The Marine Navajo Code played a vital role in providing secret communications for the United States in the Pacific theater in World War II. It has been the topic of several historical documentaries, including the 2002 movie *Windtalkers*, starring Nicholas Cage. The code consisted of approximately 700 terms. Included were translations for the English alphabet and for common military terms. On the battlefield, the code was spoken and never written down. It was never broken and has been credited with saving countless lives and hastening the end of the war.

The purpose of this presentation will be to describe the Navajo Code along with its history and significance. To give a feel of what it may have sounded like, a computerized interactive translation of the Navajo Code, with text translation and verbal simulation of English messages, will be given.

Lunch will be available for colloquium participants after the talk.