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The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is deeply concerned by recent reports indicating the removal of content honoring the Navajo Code Talkers from several U.S. military websites. These brave individuals played an indispensable role during World War II, using their native language to develop an unbreakable code that was pivotal in securing victory in the Pacific Theater. Their contributions exemplify unparalleled patriotism and valor.

The Navajo Code Talkers' legacy is not just a story of Native American resilience but a defining chapter in American history. Their contributions to the war effort saved countless lives, and any effort to erase or diminish their role is deeply troubling. We call on the Department of Defense to restore these materials immediately and ensure that the stories of Native service members remain accessible for future generations.

Reports have highlighted that at least ten articles referencing the Code Talkers have been removed from the U.S. Army and Department of Defense websites, with URLs now marked "DEI." This suggests a correlation with President Trump's executive order terminating federal diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

NCAI acknowledges the Department of Defense's commitment to policy compliance but emphasizes that honoring the legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers transcends DEI considerations. Their heroism is a testament to the rich cultural heritage and profound sacrifices of Native peoples in service to our nation.

Native peoples have a long history of distinguished military service, consistently enlisting at higher rates than any other group in the United States. This overrepresentation is a testament to the deep dedication, warrior traditions, and sense of duty that have been central to Tribal Nations for generations. Among the most remarkable contributions are those of the Code Talkers, beginning with the Choctaw soldiers in World War I and continuing through World War II, when members of at least 14 Tribal Nations, including the Comanche, Meskwaki, Hopi, and Seminole, developed unbreakable codes that saved countless lives. In keeping with their values, many of these warriors never sought personal recognition, yet their legacy remains a profound source of pride. The removal of these historical records disrespects not only the Navajo Code Talkers but all Native service members who have answered the call to protect this nation.

"The Navajo Code Talkers' legacy is not just a story of Native American resilience but a defining chapter in American history," said NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr. "Their contributions to the war effort saved countless lives, and any effort to erase or diminish their role is deeply troubling. We call on the Department of Defense to restore these materials immediately and ensure that the stories of Native service members remain accessible for future generations."

Tribal Nations have a unique political and legal relationship with the United States, grounded in inherent sovereignty and recognized in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, and numerous federal laws and policies. The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently upheld this distinct legal and political status. As the federal government implements new policies, including those affecting DEI initiatives, it must not allow trust and treaty obligations to become collateral damage.

We call on the Trump Administration to prioritize the recognition of Native service members and their history, ensuring political changes do not diminish their contributions. We remain steadfast in advocating for Native rights and stand ready to collaborate with federal partners to uphold these commitments. NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr.

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**[Opinion: Elon Musk called a combat veteran a 'traitor.' No American should tolerate it.](#)**  
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How DOGE cuts are jeopardizing our national parks, “America’s best idea”

“When British novelist J.B. Priestley visited the Grand Canyon in the 1930s, he described it as “all of Beethoven’s nine symphonies in stone and magic light.” “If I were an American,” he wrote, “I should make my remembrance of it the final test of men, art, and policies ... Every member or officer of the federal government ought to remind himself, with triumphant pride, that he is on the staff of the Grand Canyon.” In February, as part of the Trump Administration’s effort to shrink the size of the federal workforce, approximately 1,000 employees were laid off across the Park Service. In the weeks since, there have been protests at hundreds of park service sites, from Acadia to Zion. ... ” [Read more from CBS News.](#)

Report highlights how communities hardest hit by climate change can build resilient water systems

“Malynndra Tome was helping to map livestock ponds in the Navajo Nation when she saw something that inspired her to act. An elderly woman was filling milk jugs with water at the back of a gas station in the Native American reservation, where about 30% of people live without running water. “How can we be living in the United States of America ... one of the most powerful countries in the world, and people are living like this here?” asked Tome, a citizen who grew up in the community of Ganado, Arizona, in the nation’s largest Native American reservation at 27,000 square miles (69,930 square kilometers) in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. A report published Tuesday identifies ways historically neglected communities most vulnerable to climate change, like Tome’s, can create resilient water and wastewater systems. Its highlights include nature-based solutions, tailoring approaches to each community and using technology — all the while recognizing barriers to implementing them. ... ” [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

Utah approves plan to pay farmers to leave water in the Colorado River

“Utah is launching a plan to pay farmers to leave some of their irrigation water in the Colorado River system. The [Colorado River Authority of Utah](#) board has approved the first round of applicants for the state’s new [Demand Management Pilot Program](#). It includes more than a dozen projects along Colorado River tributaries in eastern and southeastern Utah. The program will use up to \$4.2 million of state money to compensate farmers who temporarily forgo using some of their water in 2025 and 2026. The practice of leaving a field unplanted and unwatered is known as [fallowing](#). This allows water that would have normally been sprayed on crops to flow downstream instead. Utah leaders hope quantifying the water those projects save will help the state avoid mandatory cutbacks as it looks toward a [renegotiated Colorado River agreement](#) in 2026. ... ” [Read more from KUER.](#)

The prehistoric psychopath

https://worksinprogress.co/issue/the-prehistoric-psychopath/?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

Cortez Masto: 'DOGE' cuts affecting Nevada water rights discussions



“Democratic Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto said federal government cuts from President Donald Trump and Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) could affect upcoming discussions about water rights as Colorado River states, including Nevada, discuss how to share the natural resource. The states and tribes sharing the river will have to agree on a new compact by August 2026. Current policies that guide river management expire at the beginning of 2027. The three states that make up the Lower Basin — Nevada, Arizona and California — are fighting a critical war for their rights to water from the river. The future of growing cities is in the balance, along with farms, businesses and everyone else in the Desert Southwest. ...” [Read more from KLAS.](#)

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**Scientists witness unexpected changes in rivers after knocking down dams: 'We didn't even know there was [one] there'**

<https://www.thecooldown.com/outdoors/dam-removal-northeast-ecosystems-restoration/>

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Watch now: Survivors of extreme weather events discuss their fears for their children

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**Congratulations to the vernal equinox which occurred at 5:01 AM EST**





# CROW FAIR POW WOW



## THE TEEPEE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AUGUST 13TH - 19TH, 2025 - CROW AGENCY, MT

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH (YOUTH POW WOW)

NO REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH POW WOW - ALL YOUTH WELCOME  
6:00 P.M. YOUTH POW-WOW GRAND ENTRY (1 - 17 YEARS OLD ONLY)  
FIRST TIME DANCERS  
SPECIALS AND GIVE AWAYS

### THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH (CROW STYLE ONLY)

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 1:00 P.M.  
DRUM ROLL CALL AT 5:45 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY  
SPECIALS & GIVE AWAYS CONCLUDE BY 11:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH (ALL DANCERS, NON-CROW & CROW STYLE)

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 12:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY  
SPECIALS & **NO GIVE AWAYS**  
CONCLUDE BY 11:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH (ALL DANCERS, NON-CROW & CROW STYLE)

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLOSSES AT 1:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. - GRAND ENTRY (ALL ADULTS EXCUSED AFTER GRAND ENTRY)  
6:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY  
SPECIALS & **NO GIVE AWAYS**  
CONCLUDE BY 12:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH (ALL DANCERS, NON-CROW & CROW STYLE) \*CROW STYLE EXCUSED AFTER GRAND ENTRY

1:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY  
SPECIALS & **NO GIVE AWAYS**  
CONCLUDE BY 11:00 P.M.

### MONDAY AUGUST 18 TH (CROW STYLE FINALS)

1:00 P.M. - PARADE DANCE START  
SPECIALS AND GIVE AWAYS

### TUESDAY AUGUST 19 TH (CROW FAIR CONCLUDES)

3:00 P.M. - FEAST  
ELECTIONS FOR CROW FAIR 2026 MANAGERS - TBA

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**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
RUBEN LITTLE HEAD  
DARRIN OLD COYOTE  
SYLVAN "BUZZY" COVERS UP  
DALE OLD HORN  
CORKY OLD HORN

**ARENA DIRECTORS:** WALTER RUNSABOVE & O'SHAY BIRDINGROUND

**HEAD JUDGE:** BOYSEQUAN SILVERHORN-MARTINEZ  
**HEAD MAN DANCER:** WINSTON CAUFIELD

**HEAD WOMAN DANCER:** CORDELIA FALLS DOWN  
**DRUM JUDGES:** SON SON TWO-LEGGINS & ROBERT OLDCOYOTE  
**MIC RUNNER:** LEANDRO OLDCOYOTE & ANDREW STUMP III

**HONORARY VETERAN:**  
MISTY LOUIE, SSGT E-5 UNITED STATES NAVY  
**REGISTRATION & VENDORS:** STEPHEN WHITE

### HOST DRUMS

WAR PAINT, BACKSWAMP, N.C.  
WOLF BEAR, LODGE GRASS, M.T. (FRIDAY)  
NIGHT HAWK JR'S, CROW AGENCY (SATURDAY)  
BLACKWHISTLE, LODGE GRASS (SUNDAY)  
**ALL DRUMS WELCOME - DRUM DAY PAY**

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## **Eighth-Grader Takes WNC Aviation Ground School Class**

In a remarkable display of academic and extracurricular ambition, eighth-grade student Keagan Craig completed Western Nevada College's (WNC) in person AV 110 Private Pilot Ground School course.

This dual pursuit not only showcases Craig's passion for aviation but also highlights the opportunities available for early engagement in higher education through Oasis' partnership with Western Nevada College.

By completing WNC's AV 110 course, Craig gained comprehensive knowledge of aviation principles, including flight mechanics and safety protocols. This course is a foundational step toward becoming a licensed pilot.

“In the class I learned the basics of flying and how to navigate airports,” Craig said. “My favorite assignments were the weather paper and cross-country project. For the weather paper we learned how to navigate storms, what a storm contains, and how it can affect your flying. In the cross-country project we were given two airports and had to plan a route between the two and discuss how to fly that route.”

WNC's aviation program addresses the national pilot shortage while providing students with a clear pathway to careers in aviation. The unique opportunity has provided Craig a chance to accelerate his educational and professional goals. The first of those being to obtain a pilot's license. (edited)

To learn more about WNC's Private Pilot Ground School course please contact the Fallon campus at 775-445-3382.



**“Vexatious” records requesters** — Assm. Ken Gray (R-Dayton) said that he felt real “angst” introducing [AB152](#) during a hearing Tuesday. The bill that would exempt state and local governments from providing access to copies of public records that have been authorized for disposal. Gray said that the measure would increase transparency by preventing personnel from “chasing rabbits down holes that they may never catch” and instead “allowing them to focus on the real records.”

- Supporters of the bill, such as Cameron Gresh, Carson City government affairs liaison, said there was a fiscal cost to digging up historical records, especially for smaller jurisdictions.

## **Wikipedia Editors Chronicle Landmarks Lost To Wildfires**

The places lost to wildfires in Los Angeles County this year aren't just personal property.

Maybe it was your favorite hiking spot, or the 100-year-old family business that was part of your weekend errand routine. Maybe it was the beachside restaurant where you had that first date that



changed everything, or the neighborhood watering hole where LA finally felt like home after you moved here.

The websites or Instagram pages are still up for many landmarks that were either damaged or destroyed in January's fires. There are articles strewn across the internet. But if you want their histories, their cultural heritages in context, those — like so many of the structures themselves — are largely scattered to the wind.

Which is why one organization is taking on a less traditional form of disaster relief: Fireproofing history, by preserving it online. On a recent Saturday, two dozen or so walk-in volunteers and trained Wikipedia editors — who are also volunteers — congregated over laptops and cups of coffee. They're writing new entries, adding citations, updating information, and uploading photos to Wikipedia articles related to the January 2025 wildfires.

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Sacramento, CA News

[The High Cost Of Fixing Lake Tahoe: Famed Alpine Lake Still Murky After Decades Of Efforts](#)



The Mount Lyell shrew (*Sorex lyelli*) is native to Mono Basin in the Sierra Nevada. (Vishal Subramanyan, Prakrit Jain, and Harper Forbes) (*first time photographed!*)

Virtual Bookshelf: Women’s History Month

Join NEH in celebrating Women’s History Month this March with a selection of NEH-funded projects examining women’s achievements and contributions to history, culture, and society.

NEH-Funded Projects: (samples)

[Marisol: A Retrospective](#)

Soon to be on display at the Dallas of Art, the [NEH-funded “Marisol: A Retrospective”](#) introduces visitors to the life and artworks of Venezuelan-American sculptor Marisol Escobar. The exhibition, which was organized by the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, includes 224 pieces addressing themes like politics, gender norms, and ecological and societal concerns. The exhibition will run from February 23 to July 6, 2025.

[Storming Caesars Palace](#)

This [NEH-funded documentary](#) tells the story of Ruby Duncan, who lost her job at a Las Vegas hotel and joined a welfare rights group of mothers who defied notions of the “welfare queen.” In a fight for guaranteed income, Ruby and other activists took on the Nevada mob in organizing a massive protest that shut down Caesars Palace. The film is available on your local PBS station or [online](#).

[La Malinche](#)

“Traitor, Survivor, Icon: The Legacy of La Malinche”, which recently ended a three-museum tour across the Southwest, centers on the cultural legacy of the Indigenous woman who was at the heart of the Spanish Conquest of Mexico. Exhibiting at the [Denver Art Museum](#), the [Albuquerque Museum](#) and the [San Antonio Museum of Art](#), “Traitor, Survivor, Icon” is the first museum exhibition to present a visual exploration of Malinche’s impact on communities on both sides of the US-Mexico border. Read more about La Malinche and the [NEH-funded](#) exhibition in [Humanities Magazine](#).

[UNLADYLIKE2020](#)

This [NEH-funded](#) multimedia series and PBS American Experience documentary illuminates the inspiring stories of 26 American women who forged new paths across the fields of science, business, aviation, journalism, politics, medicine, exploration, and the arts. Short online documentaries examine the lives of women such as Bessie Coleman, the first African American to earn an international pilot’s license; Susan La Flesche Picotte, the country’s first Native American physician who also founded the first privately funded hospital on an American Indian reservation; Jeanette Rankin, the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress; and Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim across the English Channel. Find free lesson plans about the women featured in the series at [PBS Learning Media](#).

[When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story, 1776–1807](#)

Women voted in Revolutionary America, more than a hundred years before the United States Constitution guaranteed that right to women nationally. The 1776 New Jersey State Constitution referred to voters as “they,” and statutes passed in 1790 and 1797 defined voters as “he or she.” This opened the electorate to free property owners, Black and white, male and female, in New

Jersey. This lasted until 1807, when a new state law said only white men could vote. This [NEH-funded](#) exhibition at the Museum of the American Revolution examines the little-known history of the nation's first women voters.

[Journeys and Pathways: Contemporary Pueblo Women in Leadership, Service, and the Arts](#)

An [NEH grant](#) to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is supporting an oral history project to interview women from the nineteen New Mexico Pueblos and produce teaching and public programming resources examining the intergenerational group of women who have often been the “first” in their fields or have contributed to their communities in lasting ways. Watch a selection of these oral history interviews with Pueblo women leaders [online](#).

[Layli Long Soldier, Oglala Lakota Poet, Catalogs the Untold](#)

[Lakota Writer Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve Has Taken Readers Far Beyond the Stereotypes of Native American Life](#)

<https://www.neh.gov/news/virtual-bookshelf-womens-history-month>

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[Not endorsing the project but a great idea.....](#)

**This simple bag lets you earn rewards by recycling your old stuff — here's how it works and where to get one**

Once you send back your Take Back Bag full of clothes, you get \$30 worth of "Trashie Cash."



Photo Credit: Trashie

There's a new way to get rid of your old clothes: It comes in a big brightly colored bag, and there are major rewards involved.

Fast-growing startup company Trashie launched the [Take Back Bag](#) last year, and it's been hugely popular since. Each bag costs \$20 and unlocks \$30 in rewards — which means you're effectively making money while keeping your old stuff out of landfills.

So how does it work? All you have to do is [order the bag](#), load your old clothes, sneakers, towels, and even sheets that you want to get rid of, send it back to Trashie's recycling center, and the team will work its magic from there. And you get access to Trashie's rewards platform in the process.

Let's get into the nitty-gritty.

#### **What's the reward system all about?**

Once you send back your Take Back Bag full of clothes, you get up to \$30 worth of "Trashie

Cash." That's good to use on such things as reduced prices on movie tickets with AMC Theatres, meals with HelloFresh, sneakers with Allbirds, and plenty more.

The list is long, but supplies are limited, especially for popular deals. Trashie recommends users check in weekly to see what new deals are available

### **Is there a cost?**

Each Take Back Bag [costs \\$20 upfront](#). Once you fill up that big neon bag and send it off (shipping is included), you get those rewards. Bonus: You don't have a huge pile of old clothes in your closet anymore.

### **What exactly can go in these bags?**

Clothes you want to get rid of, winter jackets, sweaters and [socks](#) with holes in them, old shoes, pillowcases, bathrobes, backpacks, purses, and even your old Halloween costume. And that's just the start of the list.

"Whatever really fits in the bag ... as long as it doesn't have extreme biohazard or soil or anything extreme that we can't recycle," Trashie CEO Kristy Caylor explained in a [recent conversation](#) with TCD.

### **What happens after I send off my Take Back Bag?**

The Trashie team inspects and sorts the items in your bag into over 250 categories, making sure that roughly 90% of all [donations](#) are kept out of landfills. According to the [company's website](#), around 70% of items are reused globally, while over 20% are recycled into new fibers for things like pet bedding.

Plus, Trashie recycles all the Take Back Bags that it gets back.

### **How am I helping the planet with this program?**

According to Trashie, every Take Back Bag diverts up to 15 pounds of textile waste from heading to a landfill.

Or put another way: That's over 150 pounds of CO2 diverted — which is the equivalent of \*not\* burning 75 pounds of coal.

**Bottom line:** Roughly [85% of all textiles](#) end up in landfills every year, so even the small steps we can take by bagging things up for recycling programs like Trashie's can help. And a Trashie Cash reward doesn't hurt one bit either.

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News that needs follow-up (Please send examples of what's happening to you)

In the news today: President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order for the shutdown of the U.S. Education Department

President Trump will sign an order today to **begin dismantling the Department of Education**, fulfilling a major campaign promise. He will direct Education Secretary Linda McMahon to return authority to the states while continuing to ensure the "delivery of services, programs, and benefits on which Americans rely."

People have been getting letters from Social Security Administration warning of changes.

Musk uses immigration and claims of voter fraud to sell Social Security Administration cuts

Elon Musk and the Trump administration are entering one of the most politically perilous arenas in the United States.

Articles on **Holocaust remembrance, sexual assault and suicide prevention** are among more than 24,000 pieces to be purged from Pentagon websites as the department responds to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's order to remove "diversity" content."



This rabbit blanket took 14 months. It should not have taken so darn long, my sincerest apologies to the Pyramid Lake Cultural Department. As a traditional crafter we are taught to create and weave good thoughts and energy in to your piece. This past year I found it so very difficult to be happy. I found it difficult to even share the happiness and all the beauty around me. This may be a milestone for me, in regaining my strength to accept things and appreciate the positive as a gift. Donna Cossette

Videos would not copy. See her postings on Instagram