



THE OFFICIAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM • TSE BONITO, NM

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**New Mexico Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
New Mexico State Capitol
Room 307**

Thank you for inviting the Navajo Code Talkers Museum to inform this Committee. I am Regan Hawthorne, son of the late Roy Hawthorne, President Emeritus of the former Navajo Code Talkers Association, World War II Navajo Code Talker and Korean War Army paratrooper.

I am a veteran of fifteen years in the United States Army, having served with the 82nd Airborne Division, America's Guard of Honor, and the Indian Head, 2nd Infantry Division.

I am past Chairman of the Navajo Nation Southwest Veterans Organization. I sit now as a Director on the Navajo Code Talkers Museum Corporation.

My intent today is to present a narrative and respond deliberately and objectively to questions regarding the Navajo Code Talkers Museum project at Tse Bonito, New Mexico, and to provide this Committee with sufficient information as to allow a continued supportive effort towards the perpetuation of the legacy of a few proud Navajo men, our Navajo Code Talkers.

The attached document forms the basis of today's narrative, and may serve to instigate questions regarding the progress of the Navajo Code Talkers Museum.

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