

HIOPII CODE TALKERS

Recognition Day

“Itam Itaa Hopiqatsiy Ahoy Naptotini”

Friday, April 27, 2018

9:00 AM – Registration

10:00 AM – 3:00 P.M. (MST)

Hopi Veterans Memorial Center
Kykotsmovi, AZ



Keynote Speaker

Leigh Kuwanwisiwma

Director Emeritus

Hopi Cultural

Preservation Office



Meal

Entertainment

**Incentives
First 200**

Lodging available at two locations:

1. Second Mesa Cultural Center, \$75.00. Call (928) 734-2401 and mention group code “Hopi Code Talkers” by April 24, 2018.
2. Moenkopi Legacy Inn, \$110.00 plus tax. Call (928) 283-4500 and mention group code “HCT427” by April 13, 2018.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Hopi Veterans Services at (928) 734-3461 or 3462.

2018 Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day
SAVE THE DATE - April 27, 2018

Veterans, Families and General Public are invited to attend this year's Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day scheduled for April 27, 2018, at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center, near Kykotsmovi, AZ. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the event will commence from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (MST). The keynote speaker this year will be Mr. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director Emeritus, recently retired from the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Additionally, the event will highlight and recognize Perry Honani as this year's featured Hopi Code Talker.

Every year on or near April 23rd, Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day is set aside to honor the ten Hopi Code Talkers who served during World War II in the Pacific theater. Using the Hopi lavayii (language), they transmitted secret coded radio messages to one another during combat operations. Their military actions helped turned the tide of war, saved countless lives of American soldiers and contributed to winning the war in the Pacific. Their secret communication exploits were kept secret until the late 1960's when the code talker operations were declassified.

Through the years, Hopi Code Talkers and other Native American Code Talkers have been honored and recognized by state, federal and tribal governments. On March 21, 2012, Hopi Tribal Resolution H-041-2012, established April 23rd of each year as "*Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day*". Finally on November 20, 2013, as the result of the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-420), signed into law by President George W. Bush, 33 tribes including the ten Hopi Code Talkers, were honored during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. A Congressional Gold Medal, designed as distinct for the Hopi Tribe was presented to then Chairman Leroy Shingoitewa, with silver duplicates awarded to the individual code talkers or their next-of-kin. Family members from each of the ten Hopi Code Talkers were represented at the prestigious Gold Medal ceremony, and also when the silver medals were bestowed to them during a separate ceremony at the National Museum of the American Indian.

So mark April 27th on your calendar to attend the event to celebrate the Hopi Code Talkers legacy and the importance of speaking Hopi lavayii today. Along with the speakers, a meal will be provided; entertainment and several interactive booths for the youth will be held at the event. Additionally, Hopi Diabetes Program will recognize the Hopi Code Talkers during their 100-Mile Run/Walk event on April 18, 2018, at the Hopi Mission School area.

The planning committee is seeking any monetary or in-kind donations towards this year's event. Volunteers can certainly assist with this year's events by helping serve the meals, donating desserts or just to lend a hand. For those wanting to help with serving the meals please bring a copy of your Food Handlers Card. Contact Hopi Veterans Services at (928) 734-3461 or 3462 for any details on the event.