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Weekly Update February 25th, 2011



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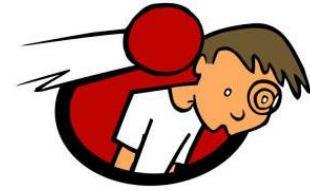
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CAMP IN – TONIGHT

What's this all about? FUN that what!

This is a big opportunity to interact with your troop mates without any kind of plan, structure or (within reason) restrictions on what you can do. You could play DODGEBALL all night, play your PS3, XBOX, etc on the projector, do Rank advancement stuff, play cards, hide and seek, kick ball and 100 other



possibilities. Basically the FUN is up to you. BUT you have to come.

WHAT: Troop 141's 1st CAMP IN

WHERE: At the GYM

BRING: Snacks, your sleeping gear (You can set up a tent for privacy in the Gym)

BREAKFAST: provided by Mr. Long/Mrs. Barone

THERE WILL ALSO BE a PRESENTATION about the April CANOE Trip to the COLORADO RIVER

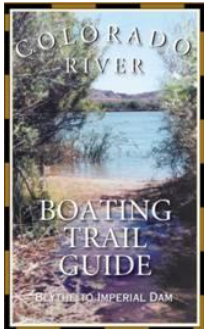
TROOP MEETING – – AT LA MARIPOSA POOL

THIS MONTH'S THEME IS AQUATICS: To prepare for the Canoe trip in April, we ALL have to be swim tested. The requirement also exists in the Scout book for FIRST CLASS.

- Tell what precautions must be taken for a safe trip afloat
- Successfully complete the [BSA swimmer test](#).
- With a helper and a practice victim, show a line rescue both as tender and rescuer. (The practice victim should be approximately 30 feet from shore in deep water.)



SO BRING YOUR BATHING SUIT & Scout book - and your towel to the meeting. REGARDLESS OF YOUR INTENT TO GO TO THE COLORADO RIVER CANOE TRIP – you need to be tested for swimming



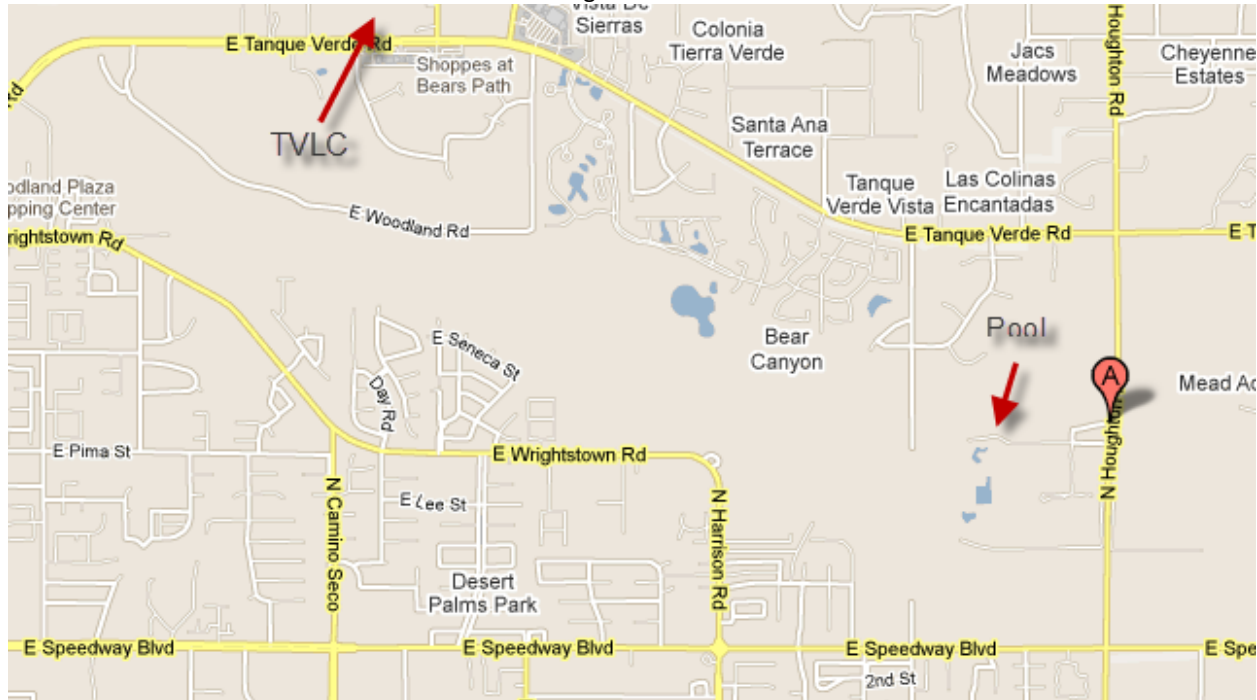


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LA MARIPOSA RESORT POOL is located at 1501 N Houghton Rd.



MONSTER TRUCK JAM – MARCH 6TH, 2011

Fans will witness six of the world's best monster trucks battle it out in the ultimate event of intense speed, racing and demolition as Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® returns to Tucson. This year's lineup includes the legendary monster truck icon GRAVE DIGGER® along with other powerhouses such as King Krunch, El Matador, The Felon, McGruff and for the first time ever...the brand-new 2011 truck, DRAGON'S BREATH!

Friday, March 4th @ 7:30 pm ~

Saturday, March 5th @ 2:00pm

& **Sunday, March 6th @ 2:00pm** (Let's get some Earplugs and GO as a Troop to THIS one)

- Scout rate: \$16 each (Regularly \$20); Kids age 2 – 12 only \$11 each!
- *Price includes facility fee; no other per ticket fees added.
- * Pit Party on Saturday only, from 12pm - 1pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
- Includes free patch for each Scout

[Click here for Registration and flyer](#)

SCOUT-O-RAMA – **FIRST SHOW AND SELL NEXT FRIDAY**

Mrs. Jones is the Scout-O-Rama Ticket Colonel!

She passed out tickets, and has kept track of how many you have. You will be getting 50% of everything you sell in your Troop Account to use as you need it. (For scout stuff only like camp, uniforms, etc).

There are several possibilities for SHOW and Sells coming up:



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Any boy interested in Show and Sell can call me and schedule a date with me. Also each packet is 20 Ticket Sheets @ \$5.00 = \$100.00 total. Each boy will get \$50.00 for each packet they sell. Call me if you have any questions. 449-5232

- ⇒ 3/11/11 (Friday) 4:00pm - 7:00pm Safeway Houghton & Broadway (4 Scouts & 1 Adult)
- ⇒ 3/12/11 (Saturday) 9:00am - 12:00pm Safeway Houghton & Broadway (4 Scouts & 1 Adult)
- ⇒ 3/13/11 (Sunday) 8:00am - 4:00pm Fry's 22nd St. & Harrison (5 Scouts & 1 Adult)
(Can do 2 shifts of 4 hours each)
- ⇒ 3/18/11 (Friday) 4:00pm - 7:00pm Safeway Houghton & Broadway (4 Scouts & 1 Adult)

MERIT BADGE CONTEST!

Last fall we had a RANK Advancement Contest. This Spring, we'll do another contest by Patrol, with MERIT BADGES Earned being the counter. HURRY HURRY earn as many as you can and your Patrol can be the VICTORS! Prize TBD – But it will be GOOD. SEVERAL MORE BADGES have been ADDED. We added a FEW Merit Badges – (See Below)



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VENTURE UPDATE

NO UPDATE This Week. BUT – Here is a picture of the Crew and their Award for being 2010 Catalina Council Crew of the year. WELL DONE Venture Crew 141!



Venture Crew 141 Now has a WEBSITE of their OWN!!
:

<http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=8597>

Stop by and register for Updates.



ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

Even though this is not an eagle required Merit badge it takes a lot of work observing, drawing and pointing out astronomical objects <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance>

• Friday, March 4

- Early March is when Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, shines at its highest due south right after dark. It's the bottom point of the equilateral Winter Triangle. The triangle's other points are orange-red Betelgeuse to the upper right, and Procyon to Sirius's upper left.
- New Moon (exact at 3:46 p.m. EST).
- Algol is at minimum brightness, magnitude 3.4 instead of its usual 2.1, for a couple hours centered on 8:53 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mercury is a challenge low in bright twilight! Jupiter helps guide the way. The visibility of objects near the horizon is exaggerated here.

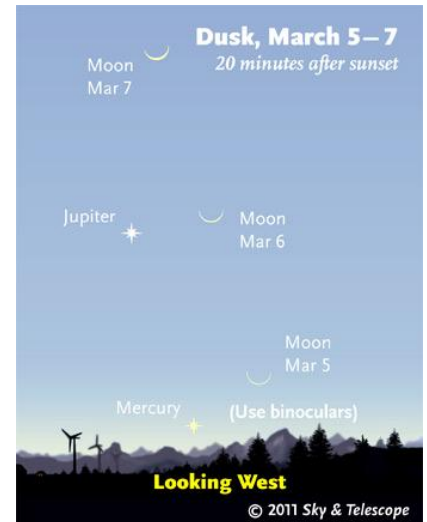
[Sky & Telescope](#) diagram

Saturday, March 5

- If the sky is clear very low in the west soon after sunset, binoculars may show Mercury lower left of the very thin waxing crescent Moon, as shown here. Brighter Jupiter higher up guides the way to them. Bring binoculars. Could this be the youngest Moon you've ever seen? Determine its age from the time of new Moon listed under Friday above.

Sunday, March 6

- Jupiter shines to the left of the waxing crescent Moon in twilight, as shown here.





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Monday, March 7

- Even if you haven't got a dark sky, a telescope or even binoculars will show quite a lot — if you know what to look for. See Hugh Bartlett's article "Binocular Sights for City Nights" in the March [Sky & Telescope](#), page 58.

Tuesday, March 8 - Cant see from Tucson ☹

- Late tonight an 8th-magnitude star in Leo should be occulted (covered) by the 12th-magnitude asteroid 72 Feronia as seen from a narrow track from the Florida Keys across Louisiana to Oregon. The star may be blacked out for up to 7 seconds. See [map, finder charts, and more information](#).

Wednesday, March 9

- Look northeast after dark to spot the Big Dipper, standing on its handle. Follow the curve of the handle on around to the lower right, by a little more than a Dipper-length, to see where bright Arcturus will rise as the evening advances.

Thursday, March 10

- The Pleiades cluster glimmers above or upper right of the Moon this evening. If the Moon's glare interferes, move the Moon behind a tree limb or roofline.

MERIT BADGES COMING IN MARCH/APRIL!

There are a TON of Merit badges coming! **Two are Eagle Required.**

Disability Awareness (March 22)

COMMUNICATIONS MB Opportunity

For all of those scouts who were in the Communications merit badge class with Ms. Winston on Jan 25, 2011, Mr. O'Brien has offered a tour of his office (Rincon Communications at **2434 N. Pantano--NE corner of Pantano and Wrightstown** in the strip mall behind the Sonic next to Thirsty's) on **Thursday March 10, 2011 at 7 PM**. This session will last about an hour.



This will assist with requirement #9 (Find out about three career opportunities in the field of communication. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.). Please meet at his office and NOT the church.

MORE Merit Badges have been added for February through April! Including

Badge *Eagle required	Date
Communications MB Tour	03/10/2011
Cycling MB PART II	03/15/2011
*First Aid	04/02/2011 SEE NOTE BELOW
Automotive Maintenance (Class room)	03/29/2011
Automotive Maintenance (Hands ON)	04/16/2011
Personal Management	04/19/2011
Fire Safety	TBD in April

Mrs. Toering hopes everyone is keeping track of their Pets for the May log turn in.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding /Shading other colors indicates a new event since the last email). As you can





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see we are getting a full schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month once again!

03/04/2011	CAMP NAUSSEN – IN (Lock IN) TVLC Gym
03/05/2011	Sporting Clays – Shooting event
03/06/2011	MONSTER TRUCK MADDNESS
03/07/2011	TROOP MEETING
03/08/2011	Committee Meeting
03/09/2011	Spanish Trails Eagle Board of Review
03/10/2011	O/A Meeting
03/11/2011	Scout-O-Rama SHOW and SELL - Safeway
03/12/2011	Scout-O-Rama SHOW and SELL - Safeway
03/12/2011	Reddington Pass Cleanup (Shooting areas)
03/13/2011	Scout-O-Rama SHOW and SELL – Fry’s (2 – Shifts)
03/14/2011	TROOP MEETING
03/15/2011	Cycling MB Part II
03/18/2011	Colossal Cave Bike/Campout
03/18/2011	Scout-O-Rama SHOW and SELL - Safeway
03/21/2011	TROOP MEETING
03/22/2011	Disability Awareness MB
03/26/2011	SCOUT-(O)-RAMA (T141 Dutch Oven booth)
03/28/2011	PLC Meeting
03/29/2011	Automotive Maintenance MB

SCOUT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Winston keeps track of what scouts have in their accounts from scholarship to popcorn money. If you are curious what your balance of the individual fund is, please drop him an email at treasurer@scoutroop141.org.

Remember – If you leave the Troop – Your un-used funds are put in the troop general fund for scholarships.

PHYSICAL FORMS 2011 – DUE BY FEB 28TH, 2011

(CLARIFICATION)

[Click here for the A-B-C Forms that you will need to take with you to the Dr. when you get your Physical](#) HINT: Fill most of this form out ON LINE BEFORE you print it. A & B YOU can fill out without a doctor.

Parts A and B (REQUIRED NOW) are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians. MOM and or DAD can fill this out – No need for a Physical at the Drs.office.

Part C (Required for GERONIMO) is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends





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may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle—accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas. See the FAQs for when this does not apply.

It's time to get your 2011 Physical forms done.

Mr. Winston has the physical forms for those who attended Camp Geronimo in 2010. BSA regulations now require new physicals each 12 months. If you want your son's physical form returned please see Mr. Winston by Feb 1, 2011. Expired forms will be shredded after March 1st. If you don't have a valid form A&B on file, you are NOT eligible to participate in outings. Mrs. Barone now has all of the 2010 Camp Geronimo physicals and is updating all the medical data in Troop master. .

YOUR FORM IS GOOD FOR 12 MONTHS – YOU MUST HAVE a current A & B form on FILE. We want to get this all cleaned up by FEB 2011. If you have a form that is in force, please just provide a copy of the existing form. (OR, we can hang on to last year's GERONIMO forms).

Please let us know if anything has CHANGED since last year.

THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING – We have already discovered several allergies that will have to be looked after on Outings!

FIRST AID MERIT BADGE AND CPR TRAINING— SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2011. (UPDATED)



The First Aid merit badge will be offered beginning at 8 AM in the Family Life Center (where we have our Monday meetings). This is an Eagle-required merit badge and it is required for at least 2 other merit badges (Lifesaving and Emergency Preparedness). Please see the troop calendar entry for the items needed for the merit badge.

CPR training is mandatory for those who want to earn the merit badge and is available for any others (adults, siblings or scouts) who would like to be trained in CPR. We are required to have at least 1 CPR trained adult on each outing. The CPR training will begin at 1 PM in the Family Life Center (note later time than in previous years). The cost of the CPR training is \$10 (checks made payable to "Troop 141").

The deadline to register for both the merit badge and the CPR training is Monday March 21. Please sign-up with Mr. Winston.

GERONIMO 2011

GERONIMO IS full 28 Scouts signed up.

It may seem EARLY to talk about SUMMER CAMP, but it's time to start planning for Geronimo,- Even though this is in June, we collect down payments and partial payments from now until May.





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Mr. Winston has again offered to be the Leader of this event (As he has so many times before) but has hinted that this is his LAST Year at Geronimo. SO, if you want to get BIG "G" Gold to sew on your sash, This is a GREAT Year to do that.

Here is [a Flyer with Information about the Summer Camp experience at Geronimo:](#)

ALSO – YOU ARE GOING TO NEED A RED SWEATSHIRT FOR GERONIMO – THE ORDER INFO IS IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION.

EVENT HELP 2011

NEXT TRIP IS IN March!! BIKE OUTING TO COLOSSAL CAVE

Plus THE 50 MILE CANOE TRIP – MR. LONG REALLY REALLY NEEDS COORDINATION HELP ON THIS ONE!

We need to start Planning for the COLORADO RIVER CANOE TRIP at the end of APRIL.

We'll need at LEAST two Tow vehicles for the Canoes (Don't need to be heavy duty, they are light trailers)

- TWO Big Boats to carry Scout Gear (Backpacks/Dry bags, etc)
- MR.LONG will be towing his Aluminum 12' boat for Safety
- Will need at LEAST 6 Adults to make this happen
- Need a SHUTTLE Driver to get us back to where we PUT in.
- We can run this as a Backpack trip so No Chuckboxes, troop tents, etc will be required.

As you can see there is a HUGE amount of FUN planned for this year. We'll not exactly PLANNED yet, but simply identified. Mr. LONG NEEDS YOUR HELP. I need a parent to be the lead on every trip/outing or event. What does this mean?

- Promote (Via Web page, PowerPoint, personal experience, etc).
- Arranging Permits/Reservations, etc.
- Setting the Sign Up sheets out
- Collecting money and giving it out to the patrol Grub Master
- Designating an Adult Grub master –

These kinds of things are very tough to do when acting the part of Scoutmaster. (I would much rather be the target of a dodge ball ☺) So I need your help. If everyone would choose just ONE event / outing to help with, it would make the year go so much more smoothly. So Look over the list at the top of this Blast, and see what outing might interest you. Any one of the bullets above you could help out with would be very appreciated as well.

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LONG TERM EVENTS

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Catalina Council 2011 Friends of Scouting Breakfast

The Catalina Council will hold its 2011 Friends of Scouting Breakfast on Tuesday, March 8th at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde at 7:30am. Keynote speaker, Mike Candrea – University of Arizona Head Softball Coach, will be at the Holiday Inn at 6:45am for a guest Meet and Greet. You'll have a chance to meet Mike and talk to him about the University of Arizona Softball season and get your picture taken with Mike. The breakfast will be a great event to help push the Catalina Council over its 2011 Friends of Scouting goal. Don't miss this great opportunity next spring to come out and support your local Scouting programs. If you are interested in becoming a Table Host for the breakfast or in attending the event, invitations will be going out in early January or you can contact Ken Camp at 520-750-0385 or kc@catalinacouncil.org

Yellowstone July 2011! THIS IS SO HUGE, SO EXCITING that it has burst out into its own Category!

YELLOWSTONE: UPDATE JANUARY 2011

The base cost for the trip to Yellowstone is \$225/person and will cover gas, 2 nights in the hotel, camping and admission fees for Yellowstone and food while camping in Yellowstone. Additional fees will include mountain biking (\$25/person) and white water rafting (\$45/person) if you have signed up for these activities. (Reservations for these side trips have been submitted and while there may be time to change our reservations, I can not guarantee a bike or seat in the raft for those who have not contacted me.) Other costs to consider include money for souvenirs while at Yellowstone and meals on the road to and from Yellowstone (4 lunches and 4 dinners) with each person responsible for paying for these on their own. We get free breakfast each morning in the hotel.



Geothermal Pool

Please make checks payable to "Troop 141" and these can be given to Mr. Winston at the troop meetings. Please try to have all costs paid in full by the end of April. If you need an extension, please contact Mr. Winston.

We will need physical forms including copies of insurance cards for all who attend (scouts, parents and siblings). These physicals must have been performed within a year prior to the trip (July 21, 2010) and must be on the official BSA form (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf). You can use the same form for Yellowstone that you use for Camp Geronimo if you or your scout is attending both. If your scout takes a prescription medication, it is required by BSA that you provide the medications in the prescription bottle (not the weekly dispensers) and legibly written (ie typed or computer printed) instructions. I will need at least one parent to serve as the pharmacist for this trip. If you are traveling with your scout then you can be responsible for administering the medication to your scout.



Old Faithful

At present, it is more than likely that we will need all adults to drive. Please let me know how many seat belts you have in the vehicle you are planning to drive. If you have not registered your vehicle with the troop, please fill out the form which can be found on this page on the troop website:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/parents/DriverInfo.html>



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I would like to have all adults to have at least the Youth Protection Training and for those adults who have signed up for the white water rafting please do the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training. Please print up your training cards and bring them with you on the trip. All three of these training sessions can be found online (<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>). Hazardous weather training is also advised.

A permission slip will be made available in April. In addition there is a permission slip for the white water rafting and mountain biking that will be provided by the outfitters. I will forward these permission slips once the outfitters send me these via email.

EAGLE MENTOR – WANT TO BE ONE?

There are several Life Scouts that have not chosen an Eagle Mentor – Being an Eagle mentor is rewarding and not hard – if you are interested in being one, check out what's involved here: [Eagle Mentor Program](#)
There are SEVERAL Life scouts in need of a Mentor right now.



LIFE TO EAGLE:

Some of you had asked where the application and Eagle packet are – So I re-posted them here:

- Ideas for Eagle Projects

<http://home.flash.net/~smithrc/eagleprj.htm>

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/eagle/eagleproj1.html>

<http://www.eaglescout.org/project/select.html>

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:



TROOP GEAR: Hoodies, Pull overs and T-shirts! Last year we made it REQUIRED to have a RED Sweatshirt for GERONIMO. We looked SHARP when we went to all the cool evening (Cool as in not warm) events as one Unified red sea of faces. I can't see any reason NOT to do that again in 2011 because we ARE – after all GETTING BIG "G" GOLD AGAIN!

[Click HERE for the Sweatshirt order form.](#) WE NEED 25 PIECES for the ORDER to go IN so NOW is the Time to order stuff!!!

Wanted – Old stuff

If you have any shoes, uniform shirts, pants, etc, please consider donating these to the troop inventory for those scouts less fortunate. Thanks!

A special THANKS to the GIFT GIVER of the Historic Uniforms!

Lost n. Found

If you are missing any gear, it's probably in the troop shed. . WE CLEANED A LOT OUT AT THE COURT OF HONOR, BUT I STILL HAVE:

- 1 hacksaw – Likely from the carpentry MB day
- 1 Drink bottle – Nice with an Orange thermal !



WEEKLY THOUGHT



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The CODE Talkers

As our WWII veterans pass on to the next world, it's OUR job to remember them, and what they did.

Joe Antonio Silversmith, a member of the Navajo Code Talkers who confounded the Japanese during World War II by transmitting messages in their native language, has died. He was 86.

Navajo Nation officials say Silversmith died Monday at his home in Coolidge, N.M. No cause of death was immediately available.

Tribal President Ben Shelly ordered flags on the Navajo Nation Nation to be flown at half-staff from March 2-5 to honor Silversmith.

Silversmith joined the 297 Marine Platoon at age 18 and served in the South Pacific from March 1943 to 1946.

In 2001, Silversmith received the Silver Congressional Medal of Honor for serving in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Silversmith's funeral is scheduled for Saturday in Thoreau, N.M.

So Who were these guys? They were BRAVE Americans that served selflessly during world war II. All the more amazing is to realize how poorly their people were treated by the US during the late 1800s and early 1900's that they would still volunteer to help out.



They were a small band of warriors who created an unbreakable code from the ancient language of their people and changed the course of modern history.

Known as Navajo Code Talkers, they were young Navajo men who transmitted secret communications on the battlefields of WWII. At a time when America's best cryptographers were falling short, these modest shepherders and farmers were able to fashion the most ingenious and successful code in military history. They drew upon their proud warrior tradition to brave the dense jungles of Guadalcanal and the exposed beachheads of Iwo Jima.

Serving with distinction in every major engagement of the Pacific theater from 1942-1945, their unbreakable code played a pivotal role in saving countless lives and hastening the war's end.

<http://www.navajocodetalkers.org/> Click this link to listen to the ORAL history