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## Nez-Lizer pay tribute to military men and women on Armed Forces Day

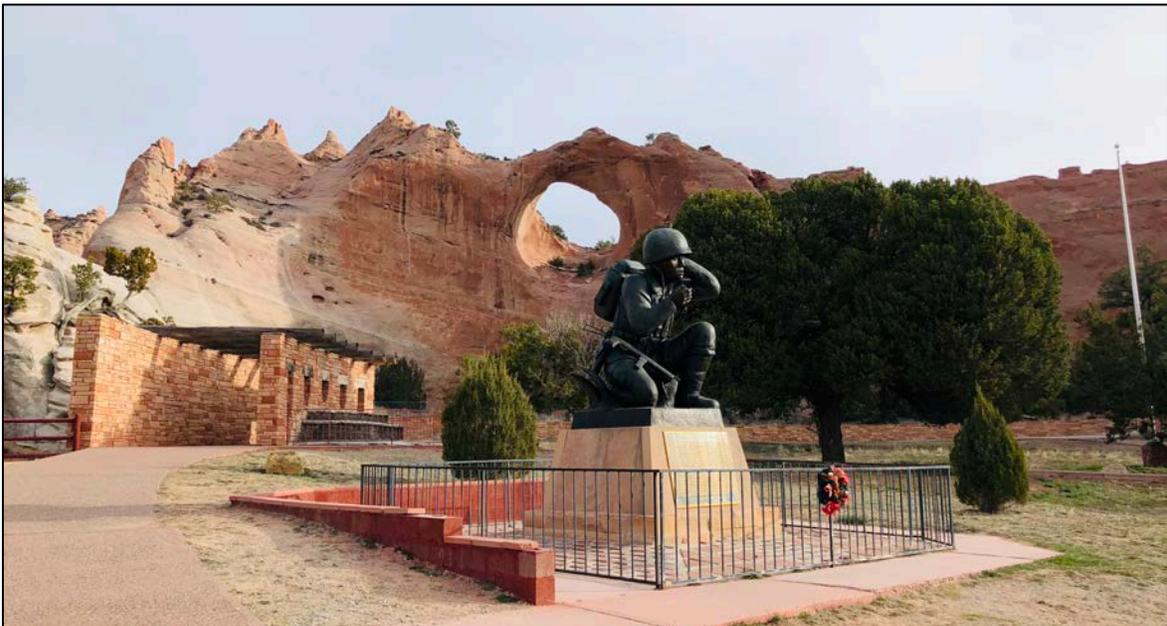


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**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer offer their gratitude and support for all Diné men and women serving in the Armed Forces and they also encourage the public to offer their appreciation on Armed Forces Day, which is recognized across the country on May 18.

“As Diné people, we have a long and proud history of military service and sacrifice. I believe that every Navajo person has family members, relatives, and friends who are either veterans or currently serving our country around the world. On Armed Forces Day, we say thank you to them and we offer our prayers for their safe return home,” stated President Nez.

Armed Forces Day was established when former U.S. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank military members for their service in support of our country. On Aug. 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson

announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

“Today presents an opportunity for us all to share our admiration and support for our veterans and those who continue to serve and protect our country. President Nez and I thank all of our mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and many more who sacrifice and give of themselves to protect our freedom and our people,” Vice President Lizer said.

Throughout the Navajo Nation, chapters and veteran organizations will host parades and various appreciation events to honor our Nation’s military service men and women.

“We are grateful to the chapters, veteran groups, and community members for showing their support and contributing their resources to honor and recognize our Diné warriors,” added President Nez.

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