



Native American Training Institute

HONORING VETERANS



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Friday, May 1, 2026

Native American Training Institute (NATI) Veterans Symposium

Isleta Casino & Resort - Ballroom C

7:00 am	11:00 am	Registration
8:00 am	8:45 am	Master of Ceremony – Angel Montoya, Vice President, NATI, US Navy Posting of Colors - Navajo Nation Women Veterans Flag Song, Memorial, and Entry of Colors- Malcom Yepa, Pueblo of Jemez Pledge of Allegiance / New Mexico Pledge – Joe Martinez Land Acknowledgement - SMSgt Jamie Yazzie, 150th MXG QA Chief Inspector Invocation / Moment of Silence – Moses Lujan, US Army, Pueblo Of Isleta The Fallen Comrade Table – Beverly Charley, Tribal Liaison, NMDVS Introduction of Honored Guests – Angel Montoya
8:45 am	9:15 am	Welcome Address – The Honorable Alan Martinez, NM State Representative, District 23
9:15 am	9:45 am	Keynote Speaker – Jack Fox, Brigadier General (Ret.)
9:45 am	10:15 am	Break – (Visit Resource Tables - Manzano / Sunrise Rm)
10:15 am	10:45 am	Women’s Health, Jasmine Chavez, BSN, RN, NMVAHCS
10:45 am	11:15 am	Flag Folding Ceremony – NM National Guard
11:15 am	11:45 am	Break – (Visit Resource Tables - Manzano / Sunrise Rm)
11:45 am	1:00 pm	Luncheon > Celebration of Life – Ramus Suina, Former Governor of Pueblo of Cochiti, Veterans Advocate
1:00 pm	1:30 pm	Suicide Prevention – Angelica Lapahie, Suicide Coordinator, NMDVS
1:30 pm	2:00 pm	Legacy Planning, Robin Wilson, Director, Field Services, NMDVS
2:00 pm	2:15 pm	Break– (Visit Resource Tables - Manzano / Sunrise Rm)
2:15 pm	2:30 pm	NMDVS Services, Beverly Charley, Tribal Liaison, NMDVS
2:30 pm	3:15 pm	Honor Song Documentary - Ryan Begay, Owner, Operator of Sovereign Mind Productions, LLC, Navajo, USAF
3:15 pm	3:45 pm	Conference Closing (Planning Committee) Beverly Charley- Tribal Liaison, NMDVS Adam West, Outreach Coordinator, NMVAHCS Closing Remarks / Prayer-Patrick Trujillo, CEO, President, Native American Training Institute, Pueblo of Cochiti Taps – Marcus Lujan, Pueblo of Isleta Veterans Association Retire Colors - Navajo Nation Women Veterans

Dedicated Friend & Advocate

Ramus Suina held a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Counseling, as well as a degree in Museology. He was a dedicated advocate for excellence in health and wellness initiatives within Pueblo and Native communities across Indian Country. Ramus was passionate about promoting mental health programs for Native American Veterans, coordinating conferences in conjunction with NATI educational events. He served in various capacities representing New Mexico tribes at both the state and local levels, working to stimulate economic development and promote educational excellence for tribal communities.

He served as a former Governor for Cochiti Pueblo and was the youngest sibling of eight children. He is survived by his wife, Delores Suina, to whom he was married for 57 years, as well as his children Deborah, Wayne, and Ramus, along with many nieces and nephews.

Ramus's commitment to advocating for Veterans, both past and present, was unwavering. He played a significant role in securing funding for programs and highlighting the contributions of service members to state and local officials. Following his distinguished career with the Institute of American Indian Arts, he dedicated himself to advocating for Veterans' needs and rights, ensuring they received the recognition and support they deserve for their service to our country.

His kindness and empathy have left a lasting impact on those around him. Ramus's legacy is one of courage, hope, resilience, friendship, and community –an enduring inspiration for all. We extend our sincere gratitude for his lifelong dedication and service.

Thank you, Ramus, for your dedicated service and unwavering commitment to our veterans and all those whose lives you touched. Your legacy will be remembered, and your efforts will continue to inspire advocates for years to come.



Ramus Suina
Former Vice
President of NATI
2010-2025

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State Benefits

(505) 827-6300

State Cemeteries & Memorials

(505) 670-5824

Healthcare Coordination

(505) 383-2400

Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)

(505) 220-9932

Transportation Program

(505) 429-5906

Veterans Service Officers

(505) 383-2400

Women Veterans Program

(505) 372-9106

Tribal Liaison

(575) 241-3322

Veterans Affairs Resources

1501 San Pedro Dr SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

NMVA Healthcare System

(505) 265-1711

NMVA Advocates

(505) 265-1711 Ext 3240

VBA

1-800-827-1000

VA National Cemetery

(505) 988-6400

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Thank you