

Growing Up With Heroes... The Navajo Code Talkers of World War II

A Daughter's Journey



ZONNIE GORMAN is a recognized historian on the original Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. She has appeared in several documentaries including the History Channel's *In Search of History-Navajo Code Talkers*, and the MGM double DVD release of *Windtalkers* (historical documentary section). Zonnie holds a Master's degree in History and is currently working toward her PhD in History at the University of New Mexico.

Zonnie's Presentation, *Growing Up with Heroes*, is a touching and riveting story about the original famous Navajo Code Talkers. This very first group – *the First Twenty-nine* – was the pilot project in 1942 who created the first Navajo code.

As a historian and the daughter of the oldest member, Carl Gorman, Zonnie expertly weaves her personal connection and intimate knowledge with thirty years of archival research and collected first account stories. You will experience the Navajo reservation of the 1940s, the federal boarding schools, and learn about the devastating U.S. Government policy of



Assimilation designed to destroy Indian lifeways and languages. Most importantly, you will discover how the First Twenty-nine created the initial Navajo code and how their life experiences, cultural upbringing, and sheer ingenuity helped secure America's freedom in the Pacific.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING!

"Zonnie has become the foremost Code Talker scholar in the world... and her lecture reflects this!"

-Judy Avila
Best-selling Author of
*Code Talker: The First and Only
Memoir by One of the Original
Navajo Code Talkers of WWII*

"Ms. Gorman kept the audience of 150 lawyers and judges from across the nation captivated and hanging on her every word."

— Joe Conte
Executive Director,
State Bar of New Mexico

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