



Diné Saani Silaltsoi Color Guard Honors Veterans



Cassandra Morgan (left) and Demetria Simms (right) in front of the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery after the Veterans' Day ceremony.

ARLINGTON, V.A. – On Wednesday, November 11, members of the Diné Saani Silaltsoi Color Guard had the honor of serving as the flag bearers for the Veterans' Day ceremony at the [Military Women's Memorial](#) at Arlington National Cemetery. During the ceremony, the two members also spoke during the event, discussing the unique experiences of service and return to civilian life that our Diné warriors have lived.

Each year, the Women's Memorial selects military women from each of the branches to speak about the meaning of their service and the experiences they had. This year, United States

Marine Corps veteran Cassandra Morgan was selected to speak during the event on behalf of the women of the Marine Corps. Cassandra leads the [Diné Naazbaa Partnership](#), which helps connect Diné veterans with the service benefits they have rightfully earned through their service.

U.S. Army Airborne veteran Demetria Simms, who serves as the Veterans' Liaison at the Office of the President and Vice President, delivered a speech on behalf of President Nygren honoring the Navajo Nation's legacy of service and highlighting the struggle many of our veterans face in accessing their benefits once they return home to Diné Bikeyah.

The Women's Memorial was first opened on October 18, 1997. The Diné Saani Silaltsoi Color Guard participated in the original ceremony. The team has remained connected to the memorial since then, often presenting the colors at Veterans' Day events. NNWO is honored to assist the color guard team again this year and extends our sincerest gratitude to all those who have served. We continue to advocate for expanded support and access to resources that support all Diné veterans.

A special happy 250th birthday to all our Devil Dogs. *Semper Fi!*