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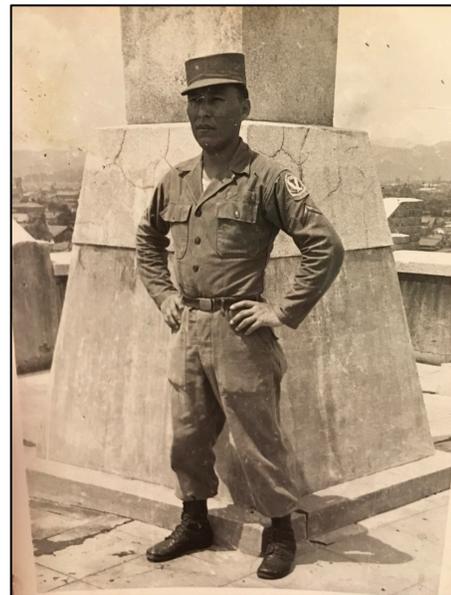
## Flags to be flown at half-staff to honor Korean War veteran and retired Navajo Police Officer Oliver Kirk

**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Monday in honor of Oliver Leo Kirk, Sr., a Korean War veteran and retired Navajo Police Officer, who passed away on Nov. 28 at the age of 88. Kirk was originally from Ganado, Arizona, where he resided at the time of his passing.

“On behalf of the Navajo people, we offer our thoughts and prayers for the family of the late Oliver Kirk, who served our Nation and our country with great honor and dignity. To his family, we pray for comfort during this difficult time,” said President Nez.

Kirk was an active member of the U.S. Army from March 1953 to April 1955 and also served in the Korean War, where he was wounded in battle and awarded several service medals for his courageous service. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Ganado and served as a Navajo Police Officer for 34 years.

“Mr. Kirk leaves behind a great legacy for his family, the Navajo people, and our entire country. We owe a debt of gratitude to him and his loved ones for the many sacrifices during his years of service. We pray for him and his family at this time,” Vice President Lizer stated.



**PHOTO: Oliver Leo Kirk, Sr. during his service with the U.S. Army in the Korean War.**

The proclamation orders all flags on the Navajo Nation to be flown at half-staff in honor and memory of Oliver Leo Kirk, Sr. on Dec. 4, 2019. His funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the All Saints Mission Church in Ganado, Arizona. He is survived by his wife Maggie Jane Kirk. Together they have 13 children and 37 grandchildren.

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**THE NAVAJO NATION**

*Proclamation*

**IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
KOREAN WAR VETERAN OLIVER LEO KIRK, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of Oliver Leo Kirk Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Oliver Leo Kirk Sr. served our country in the United States Army from March 2, 1953 to April 4, 1955, and was wounded in the Korean War and awarded several service medals for his courageous service

**WHEREAS**, he returned to the Navajo Nation following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and served as a Navajo Police Officer for over 34 years with the Dilkon Police District

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation honors the late Oliver Leo Kirk Sr., for his service to the Navajo Nation and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his family, friends, and community.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff on December 4, 2019 to honor the memory and service of the late Oliver Leo Kirk Sr.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**