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*The Territory of New Mexico set their hands and seals.*  
Naaltsoos Sáni Hwéeldi Béeedahaniih - Remembering "Treaty Day"

# Eastern Navajo Agency

## Treaty Day Celebration

June 20 & 21, 2018

*S. F. Tappan*  
Indian Peace Commissioner  
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Essence of Perseverance through the 1868 Navajo Treaty

*In Commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1868 Navajo Treaty*

For years, the Navajo defended their land against Mexican and New Mexican slave traders and livestock raiders. In 1848, the U.S. Army arrived. Between 1863 and 1866, the army marched about 9,000 Diné people 400 miles to a desolate reservation at Bosque Redondo in New Mexico. In 1868, the Navajo became the only Native Nation to use a treaty to escape removal and return to their home. This treaty was written on paper taken from an army ledger book. Article 2 is the crucial one that defines the Navajo reservation.

<i>Barboncito</i>	<i>Chief</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Delgadito</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Armijo</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Delgado</i>				
<i>Manuelito</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Sargo</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Herrero</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Chiqueto</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Muerto de Hombre</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Hombre</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Marbano</i>		<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Marbano</i>	<i>segundo</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>
<i>Gañado</i>	<i>mucho</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>marks</i>

Events will be at BIA building, Crownpoint Chapter House, & Fairgrounds. Please be careful when at the events.

## Eastern Navajo Agency Treaty Day Celebration

### Interminable Peace Memorialized in Navajo Treaty of 1868

By Leonard Perry & Lester Tsosie

From May 28 - 30, 1868, at Fort Sumner, Territory of New Mexico, a three-day council took place between two members of the United States Indian Peace Commission (Ft. Gen. William T. Sherman, and Col. Samuel Tappan) and the Naat'áaniis, leaders of the Navajo tribe. The negotiation concluded with 29 Diné headmen representing the Navajo Nation signing a treaty with two U.S. Indian Peace Commissioners. The nearly five-year imprisonment of the Diné had just ensued and it was time for the Diné people to return home to their lands between their four sacred mountains.

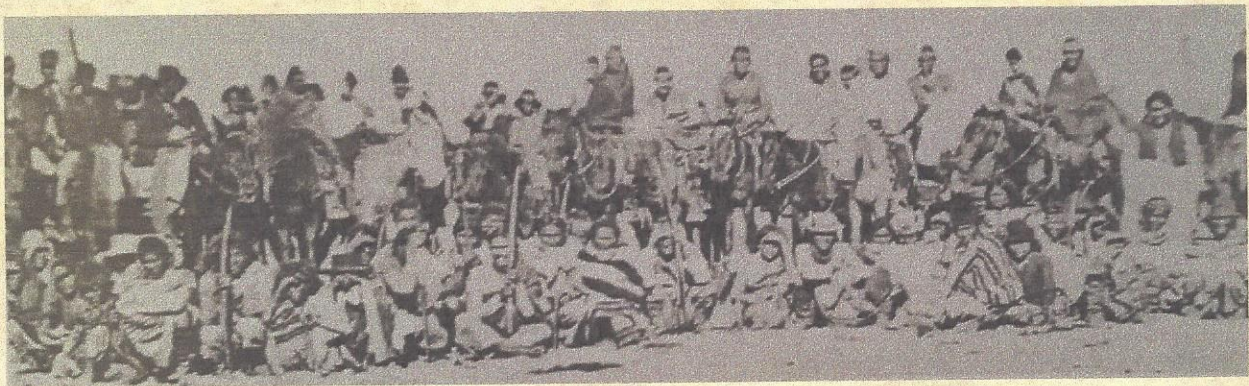


Figure 1: Armed Navajo Warriors and their families at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico.

And so, 150 years ago the Diné headmen signed a treaty with a fledgling United States of America. Soon after, about 7,000 Diné started on a journey home June 18, 1868 with the newly-appointed Navajo Agent Theo Dodd. As far as the eye can see, a 10-mile-long line of the Diné walked and rode on horseback as they trekked westward, escorted by four companies of U.S. Calvary troops; Major Chas J. Whiting, 3rd Calvary, was put in charge of the escort. In late July, a few smaller groups also left and were escorted by several soldiers. The Diné traveled with U.S. Calvary troops through the communities of San Jose, Anton Chico, Canon Blanco, and Tijeras Canyon, finally reaching the Rio Grande River on July 6, 1868. More than 100 wagons, 1,500 horses and mules, 5,000 to 6,000 sheep and goats were part of the journey.

After a much-needed respite from walking over 200 miles, our ancestors continued on westward. Walking nearly 40 more miles from Albuquerque, the sojourners came upon a mesa plateau, appearing over the horizon was the rock-solid landmark of the stratovolcano Mount Taylor, the southern sacred mountain of the Diné. Many of the tired sojourners fell to their knees realizing and embracing their homeland. With tears in their eyes, some yelled out an optimistic affirmation: we are home. With renewed hope, the walkers continued persevering onward until they had reached Fort Wingate and beyond around July 20, 1868.

The *Hwéeldí* experience had hoisted the Diné into a new frontier in history setting them up for a different Glittering World, which is most evident today. As a part of the remembrance of the historic treaty day celebration, the Crownpoint Chapter planned a commemoration of the treaty signing. For the Eastern Navajo Agency 1868 Treaty Day Celebration, Crownpoint Chapter Staff (Aaron Edsitty and Felicia John) put a plan into action along with Chapter Officials (Rita Capitan, Leonard Perry, & Helen Murphy, Herbert Enrico and Crownpoint Veterans). Sponsors were contacted including: Navajo Transitional Energy, Butler's Office Equipment, KCZY Radio, NN Risk Management, Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services, Navajo Special Diabetes Program, Little Water Chapter, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Bubany Lumber, Bashas' Dine Market, Dine Bi'Eastern Fair, Crownpoint Public Health Service, Community Health Representative, Crownpoint Fire and Rescue, Navajo Department of Public Safety, Navajo Technical University, Padillas Portable Restrooms, and many others. Bureau of Indian Affairs was also invited to participate in the celebration of the continuing federal and Navajo Nation government relations.

The Eastern Navajo Agency 1868 Treaty Day Celebration will start on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at Crownpoint Chapter with a Fun Walk & Run, Registration at 7:00 A.M. A History Day at 1:00 P.M. and another one at 6:00 P.M. with story-telling, questions and comments. Thursday, 7 A.M., June 21, 2018, at the BIA Eastern Navajo Agency building with opening remarks by Honorable Crownpoint Chapter President Rita Capitan. Crownpoint Veterans Organization will then post flags. Johnny Perry (Navajo Medicine Man) will give the traditional prayer. Moderator Leonard Perry, Crownpoint Chapter Vice-President, will then talk about the events of the 1868 treaty signing, including the three-day council between the United States Indian Peace Commission and Diné headmen. BIA ENA Superintendent Lester Tsosie will read a proclamation. Crownpoint Chapter officials will then welcome everyone to the celebration. Next the Long Walk re-enactment will take place with the celebration participants walking from the ENA BIA building to the Crownpoint Indian Market about a mile northward and then to the fairgrounds three miles west of Crownpoint.

The re-enactment symbolizes the 1868 Long Walk homeward journey by the Diné from Ft. Sumner to their homeland, Dinétah. After the re-enactment, community horse riders and walkers will trek along the road to reach the fairgrounds. As they travel this route, we remember the perseverance of our ancestors who endured *Hwéeldí* (The Long Walk). The treaty day celebration's theme is the resilience of our ancestors as they had walked hundreds of mile to resume life away from Bosque Redondo. During this traumatic period, the Diné were reduced, yet resilience of our ancestors has prepared us on a hopeful journey of prosperity and a new way of life becoming a formidable nation today.

With the Eastern Navajo Agency 1868 Treaty Day Celebration, we hope to encourage our young people to learn about our history and also to appreciate the everlasting government-to-government relationship we have as the Diné with the Federal Government as memorialized with the perpetual Navajo Treaty of 1868. This special relationship with the United States Government is a nation to nation relationship, a unique relationship which the Navajo Treaty of 1868 embodies in great significance. We highly encourage our young people to learn about their Navajo Nation history so they can advance their communities and the welfare of their families.

History has much to teach us. The Navajo Treaty of 1868 guides us today, echoing the wise words of our ancestors: our resilience defines us today and tomorrow.

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"Essence of Perseverance through the 1868 Navajo Treaty"

*Wednesday, June 20, 2018*

**Fun Walk or Run**

**7:00 A.M.** Registration—Navajo Special Diabetes Program  
**8:00 A.M.** Fun Walk or Run  
Location: Crownpoint Chapter House  
(2 mile Walk & 3 mile Run)  
Refreshments will be available.

**HISTORY DAY**

**1:00 P.M.** Purpose of History Day  
Leonard Perry, Crownpoint Chapter Vice President

**1:30 P.M.** Story Telling

**2:00 P.M.** Questions & Comments

**3:00 P.M.** Closing Remarks  
Benediction

**4:00 P.M.** Break (Resume at 6:00 P.M)

**6:00 P.M.** Purpose of History Day  
Leonard Perry, Crownpoint Chapter Vice President

**6:30 P.M.** Story Telling

**7:00 P.M.** Questions & Comments

**7:30 P.M.** Closing Remarks  
Benediction  
Refreshments will be available.

Disclaimer: During the Eastern Navajo Agency Treaty Day Celebration, Crownpoint Chapter nor BIA is responsible for any injury, accident, loss or theft. Note that you may be filmed or photographed during the celebration by a non-profit organization. Images or video may be used for educational purposes only.

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**PROCLAMATION**    **Signing of the 1868 Treaty Re-enactment**  
**Bureau of Indian Affairs Building**

- 7:15 A.M.**            Posting of Colors—Commander Tom Yazzie  
Crownpoint Veterans
- 7:30 A.M.**            Invocation/Blessing  
Johnny Perry, Navajo Medicine Man
- 7:35 A.M.**            Purpose of Celebration  
Lester K. Tsosie, BIA Superintendent, ENA
- 7:45 A.M.**            Welcome Address  
Rita Capitan, Crownpoint Chapter President
- 7:50 A.M.**            Proclamation  
Signing of the 1868 Navajo Treaty  
Leonard Perry & Martin Link  
Crownpoint Chapter Vice-President & Historian
- 8:15 A.M.**            Closing Remarks  
Rita Capitan, Crownpoint Chapter President
- 8:30 A.M.**            Closing Prayer  
Herbert Enrico, Crownpoint Chapter Land Board  
Proceed to Parade Line Up (East OEHE Parking Lot)  
Breakfast refreshments will be available.

**PARADE**            **From BIA Building area to Junior High School Lot**  
Theme: *Essence of Perseverance through the 1868 Navajo Treaty*

- 9:00 AM**            **Line Up (East side of OEH Parking Lot)**  
Horseback Riders and Walkers will participate in the parade,  
then continue to the Fairgrounds at end of parade.  
End of Route (Crownpoint Jr. High School Parking Lot)

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**CELEBRATION**      **The Return to Navajo Homelands - 1868 Navajo Treaty**  
**Eastern Navajo Agency Fairgrounds (W of Crownpoint, NM)**

**10:00 A.M.**      **Welcome Address – Crownpoint Chapter Officials**  
**Introduction of Guest & Dignitaries**

**10:00 A.M.**      **Song & Dance – M.C. & Host, Irwin Jim**

**Royalty Meet & Greet**

**Community Health & Information Booths**

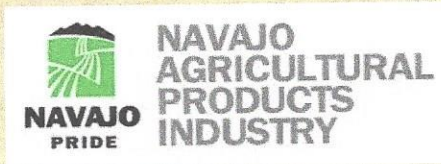
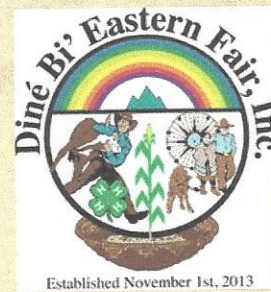
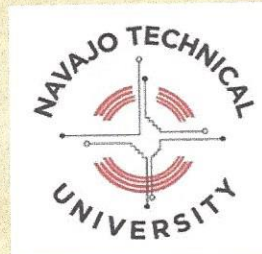
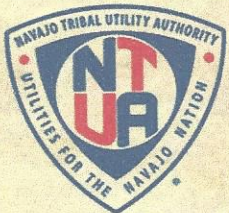
**Kiddy Rodeo—Marjorie Lantana**

**12:00 P.M.**      **Lunch to be Served**  
**Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services**  
**Crownpoint Office**

**1:00 P.M.**      **Fruit Scramble (3 age groups)**  
**Little Water Chapter**

**2:00 P.M.**      **Open Mic**  
**Closing Remarks**  
**Benediction**

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*Ahehee' to Our Wonderful Sponsors!*



**Special Recognition:**

Huerfano Chapter; Little Water Chapter; Marjorie Lantana; Irwin Jim

Crownpoint Chapter SYEP Students & PEP

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Requero	hni X marks
Juan Martin	hni X marks
Juginto	hni X marks
Grande	hni X marks
Quetenito	hni X marks
Muchachos Mucho	hni X marks
Chiqueto Segundo	hni X marks
Cabello Amarillo	hni X marks
Francisco	hni X marks
Torivis	hni X marks
Desdendado	hni X marks
Juan	hni X marks
Guero	hni X marks
Gugadore	hni X marks
Cabason	hni X marks
Barbon Segundo	hni X marks
Cabares Colorados	hni X marks



Ahéhee' from Crownpoint  
Chapter Staff & Officials