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Speaker Morgan issues Veterans Day message, urges people to thank their veterans

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Nov. 11, the Navajo Nation will pause for Veterans Day to honor and acknowledge the dedicated service of the thousands of servicemen and women who have served the United States through their military service.

The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) urges all Navajos to reflect on the sacrifices of their veterans and to always thank veterans for the dedication and sacrifices that have been made.

"We should honor all soldiers of all military branches for their selfless service to our Nation this Veterans Day," Speaker Morgan said. "Our brave warriors in the armed forces continue a long legacy, a legacy on behalf of the Navajo Nation."

"Let us remember our servicemen and women in our daily prayers, because they provide the protection and freedom that we all enjoy — our prayers have sustained us as a people since time immemorial," Speaker Morgan said. "Let us salute our Navajo Warriors, and all veterans, for their sacrifices in preserving the blessings of freedom and the limitless opportunities for people around the world, the same opportunities that we may take for granted."

Speaker Morgan also explained that Navajos should also pause to remember its warriors from 1868, during the Navajo Long Walk, referred to as Hweeldi.

"Our past Navajo warriors preceded the bravery of our current veterans, such as Navajo chiefs Manuelito, Barboncito, Narbona, Ganado Mucho and the many others who provided safety for the Navajo Nation."

Speaker Morgan concluded his Veterans Day message by encouraging all veterans to take pride in their role and to also know that the Navajo Nation is eternally grateful for the service that they have performed.

"I would like to say thank you to all veterans and active-duty servicemen and women out there — whether far from home or here in the United States," Speaker Morgan said. "Thank you for your contributions and for your countless sacrifices to our Nation. We are very proud of the great work that you have done to carry on the long legacy of valor and service that many Navajo Warriors before you have established."

