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Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor and remembrance of Diné veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation calling for all flags on the Navajo Nation to be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, in honor and remembrance of U.S. Army veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie, a member of the Navajo Nation who passed away on Dec. 24, 2021 at the age of 35.

Yazzie is Áshjįhi (Salt People Clan) and born for Tó'ahéedlínii (The Water Flows Together Clan). His maternal grandfather is Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People Clan) and his paternal grandfather is Honágháahnii (One Walks Around Clan). He was originally from St. Michaels, Ariz. and resided in Avondale, Ariz. at the time of his passing.

“On behalf of the Navajo people, we offer our prayers to the family and friends of our Diné warrior, U.S. Army veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie.

Our words are not enough to thank him and his loved ones for all of their sacrifices for our country and our people. With this proclamation, we honor and pay tribute to Mr. Yazzie and we pray for strength and comfort for his family during this difficult time,” said President Nez.

Yazzie served in the United States Army, including three tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was stationed in Germany before being honorably discharged and retiring from the military. At the time of his passing, he was studying to become an automotive mechanic with the University Technical Institute.



“Mr. Yazzie was truly a blessing to the Navajo Nation and our country. Through our faith and strength, we know that his spirit lives on and that he is with God at this very moment. Our thoughts and prayers are with his son, parents, and siblings during this time. We are very grateful for his service and sacrifices,” said Vice President Lizer.

Survivors include his son, Dyshean Lyle Brown, father Irvin Walter Yazzie, and siblings Victoria Yazzie, Demetri Yazzie, Tia Yazzie, Tristen Yazzie, and Calvin Yazzie. His family remembers him as “A beloved son, brother, and father. Til Valhalla.”

Yazzie will be laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz. on Jan. 5, 2022. His family has setup a GoFundMe donation site at: <https://gofund.me/7daedd4b>.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. ARMY VETERAN BRIAN IRVIN YAZZIE

THE NAVAJO NATION honors the life of our Diné Warrior, U.S. Army Veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie. We are very grateful for his contributions to the Navajo Nation and the United States and offer this special recognition:

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of U.S. Army Veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie, originally from St. Michaels, Arizona. He is Áshijhi (Salt People Clan) and born for Tó'aheedlínii (The Water Flows Together Clan). His maternal grandfather is Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People Clan) and his paternal grandfather is Honágháahnii (One Walks Around Clan); and


WHEREAS, Yazzie served our country in the United States Army, including three tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was stationed in Germany before being honorably discharged and retiring from military service; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors the late Brian Irvin Yazzie, 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 Wednesday, January 5, 2022, to honor the memory and service of U.S. Army Veteran Brian Irvin Yazzie.

PROCLAIMED THIS 31st DAY OF DECEMBER 2021


Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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