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25th Navajo Nation Council honors the service of all Women Veterans



Navajo Nation Women's Color Guard.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - On National Women's Veterans Day, the 25th Navajo Nation Council honors the strength and sacrifice of all women warriors who serve to protect our sacred homelands and freedom.

"Although women were legally permitted to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces with the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act by President Harry S. Truman in 1948, women served in the military in various capacities since the American Revolution and World War I," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. "The sad reality is that our women veterans do not always receive the recognition they deserve, which causes them to face many challenges in the military. As we honor our women veterans today, we must pledge to address the disparities they face in their service to our country."

Women veterans have earned the same benefits and services as their male counterparts. As veterans, women face the highest rate of suicide, homelessness, PTSD, and sexual assault. Yet, many women veterans still struggle to get access to basic care.

Overall, 20 percent of all Native American military service members are women.

On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Curley thanks all the women warriors for their service in protecting our freedom and liberty.

"We pray for your strength, endurance, and safety," Speaker Curley said. "Today, the 25th Navajo Nation Council salutes all women veterans. Ahe'hee."

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