



*The Santa Clara County Historical
and Genealogical Society presents:*

April Winchester And Rita Haberman

Navajo Code Talkers

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



Navajo code talkers, Saipan, June 1944

The use of the Navajo language in WWII as a clandestine system of encrypted communication was one of America's best kept secrets. This presentation will explore how the Navajo language was identified and selected for this project, including why a new method to encrypt communications and develop an "Unbreakable Code" was critical to the success of the Allies.

April and Rita will discuss the deployment of the Navajo Code Talkers in the Pacific Theatre including how they were able to overcome skepticism and prove that not only did the code work but how it became the deserving recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor on 26 July 2001.

For so many of us who had family members serving in World War I and II, this presentation will significantly expand our knowledge of those historical events and lead us to a deeper understanding of our family history.

Refreshments and Conversation: 6:30 pm
Business Meeting and Program: 6:45 pm

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Santa Clara Central Park Library
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