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Announcements

Did you know you can get coloring books from the VFW Store? Check out the link and pictures on the next page and stock up before your next Auxiliary activity with youth!

Now is the time to start sharing information about our Illustrating America art contest. The contest is for grades Kindergarten to 8th grade. Local entries are due to Auxiliaries by March 31st, 2025. For more information visit our Department website, and visit the Youth Activities page for the most up to date entry form.

Dates to remember

Indigenous Peoples Day- Second Monday in October

U.S. Navy Birthday- Oct. 13

Day of the Deployed- Oct. 26

Navy Day- Oct. 27

Halloween- Oct. 31



Did you know?

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. On October 8, 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden became the first U.S. President to formally recognize the holiday, by signing a presidential proclamation declaring October 11, 2021, to be a national holiday.



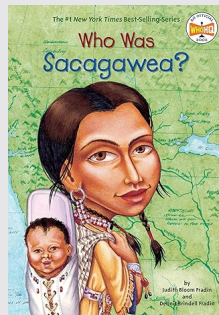
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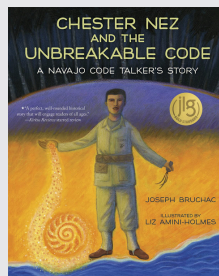
Suggested reading

In honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day consider reading "Who Was Sacagawea?" or "Chester Nez: A Navajo Codetalker's Story" with youth or purchase it for a local classroom.

Did you know Sacagawea was only sixteen when she made one of the most remarkable journeys in American history, traveling 4500 miles by foot, canoe, and horse—all while carrying a baby on her back! Without her, the Lewis and Clark expedition might have failed. Through this engaging book, kids will understand the reasons that today, 200 years later, she is still remembered and immortalized on a golden dollar coin.



As a young Navajo boy, Chester Nez had to leave the reservation and attend boarding school, where he was taught that his native language and culture were useless. But Chester refused to give up his heritage. Years later, during World War II, Chester—and other Navajo men like him—was recruited by the US Marines to use the Navajo language to create an unbreakable military code. Suddenly the language he had been told to forget was needed to fight a war.



[Click here for the "Who was Sacagawea?" book](#)

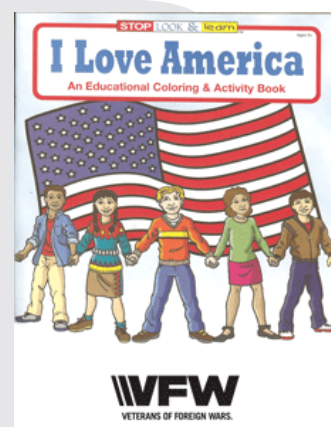
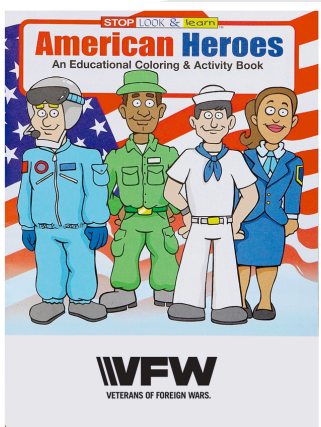
[Click here for the "Chester Nez: A Navajo Codetalker's Story" book](#)

Information from National

Coloring books can be found on the VFW Store website.

You can find them by clicking the drop down menu for PROGRAMS. Then click CITIZEN EDUCATION.

Or you can use the search bar by searching "COLORING BOOK".



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