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Speaker Morgan thanks veterans, encourages Americans to honor courageous service on Nov. 11

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. -- On Nov. 11, Americans across this great country will pause to honor and remember all the courageous women and men – past and present – who unselfishly served in the United States Armed Forces.

On behalf of the Navajo Nation, the Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) thanks all veterans and active duty military personnel for their service to the United States of America and he encourages all Americans to take a moment of their day to reflect on some of the freedoms we enjoy today, courtesy of the unyielding sacrifices and dedication of our veterans.

"Please take a moment to acknowledge the dedication of all men and women who served the United States military," Speaker Morgan said. "On Veterans Day, we will have the privilege of honoring those individuals who sacrificed for our freedom. Our veterans fought and faced the enemy fearlessly, all to protect our Nation's democracy and freedom along with our Navajo way of life – we honor them for their courage and for their bravery."

"Let us pray for their safety and for their quick return home," Morgan added. "Let us also remember these brave soldiers are fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, relatives or friends – they are someone's loved ones fighting the battles. We thank them for putting their lives on the line for us and for the freedom of this great country."

"The Navajo Nation also takes this time to remember our past warriors, many who fought courageously for the protection of our homeland within our Four Sacred Mountains protecting Diné Bikéyah – Navajoland. It is our past Navajo chiefs, such as Manuelito, Barboncito, Narbona, Ganado Mucho and Mariano who helped sustain us as a Navajo people," Speaker Morgan said. "Let us also remember our Navajo Code Talkers who proudly served during WWII, as well as veterans who served in the jungles of Vietnam, to the hills in Europe and in the Pacific theaters, to the deserts of Iraq and the Middle East, in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan and to the American shores protecting our freedom – their legacy and valor is remembered."

Speaker Morgan encouraged veterans to wear their medals and medallions.

"All veterans should stand proud today, wear your hard-earned medallions this Veterans Day," Morgan said. "Stand proud, because we honor you for fighting to preserve our freedom."

"I encourage everyone to commemorate all veterans, not just today, but every day," Morgan added. "Take time to visit a veteran, greet them, visit with them and thank them for their unselfish military service. I also ask everyone to support our current military personnel, they have a job to do and it is my hope they return home safely and quickly – we think about them every day. Thank you for your service to our great Nation."

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