



National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center

UPDATE REPORT

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National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center

Our Mission

*Preserve and pass on the legacy and language of the
Navajo Code Talkers while educating the public
and providing a place of refuge, renewal and healing
for all veterans, military personnel, and their families.*





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Our Vision

A museum that—

- *provides clear and consistent communication of the history and language of the Navajo Code Talkers.*
- *tells the story of the role of the Navajo Code Talkers in the successful outcome of WWII*
- *presents the development and deployment of the once-secret Navajo voice code used by the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific theatre*
- *serves as a national repository*
- *provides a forum for preserving the Navajo language and culture*
- *builds character and pride as well as a sense of renewal and solace for all who visit and participate in its programs.*



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Our Vision

A veterans center that—

- *provides a place for veterans of armed services to meet and visit one another in an inviting and comforting atmosphere*
- *provides a wide range of integrated services and resources for veterans of armed services and their families*
- *provides opportunities and supports veterans to enhance their spiritual, emotional, financial and social well-being.*
- *honors, respects and celebrates their service*



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Components

- Oral History Archives
- Exhibits
- Collections
- Language Preservation
- Educational Programs
- Memorial Garden
- Long Walk Honor Trail
- Commerce
- Research & Technology
- Administration
- Meeting Facilities
- Social Room
- Health & Wellness
- Spiritual/Cultural
- Honor Hall
- Support Services
- Business Support
- Celebration Center



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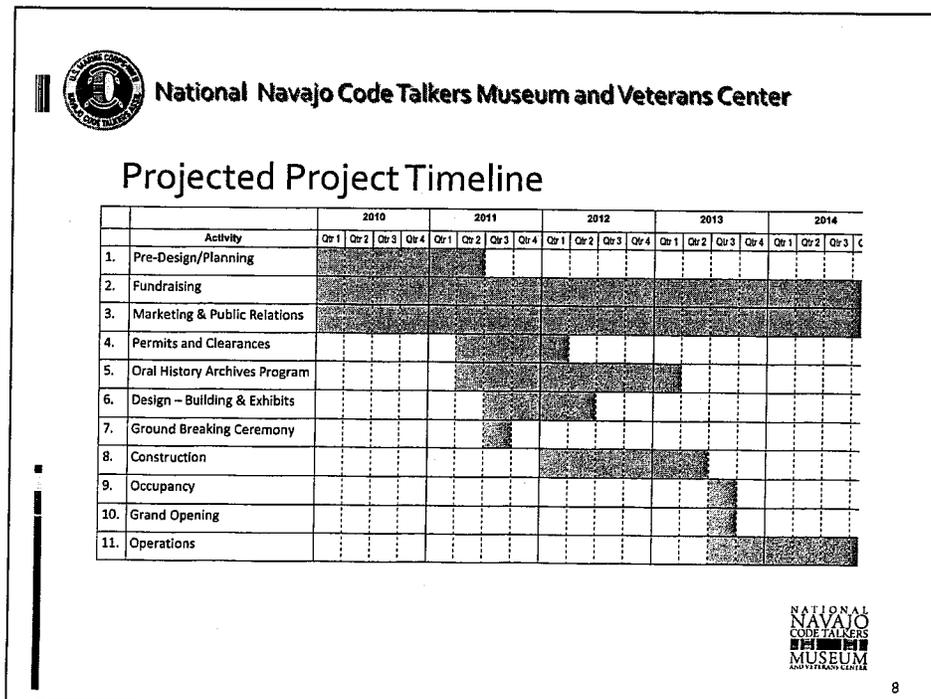
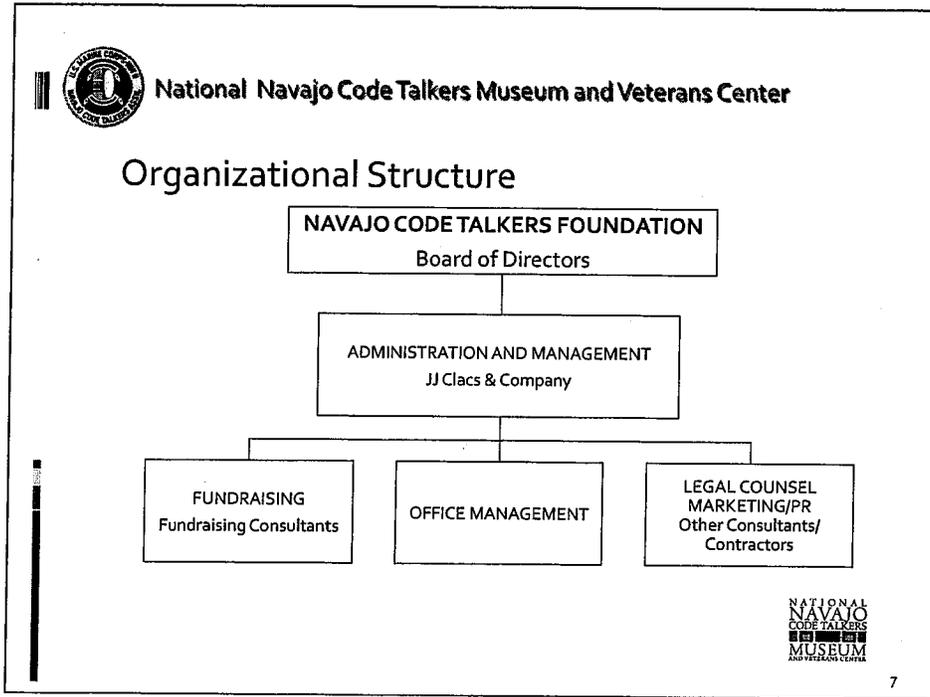


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- **Project Cost**
 - \$42.6 million (including a \$10 million endowment)
- **Capital Campaign Funding**
 - Phase 1 - \$10 million for operations, planning and infrastructure
 - Phase 2 - \$20 million for capital, exhibits and programming
 - Phase 3 - \$10 for endowment
- **Sources of Funding**
 - Federal Government - \$4M
 - State Funding (NM, AZ, CO, UT) – \$2 to \$3 M
 - Tribal Sources – \$5 - \$6M
 - Private Fundraising – \$30M (includes \$10M Endowment)



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How You Can Help

1. *Reintroduce Senate Bill 511 —*
 - *An Act making an appropriation for a feasibility and market study for a National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center*
 - *\$175,000 to conduct a feasibility and market study regarding visitors and traffic*
2. *Follow up on Joint Memorial – SJM51 —*
 - *Requesting congress to support and preserve the Navajo Code Talkers' legacy and substantial contribution to this country*
 - *Support a work session designed to bring the 4 states together to collaborate and discuss plans and ideas for the Veterans' Center.*



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Thank you

We ask that you join us in support of this historic and visionary project, not only to thank these brave men once and for all for their sacrifice and courage, but also to carry their legacy forward and create a lasting record of the Navajo Code Talkers and their impact on military history.

Thank you so much for your time and support.

-Keith Little, President
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