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Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., says Nation grieves the loss of 11th Navajo serviceman in the War on Terror in Afghanistan

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., said Thursday that the Navajo Nation deeply grieves the loss of another of its servicemen in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Lance Cpl. Alejandro J. Yazzie, 23, of Rock Point, Ariz., died Feb. 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“All of the Navajo Nation is saddened and deeply grieved to learn of the death of another of our young Marines in Operation Enduring Freedom,” President Shirley said. “Alejandro gave his life protecting us all and defending freedom, doing what he fervently believed in, and living a

life of honor. Our hearts and our deepest condolences go out to his family and the community of Rock Point.”

Lance Cpl. Yazzie was the son of Eva Yazzie of Rock Point. He is survived by his mother, father, three brothers, a sister and his grandmother Minnie Yazzie of Rock Point.

He was a 2004 graduate of Rock Point High School.

Funeral arrangements are pending. A family meeting was scheduled at the Rock Point Chapter on Thursday.

Lance Cpl. Yazzie is the 11th Navajo Nation serviceman killed in the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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