



*Navajo Nation  
Inauguration*



*10th of January 2023*

*Bee Hóldzil Event Center*





# 2023 NAVAJO NATION INAUGURATION

NAVAJO NATION JANUARY 10, 2023



# *President of the Navajo Nation*

## **Dr. Buu Nygren**

Prior to announcing his candidacy for Navajo Nation President, Dr. Nygren was the Chief Commercial Officer for the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA), a quasi-independent tribal enterprise headquartered in Shiprock, New Mexico. His tenure at NECA began in 2019.

In 2018, Dr. Nygren was selected as the vice presidential running mate on the Shirley-Nygren ticket in the Navajo Nation General Election.

From 2010 to 2018, Dr. Nygren was a national operation trainer and a project manager at a multi-billion dollar construction company that built schools, senior living homes, and public safety facilities from Nevada to Florida.

Dr. Nygren's earliest work experience includes: construction laborer, carpenter, dishwasher, and, at the age of 14, custodian at his local high school. As a youth, Dr. Nygren developed a strong work ethic as a small vendor offering baked goods and hand-made jewelry in and around the communities of the northern Navajo Nation.

Dr. Nygren also served as the first president of the Change Labs Board of Directors, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that continues to support Navajo and Hopi entrepreneurs with tribal-specific technical assistance.



Guided by his personal vision of Yideeskáądi Nitsáhákees, President Nygren believes in the promise of thinking for the future.

Dr. Nygren is married to former Arizona State Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, they have a young daughter together.







**VICE  
PRESIDENT  
RICHELLE  
MONTOYA**





# *Vice President of the Navajo Nation*

## **Richelle Montoya**



Richelle Montoya was selected by Dr. Buu Nygren as his vice presidential running mate following the 2022 Navajo Nation Primary Election. Mrs. Montoya will serve as the 11th Vice President of Navajo Nation and became the first ever female elected to the office of Vice President.

Prior to her historic election, Mrs. Montoya was elected in 2020 as the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter President.

In addition, Mrs. Montoya has held the following roles:

- Na'neelzhiin Ji Olta, Inc. School Board Member (since 2019)
- Eastern Navajo Agency Executive Committee Member (since 2021)
- Eastern Navajo Fair Board Member (since 2018).

Previously, Mrs. Montoya served as a member of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter Community Land Use Planning Committee (2017-2020) and as the director of the Miss Indian New Mexico Pageant (2008-2019).

Mrs. Montoya's educational background includes:

- Graduate of Cuba High School (1994)
- Associate of Human Services in Criminal Justice from San Juan College (2009)
- Bachelor of University Studies in Psychology, Sociology, and Native American Studies from the University of New Mexico (2011).

Mrs. Montoya is married to Mr. Olsen Chee, a United States Army veteran, and together they have six children.





*25th*

*Navajo Nation Council*



2023

# The 25th Navajo Nation Council



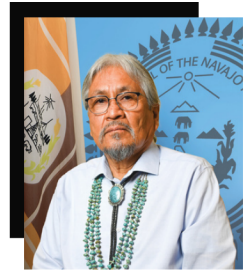
Steven R. Arviso  
Council Delegate

*Smith Lake, Iyanbito,  
Mariano Lake, Pinedale,  
Thoreau, Churchrock*



Lomardo Aseret  
Council Delegate

*Houck, Klagetoh, Nahata Dziil,  
Tse Si Ani, Wide Ruins*



Norman M. Begay  
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Council Delegate

*Shiprock*



Shawna Ann Claw  
Council Delegate

*Chinle*





# The 25th Navajo Nation Council



**Amber Kanazbah Crotty**  
Council Delegate

*Toadlena/Two Grey Hills,  
Red Valley, Tse Alnáozt'i'í,  
Tooh Haltsooi, Beclabito,  
Gadiiahi/Tokoi, Cove*



**Crystalyne Curley**  
Council Delegate

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Shonto Community  
Governance, Oljato*



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Council Delegate

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Kin Dah Lichii, Steamboat*



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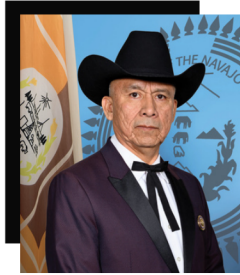


# The 25th Navajo Nation Council



Casey Allen Johnson  
Council Delegate

*Cameron, Coalmine Canyon,  
Tsidii To'í, Leupp, Tolani Lake*



Rickie Nez  
Council Delegate

*T'iistsoh Sikaad, Nenahnezad,  
Upper Fruitland, Tsé Daa Kaan,  
Newcomb, San Juan*



Dr. Andy Nez  
Council Delegate

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Red Lake, Crystal*



Nathan Notah  
Council Delegate

*Bahastl'ah, Coyote Canyon,  
Mexican Springs, Naschitti,  
Tohatchi*



Shaandiin Parrish  
Council Delegate

*Chilchinbeto,  
Dennehotso, Kayenta*



Germaine Simonson  
Council Delegate

*Black Mesa, Forest Lake,  
Hardrock, Pinon,  
Whippoorwill*



# The 25th Navajo Nation Council



**Danny Simpson**

Council Delegate

*Whiterock, Lake Valley,  
Nahidishgish, Tse'ii'ahi', Becenti,  
Nageezi, Crownpoint, Huerfano*



**Carl Roessel Slater**

Council Delegate

*Rock Point, Lukachukai,  
Tsaile/Wheatfields,  
Round Rock, Tsé Ch'izhí*



**George Tolth**

Council Delegate

*Pueblo Pintado, Casamero Lake,  
Whitehorse Lake, Counselor,  
Ojo Encino, Littlewater,  
Torreon, Baca/Prewitt*



**Otto Tso**

Council Delegate

*To Nanees Dizi  
Local Governance*



**Curtis Yanito**

Council Delegate

*Mexican Water, Totikan,  
Teec Nos Pos, Aneth,  
Red Mesa*



**Cherilyn Yazzie**

Council Delegate

*Dilcon, Greasewood Springs,  
Indian Wells, Teesto, Whitecome*







# *Diné Sáanii Siláoltsooi*

## *Color Guard*



Cici Baker – US Navy - U.S. Army Veteran  
Shaina Roanhorse – U.S. Army Veteran  
Laris Manuelito – U.S. Army Veteran

Helena B. Anthony – U.S. Marine Corps Veteran - Vietnam  
Mary T. Cohoe – American Red Cross Veteran – In-Country Vietnam  
MAJ Edna Ashley – U.S. Army Retired – Persian Gulf  
Linda Onesalt US Navy Veteran – Persian Gulf



# 2023 Navajo Nation Inauguration

President Dr. Buu Nygren & Vice President Richelle Montoya  
25th Navajo Nation Council & Kayenta Township Commissioners  
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors & Naschitti Commissioners  
Navajo Board of Education & Navajo Plan Six School Boards

*Betty Ojaye - Mistress of Ceremony*

*Lydell Refael - Master of Ceremony*

**9:00 AM Seating Begins  
Entertainment**

**Winslow High School Orchestra  
Kirtland Central High School Band**

**10:00 AM Posting of the Colors  
Procession**

**Diné Sáanii Siláoltsooi Color Guard**

**Navajo Board of Election Supervisors  
Navajo Board of Education  
Navajo Plan Six School Boards  
Kayenta Township  
Naschitti Commission  
Navajo Nation Council**

**National Anthem - Diné  
Pledge of Allegiance - Diné**

**Kylei McCurtain  
Jewels E. Jones**

*Miss Ganado Primary Princess*

**10:20 AM Invocation**

**Harrison Mann, Minister**

**10:35 AM VIP Introduction**

**Master of Ceremony**

**10:55 AM Welcome Address**

**Hon. Otto Tso, 24th NNC Speaker**

*Navajo Nation Council Delegate*

**Hon. LoRenzo Bates, Former Speaker**

*22nd & 23rd Navajo Nation Council*

**11:15 AM Inaugural Poem  
Special Musical Number**

**Chishi Haazba Montoya  
Kirtland Central High School Band**



# 2023 Navajo Nation Inauguration

*(Program Continued)*

11:30 AM	Vice President Remarks	Hon. Richelle Montoya
11:40 AM	Diné Song	Naat'áanii Neez Singers
11:45 AM	Oaths of Office Navajo Board of Education Navajo Board of Election Supervisors Kayenta Township Naschitti Commission Plan Six Navajo School Boards	Navajo Nation Judicial Branch
12:00 PM	Oath of Office Hon. Dr. Buu Nygren Hon. Richelle Montoya Navajo Nation Council	Hon. Víctor J. Clyde, Judge Hon. JoAnn Jayne, Chief Justice
12:15 PM	Introduction of President Honor Song	Master of Ceremony Victor Begay, Medicine Man
12:30 PM	Inaugural Address Navajo Nation President	Hon. Dr. Buu Nygren
1:00 PM	Song - Number One Nation	Hon. Dr. Joe Shirley Jr. Former Navajo Nation President
1:10 PM	Benediction	Steven Benally, Diné Hataááńi
1:15 PM	Retrieval of Colors	Diné Sáanii Siláoltsooí Color Guard
2:00PM	United States Air Force Military Fly-Over	NN Fair Grounds, Window Rock, AZ



**Public Luncheon, BBQ Area, NN Fair Grounds, Window Rock, AZ**





# Inauguration Celebration

**Navajo Nation Fair Grounds - Window Rock, AZ**



## Gospel Celebration

The Gospel Celebration will feature Pastor Wallace and Evangelist Harrison Mann sharing messages and songs to honor the new President, Vice President, and other elected officials. Starts at **3PM to 6PM**.

## Song & Dance Celebration

The Song & Dance Celebration will be located in the tent near the Song & Dance Grounds. M/C is Vern Atsitty and Bryan Manycattle with invited singers Chinle Swingin' Echos. Registration will start at 12PM and Grand Entry will be at **1PM**.

## Comedy Show

The Comedy Show will feature Ernest Tsose, Lainey Pablo aka SISTAAAR, and Chizz Bah at the Navajo Food Pavilion starting at **1:30 PM to 2:30 PM**.

## Honor Gourd Dance & Pow Wow

The Gourd Dance and Pow Wow will be held at the tent at the Rodeo Grounds. Pow Wow MC is Erny Zah, with Host Drum Big Red. The Gourd Dance MC is Leonard Anthony, Head Gourd Dancer is Kenneth Joe, Sr. The celebration will start at **1PM and will conclude by 6PM**.

## Inaugural Ball

The Inaugural Ball will be in the Sports Center and will feature the Bryon Ramone Band. Tickets for the Ball will include a light dinner and refreshments. Doors open at 6PM. Ball is from **7PM to 10:00 PM. EVENT IS SOLD OUT**



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& VOLUNTEERS**



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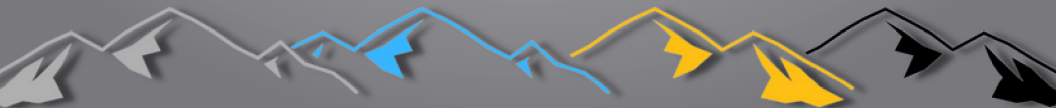




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- Margie Dee - Gourd Dance & Pow Wow
- Milton Bluehouse, Jr. - Congressional Breakfast
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- Sherylene Yazzie - Co-Chair
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- Brenda Hoskie & Shar Soce - Inaugural Ball
- Paul Guy, Jr. - Navajo Song & Dance
- Angela Barney-Nez - Veterans
- Yolanda Azua - Gospel Celebration
- John Tsosie - Comedy Show
- Vickie Blackwater, Shar Soce, Sharlene Begay-Platero, Brenda Hoskie - Program

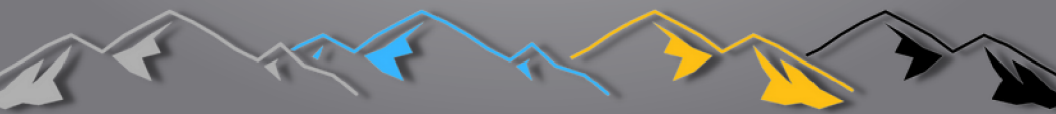


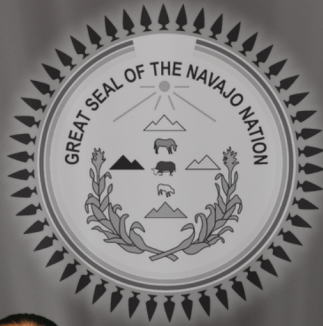
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