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## Council recognizes Eastern Navajo Veterans for their service and dedication



PHOTO: Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Organization during the Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization Veteran's Day Celebration at Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, New Mexico on Nov. 10, 2016.

**CROWNPOINT, N.M.** – Last Thursday during the Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization's Veteran's Day celebration at Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) recognized the Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization, Tso Dzil Color Guard and Thoreau Chapter Veterans, for the outstanding services they provided for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council.

Thoreau Chapter Veterans Organization posted the colors during the 2016 Winter Council Session and Tso Dzil Color Guard provided the same service during the 2016 Fall Council Session.

"We need to honor and recognize the services the veterans provide within the Navajo government and Navajo communities. They volunteer their services and dedication to be visible within our communities. They continue to keep our families, communities, and Nation safe. Thus, they deserve all the recognition," stated Delegate Yazzie, who served as the key note speaker at the celebration event.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) also extended his appreciation to the Chinle Agency Veterans Organization and Tsidi To ii Veterans Organization for assisting the Council on several occasions.

Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization commander Hubert Smith thanked the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council for their continuous support for all Navajo veterans and families.

"It is an honor to provide community service and volunteer services to the Navajo Nation government and Navajo communities. We thank the Navajo Nation Council for providing such a prestigious opportunity for the veterans to post the colors during the Council Sessions," said Smith.

"Thank you to all our Navajo veterans. We will continue to support you and your families. We will keep you in our prayers," added Delegate Yazzie.

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