating facts about functional and ceremonial clothing, homes and shelters, boatbuilding, hunting, agriculture, mythology, intertribal relations, and more, Native American History For Dummies provides a dazzling and informative introduction to North America's first inhabitants. One of the most influential struggles of World War II was fought behind the scenes, the battle for intelligence. Enormous resources were devoted to

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breaking the enemy's code, a feat that could decide the outcome of a battle. Among the reasons for the allied triumph is the creation of a code based on the Navajo language, a code that was never broken. This is the story of how these code talkers lived, worked, and ultimately influenced World War II. Artist, merchant, patriot, and a respected Navajo leader and spokesman, Carl Gorman is one of those rare people whose life encompasses the drama of an entire society. One of the original Navajo Code Talkers in World War II, Gorman would later become president of the Code Talkers Association and help to bring recognition to the Navajos who created the Navajo-language-based combat code that the Japanese could never break. After the war, following a lifelong interest in art, he studied at Otis Institute and became a respected artist and teacher. This biography gives a fascinating account of Gorman's childhood and youth in Navajo country and of the tribals he experienced at different Indian schools. It describes Navajo art, culture, and major events of Navajo history. Gorman's life has



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embraced success, hardship, and searing personal tragedy and demonstrated a resilience of spirit that has been inspirational to all who know him.

Achieving success in the Anglo world on his own terms, he has continually brought respect to the Navajo way of life.

Describes the role of a select group of Navajo Marines who developed a code based on their own native language that provided a means for secure communications among American forces in the Pacific during World War II.

Navajo Weapon

Code Talker Stories

Indigenous Soldiers in the Pacific War

The First Code Talkers

Navajo Code Talkers

Down the Warpath to the Cedars

Code Talker

*From Warriors to Soldiers reveals the little known history of courage, sacrifice and dedicated service exhibited by Native Americans in all branches of the U.S. military from the Revolutionary War to modern times.*

*Using their native language, the Navajo Marines played an invaluable part in World War II as they sent messages, did maneuvers, and completed tasks with words that couldn't be deciphered by the enemy. Reprint.*

*Throughout World War I and II American Indians served the*

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*United States armed forces in many capacities. One of the best known groups were "code talkers" who were asked to develop a way of transmitting secret messages using their own native languages. This multi-layered site developed by the National Museum of the American Indian honors American Indian code talkers."*

*In May 1776 more than two hundred Indian warriors descended the St. Lawrence River to attack Continental forces at the Cedars, west of Montreal. In just three days' fighting, the Native Americans and their British and Canadian allies forced the American fort to surrender and ambushed a fatally delayed relief column. In *Down the Warpath to the Cedars*, author Mark R. Anderson flips the usual perspective on this early engagement and focuses on its Native participants—their motivations, battlefield conduct, and the event's impact in their world. In this way, Anderson's work establishes and explains Native Americans' centrality in the Revolutionary War's northern theater. Anderson's dramatic, deftly written narrative encompasses decisive diplomatic encounters, political intrigue, and scenes of brutal violence but is rooted in deep archival research and ethnohistorical scholarship. It sheds new light on the alleged massacre and atrocities that other accounts typically focus on. At the same time, Anderson traces the aftermath for Indian captives and military hostages, as well as the political impact of the Cedars reaching all the way to the Declaration of Independence. The action at the Cedars emerges here as a watershed moment, when Indian neutrality frayed to the point that hundreds of northern warriors entered the fight between crown and colonies. Adroitly interweaving the stories of diverse characters—chiefs, officials, agents, soldiers, and warriors—*Down the Warpath to the Cedars* produces a complex picture, and a definitive account, of the Revolutionary War's first Indian battles, an account that*

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significantly expands our historical understanding of the northern theater of the American Revolution.

*The Story of Native American Heroism and Patriotism*

*20th Century Warriors*

*The Unbreakable Code*

*Anadarko*

*America's First Warriors*

*Code Talkers of WWI and WWII*

*The Language of Victory*

***The first and only memoir by one of the original Navajo code talkers of WWII. His name wasn't Chester Nez. That was the English name he was assigned in kindergarten. And in boarding school at Fort Defiance, he was punished for speaking his native language, as the teachers sought to rid him of his culture and traditions. But discrimination didn't stop Chester from answering the call to defend his country after Pearl Harbor, for the Navajo have always been warriors, and his upbringing on a New Mexico reservation gave him the strength—both physical and mental—to excel as a marine. During World War II, the Japanese had managed to crack every code the United States used. But when the Marines turned to its Navajo recruits to develop and implement a secret military language, they created the only unbroken code in modern warfare—and helped assure victory for the United States over Japan in the South Pacific. INCLUDES THE ACTUAL NAVAJO CODE AND RARE PICTURES***

***The American offensive in the Pacific during World War II [was] hampered by the Japanese ability to crack the most secret U.S. Codes. Navajo was***

***virtually unknown outside the reservations, ... and [their] code proved uncrackable. Kenji Kawano's striking photographs capture the quiet dignity of the surviving veterans as they recall their actions —Los Angeles Times***

***"This is the second installment of the story begun in "The Osage Rose." Set in 1923, two years after the first novel, this sequel follows two detectives, the Irish ex-cop J.D. Daugherty, and the part-time detective/part time auto mechanic/fulltime Oklahoma Cherokee Hoolie Smith as they investigate the disappearance of a white geologist, Frank Shotz. The novel is set in the aftermath of the violent Tulsa race riots in June 1921 and moves between its primary setting--the small town of Anadarko, Oklahoma and the adjacent Kiowa allotments--and the secondary setting of Tulsa. It is 1923 and Prohibition is in full swing, thus the two private detectives' investigation into what seems to be a simple missing persons case ultimately brings to light a web of murder, graft, and injustice tied to a network of bootlegging." An engaging illustrated narrative tracing New Mexico's changing identities and tourism over the past two centuries.***

***Indigenous Peoples and the Second World War  
From Warriors to Soldiers***

***Native Americans and World War II***

***Who Were the Navajo Code Talkers?***

***Native American Boarding Schools***

***A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two***

***A History of American Indian Service in the United***

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**States Military**

*Learn how this heroic group of American Indian men created a secret, unbreakable code and helped the US win major battles during World War II in this new addition to the #1 New York Times bestselling series. By the time the United States joined the Second World War in 1941, the fight against Nazi and Axis powers had already been under way for two years. In order to win the war and protect its soldiers, the US Marines recruited twenty-nine Navajo men to create a secret code that could be used to send military messages quickly and safely across battlefields. In this new book within the #1 New York Times bestselling series, author James Buckley Jr. explains how these brave and intelligent men developed their amazing code, recounts some of their riskiest missions, and discusses how the country treated them before, during, and after the war.*

*Spanning from the eighteenth century to the present day, a richly illustrated study pays tribute to the Native American warriors who have served their country in every U.S. war, honoring the exploits and accomplishments of these warriors in context to their ancient traditions of war. 12,500 first printing.*

*Based on first-person accounts and Marine Corps documents, and featuring the original code dictionary, Navajo Weapon tells how the code talkers created a unique code within a code, served their country in combat, and saved American lives.*

*Japan and the United States became close political allies so quickly after the end of World War II, that it seemed as though the two countries had easily forgotten the war they had fought. Here Yoshikuni Igarashi offers a provocative look at how Japanese postwar society struggled to understand its war loss and the resulting national trauma, even as forces within the society sought to suppress these memories. Igarashi argues that Japan's nationhood survived the war's destruction in part through a popular culture that expressed memories of loss and devastation more readily than political discourse ever could. He shows how the desire to represent the past motivated Japan's cultural productions in the first twenty-five years of the postwar period. Japanese war experiences were often described through narrative devices that downplayed the war's disruptive effects on Japan's history. Rather than treat these narratives as obstacles to historical inquiry, Igarashi reads them along with counter-narratives that attempted to register the original impact of the war. He traces the tensions between remembering and forgetting by focusing on the body as the central site for Japan's production of the past. This approach leads to fascinating discussions of such diverse topics as the use of the atomic bomb, hygiene policies under the U.S. occupation, the monstrous body of Godzilla, the first Western professional wrestling matches in Japan, the*

*transformation of Tokyo and the athletic body for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and the writer Yukio Mishima's dramatic suicide, while providing a fresh critical perspective on the war legacy of Japan.*

*The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers*

*Defending Whose Country?*

*Native American Code Talkers*

*Native Words, Native Warriors*

*A Navajo Code Talker's Story*

*Indians' First Battles in the Revolution*

*The Navajo Code Talkers*

**Code Talkers and Warriors, Updated Edition chronicles Native American life during World War II.**

**The true story of the US Army's Comanche Code Talkers, from their recruitment and training to active duty in World War II and postwar life. Among the allied troops that came ashore in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, were thirteen Comanches in the 4th Infantry Division, 4th Signal Company.**

**Under German fire they laid communications lines and began sending messages in a form never before heard in Europe?coded Comanche. For the rest of World War II, the Comanche Code Talkers played a vital role in transmitting orders and messages in a code that was never broken by the Germans. This book tells the full story of the Comanche Code Talkers for**

**the first time. Drawing on interviews with all surviving members of the unit, their original training officer, and fellow soldiers, as well as military records and news accounts, William C. Meadows follows the group from their recruitment and training to their active duty in World War II and on through their postwar lives up to the present. He also provides the first comparison of Native American code talking programs, comparing the Comanche Code Talkers with their better-known Navajo counterparts in the Pacific and with other Native Americans who used their languages, coded or not, for secret communication. Meadows sets this history in a larger discussion of the development of Native American code talking in World Wars I and II, identifying two distinct forms of Native American code talking, examining the attitudes of the American military toward Native American code talkers, and assessing the complex cultural factors that led Comanche and other Native Americans to serve their country in this way. "Of all the books on Native American service in the U.S. armed forces, this is the best. . . . Readers will find the story of the Comanche Code Talkers compelling, humorous, thought-provoking, and inspiring." —Tom Holm, author of Strong Hearts, Wounded**



## **Souls: Native American Veterans of the Vietnam War**

**This title examines the Native American servicemen known as the code talkers, focusing on their role in coded communication during World War II including developing the codes, their training, and their work in war zones.**

**Compelling narrative text and well-chosen historical photographs and primary sources make this book perfect for report writing.**

**Features include a glossary, a selected bibliography, websites, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and essential facts. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.**

**More than twelve thousand American Indians served in the United States military in World War I, even though many were not U.S. citizens and did not enjoy the benefits of enfranchisement. Using the words of the veterans themselves, as collected by Joseph K. Dixon (1856?1926), North American Indians in the Great War presents the experiences of American Indian veterans during World War I and after their return home. ø Dixon, a photographer, author, and Indian rights advocate, had hoped that documenting American Indian service in the**

**military would aid the Indian struggle to obtain general U.S. citizenship. Dixon managed to document nearly a quarter of the Indians who had served but was unable to complete his work, and his records languished unexamined until now. Unlike other sources of information on Indian military service collected by government officials, Dixon's records come primarily from the veterans themselves. Their comments reveal pride in upholding an Indian tradition of military service as well as frustration with the U.S. government. Particularly in its immediacy and individuality, Dixon's documentation of American Indian veterans of World War I adds greatly to our understanding of the experiences of American Indians in the U.S. military.**

**Native American Communicators in World War I**

**Code Talkers and Warriors**

**Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People Sitting Bull**

**Native Americans and Iraq**

**Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers**

**Native American Participation in the United States Military**

Many Americans know something about the Navajo code talkers in World War II—but little else about the military service of Native Americans, who have

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served in our armed forces since the American Revolution, and still serve in larger numbers than any other ethnic group. But, as we learn in this splendid work of historical restitution, code talking originated in World War I among Native soldiers whose extraordinary service resulted, at long last, in U.S. citizenship for all Native Americans. The first full account of these forgotten soldiers in our nation's military history, *The First Code Talkers* covers all known Native American code talkers of World War I—members of the Choctaw, Oklahoma Cherokee, Comanche, Osage, and Sioux nations, as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee and Ho-Chunk, whose veterans have yet to receive congressional recognition. William C. Meadows, the foremost expert on the subject, describes how Native languages, which were essentially unknown outside tribal contexts and thus could be as effective as formal encrypted codes, came to be used for wartime communication. While more than thirty tribal groups were eventually involved in World Wars I and II, this volume focuses on Native Americans in the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War. Drawing on nearly thirty years of research—in U.S. military and Native American archives, surviving accounts from code talkers and their commanding officers, family records, newspaper accounts, and fieldwork in descendant communities—the author explores the origins, use, and legacy of the code talkers. In the process, he highlights such noted decorated

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veterans as Otis Leader, Joseph Oklahombi, and Calvin Atchavit and scrutinizes numerous misconceptions and popular myths about code talking and the secrecy surrounding the practice. With appendixes that include a timeline of pertinent events, biographies of known code talkers, and related World War I data, this book is the first comprehensive work ever published on Native American code talkers in the Great War and their critical place in American military history.

On the Pacific front during World War II, strange messages were picked up by American and Japanese forces on land and at sea. The messages were totally unintelligible to everyone except a small select group within the Marine Corps: the Navajo code talkers—a group of Navajos communicating in a code based on the Navajo language. This code, the first unbreakable one in U.S. history, was a key reason that the Allies were able to win in the Pacific. *Navajo Code Talkers* tells the story of the special group, who proved themselves to be among the bravest, most valuable, and most loyal of American soldiers during World War II.

Because John is afraid to leave the Navajo Reservation, his grandfather explains to him how the Navajo language, faith, and ingenuity helped win World War II.

A transnational history of how Indigenous peoples mobilised en masse to support the war effort on the battlefields and the home fronts.

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## American Indians in World War I

The Politics, Experiences and Legacies of War in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

At Home and at War

Warriors

Native American History For Dummies

Warriors in Uniform

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code

For decades, American schoolchildren have learned only a smattering of facts about Native American peoples, especially when it comes to service in the U.S. military. They might know that Navajos served as Code Talkers during World War II, but more often they learn that Native Americans were enemies of the United States, not allies or patriots. In *Warrior Spirit*, author Herman J. Viola sets the record straight by highlighting the military service—and major sacrifices—of Native American soldiers and veterans in the U.S. armed services. American Indians have fought in uniform in each of our nation's wars. Since 1775, despite a legacy of broken treaties, cultural suppression, and racial discrimination, indigenous Americans have continued to serve in numbers that far exceed their percentage of the general U.S. population. *Warrior Spirit* introduces readers to unsung heroes, from the first Native guides and soldiers during the Revolutionary War to those servicemen and -women who ventured to Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. This outstanding record of

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service begs a question: Why do American Indians willingly serve a country that has treated them so poorly? Native veterans invariably answer that they are a warrior people who have a sacred obligation to defend their homeland and their families. Written to be accessible to young adult readers, *Warrior Spirit* is a valuable resource for any reader interested in Native American military history.

In the campaign against Japan in the Pacific during the Second World War, the armed forces of the United States, Australia, and the Australian colonies of Papua and New Guinea made use of indigenous peoples in new capacities. The United States had long used American Indians as soldiers and scouts in frontier conflicts and in wars with other nations. With the advent of the Navajo Code Talkers in the Pacific theater, Native servicemen were now being employed for contributions that were unique to their Native cultures. In contrast, Australia, Papua, and New Guinea had long attempted to keep indigenous peoples out of the armed forces altogether. With the threat of Japanese invasion, however, they began to bring indigenous peoples into the military as guerilla patrollers, coastwatchers, and regular soldiers. *Defending Whose Country?* is a comparative study of the military participation of Papua New Guineans, Yolngu, and Navajos in the Pacific War. In examining the decisions of state and military leaders to bring indigenous peoples into military service, as

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well as the decisions of indigenous individuals to serve in the armed forces, Noah Riseman reconsiders the impact of the largely forgotten contributions of indigenous soldiers in the Second World War.

Code Talkers and Warriors, part of the insightful new Landmark Events in Native American History set, chronicles Native American life during World War II. This impeccably researched and illustrated volume covers issues such as draft resistance on the basis of religion and sovereignty; the relocation of Native Americans to West Coast defense plants; how the war facilitated assimilationist thinking; the transition to post-war life; and Native American contributions to the war effort, such as the famed code talkers and Iwo Jima.

Samuel Holiday was one of a small group of Navajo men enlisted by the Marine Corps during World War II to use their native language to transmit secret communications on the battlefield. Based on extensive interviews with Robert S. McPherson, *Under the Eagle* is Holiday's vivid account of his own story. It is the only book-length oral history of a Navajo code talker in which the narrator relates his experiences in his own voice and words. *Under the Eagle* carries the reader from Holiday's childhood years in rural Monument Valley, Utah, into the world of the United States's Pacific campaign against Japan—to such places as Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian,

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and Iwo Jima. Central to Holiday's story is his Navajo worldview, which shapes how he views his upbringing in Utah, his time at an Indian boarding school, and his experiences during World War II. Holiday's story, coupled with historical and cultural commentary by McPherson, shows how traditional Navajo practices gave strength and healing to soldiers facing danger and hardship and to veterans during their difficult readjustment to life after the war. The Navajo code talkers have become famous in recent years through books and movies that have dramatized their remarkable story. Their wartime achievements are also a source of national pride for the Navajos. And yet, as McPherson explains, Holiday's own experience was "as much mental and spiritual as it was physical." This decorated marine served "under the eagle" not only as a soldier but also as a Navajo man deeply aware of his cultural obligations.

American Indian Veterans from Colonial Times to the Second Iraq War

Bodies of Memory

Anumpa Warrior: Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I

Carl Gorman : the Man and His Life

Under the Eagle

**There has been a great deal of writing the past several decades about Native American Code Talkers of World War Two. The**



**published works have been about Navajos and the tremendous contribution they made in the Pacific campaigns of the war. What is often overlooked is the role played in both World Wars by men of other tribes. There were Cherokee, Choctaw, Comanche, Creek and other tribal representatives with their languages involved as well. Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers, a graphic anthology of historically based stories, begins to fill that void. Seven stories -- two by the book's editor, Arigon Starr, dealing with Choctaw and Comanche code talkers, one by Roy Boney, Jr. on Cherokees, one by Johnnie Diacon on Creeks, and one by Jonathan Nelson on Navajos, plus stories from Lee Francis IV and Michael Sheyahshe -- provide an excellent rendering of the subject. Nonfiction text used as a read-aloud describing how, In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the U.S. government forcibly educated Native American children at off-reservation boarding schools. This book briefly describes the origins of the schools and looks closely at the impact of school life on the children and on Native American culture at large.**