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NATIVE DRUG FREE NATIONS

Shelby Elizabeth Mata, Comanche Nation

Age 17, Walters High School, Walters OK • Comanche Indian Veterans Associational Princess 2013-2015

Shelby's photograph was taken at Utah Beach on June 9, 2014 at the commemorative ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, France. June 6, 1944, better known as D-Day, seventeen Comanche Code Talkers who served with the 4th Signal Company, 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army bravely participated in the largest amphibious invasion to ever take place. By the end of the war on May 8, 1945 they had earned five Campaign Stars for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Some were wounded in action others decorated for valor. At the end of the war all seventeen Code Talkers returned home to Comanche Country.

