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Council mourns the passing of Navajo Code Talker Alfred K. Newman

WINDOW ROCK – On behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, Speaker LoRenzo Bates offers his condolences to the family and loved ones of Navajo Code Talker Alfred. K. Newman, who passed away on Sunday at the age of 94 at Bloomfield Nursing Home in Bloomfield, N.M. He was born on July 21, 1924 at the Rehoboth Hospital in Gallup, N.M. and resided in Kirkland, N.M.

“The Navajo Nation and the country have lost another brave and selfless Diné warrior, who sacrificed more than we’ll ever know to defend the freedom of our country,” said Speaker Bates. “We express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the family for sharing his life with the Navajo Nation and please accept our sincerest condolences in your time of need, and may the Creator bless you and your family with strength and comfort.”

Navajo Code Talker Newman was Naaneesht’ézhi Dine’é (Zuni Clan) and born for Tsi’naajínii (Black Streak Wood People Clan). In 1943, Newman enlisted in the Marine Corps and was discharged as corporal in 1945. During World War II, he served within the 1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, and 3rd Marine Division. He served his duty in Bougainville Island, Guam, Iwo Jima, Kwajalein Atoll, Enewetak Atoll, New Georgia, and New Caledonia.

Speaker Bates added that his legacy would forever be honored and cherished throughout the Navajo Nation.

“Navajo Code Talker Newman paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our Diné families and communities. His faith and the Diné language brought him home to be a community leader and lovable father and grandfather. Today, I ask our people to keep our Diné warriors in your thoughts and prayers,” said Speaker Bates.

Navajo Code Talker Alfred K. Newman is survived by his wife Betsy E. Newman, who he was married to for 69-years. Together they have five children, 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Details of the services are pending.

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