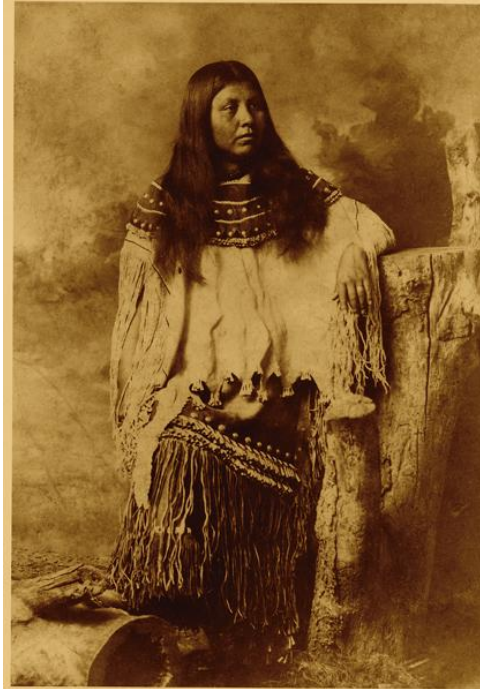


Apache Warriors Tell Their Side

Free Evening Online Presentation by **Author/Historian Lynda A. Sánchez**
Thursday December 16, 2021: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time



Left: Asa Daklugie as a young man, ca. 1910; son of Chief Juh and nephew of Geronimo, Asa was one of 67 tribal elders who spoke to Eve Ball and who brought their accounts, documents, and photos to her for safekeeping or to use in her research.

Center: Ramona Chihuahua Daklugie, daughter of Chief Chihuahua (one of the last to surrender) and wife of Asa; both went to Carlisle Indian School during their 27 years of captivity.

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Right: Asa at about age 85 when this photo was taken at Eve's home in 1955; notice his war cap.

Author/historian Lynda Sánchez describes what it was like working side by side with Eve Ball, the noted New Mexico chronicler of Apache, Anglo, and Hispanic history. Obtaining their trust over many years, Eve began interviewing over 67 of the participants and or descendants of those implacable warriors who fought the Apache Wars. It was an overwhelming and emotional experience.

By listening to the old-timers rather than trying to talk over them, Eve gathered fresh information and a differing point of view long before it was popular to do so. Sánchez will present background about this amazing woman, her stubborn desire to learn from the Apaches and from their side of the fence. It took her four years to get Asa Daklugie, son of Chief Juh of the Nednhi and nephew of Geronimo, to talk to her. Once that happened, it was no holds barred. Hispanic and Anglo pioneers, whose stories are part of that colorful mosaic of rogues and independent characters of the vanishing West, came to trust Eve as well. Some of them also had ridden the outlaw trail during the Lincoln County War.

Sánchez will include vignettes about the Chiricahuas and their life as POWs as they adapted to life at Mescalero, as well as shared adventures with Eve Ball on the road in her 1977 International Scout.

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Eve Ball, ca. 1920

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Eve Ball, Woman Among Men (1890-1984) was a historian of the American West and an educator well known for her oral research and books on Apache Indians, and for seeking out and sharing the Apache point of view about their past and hope for the future. Ball spent most of her career teaching English, eventually moving from Kansas to Hobbs and Ruidoso, New Mexico, where she began her real life's work as chronicler of the Old West. She spent some time in Arizona as well before she began researching and interviewing Apaches and southwestern pioneers in the 1940s when there was little academic interest in those subjects or oral histories in general. She was able to interview Apache descendants and relatives of Geronimo, Victorio, Nana, and Juh using shorthand to take notes rather than intimidating interviewees with recordings. She would read her notes back to her interviewees to correct errors or ask more questions. Because

of the strong relationship she gained with Apache member Asa Daklugie, he gifted Ball his war club, which he had hidden for 27 years as a POW and then recovered.

Ball published *In the Days of Victorio: Recollections of a Warm Springs Apache* and (with Lynda Sánchez) *Indeh: An Apache Odyssey*. She continued to write stories and book manuscripts up until her death, despite losing her eyesight. She received an honorary doctorate from the College of Artesia, was nominated for the Medal of Freedom, and was presented the Saddleman Award by Western Writers of America.

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's guest speaker Lynda A. Sánchez is an award-winning author and preservationist who served in the Peace Corps (Colombia) and completed her archaeological fieldwork at Mesa Verde and in Belize, Central America. She has taught Spanish and Southwest History and Anthropology at the high school and college levels, and believes history and archaeology should go hand in glove. She says "To stand in awe of what all of our ancestors accomplished going back centuries is an incredible feeling."

Sánchez is a past president of the Lincoln County Historical Society and recipient of numerous awards related to writing history and historic preservation work, including a "cavalry sword" for work on preserving Fort Stanton and *True West* magazine's 2007 Best Preservation Project in the Nation award. The Historical Society of New Mexico honored her in 2008 with its prestigious L. Bradford Prince Preservation Award.

Sánchez has been an advocate for our Veterans' Legacy and worked on restoration of the Veterans' Memorial, St. Joseph Apache Mission at Mescalero. A member of Western Writers of America, she has written over 400 articles on the Southwest and Mexico including for *Arizona Highways*, *New Mexico Magazine*, *True West*, and *El Palacio* (Museum of New Mexico). She coauthored *Indeh* and wrote *Apache Legends and Lore of Southern New Mexico* and *Eve Ball, Woman Among Men* featuring this remarkable woman.



Lynda Sánchez
(Photo by Joseph Arcure)

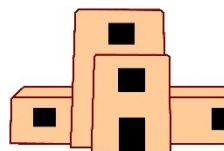


Eve Ball (far right) interviewing three very old Mescalero warriors or descendants in the 1950s; the Apache in middle is Old Scout Bigmouth, to his left is Crookneck, and man in buckskin is Percy.

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Old Scout Bigmouth lived to be 108 and was interviewed many times by Eve Ball. His accounts are recorded in [Apache Legends and Lore of Southern New Mexico](#).