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## Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of Diné World War II veteran Steven Ashley, Sr.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Sunday, 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 Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 in honor and remembrance of Diné World War II veteran Steven Ashley, Sr., who passed away on Nov. 8 at the age of 95. He was Kiyaa'áanii (Towering House) and born for Tsi'naajinnii (Black Streaked Wood), and resided in Houck, Ariz. at the time of his passing.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Ashley’s wife, Pauline, their children, all of their loved ones, and his community at this time. Together, we honor and remember all his great sacrifices for our people and our country, as a

member of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather who devoted his life to our country and his family. We pray that his family takes comfort in knowing that he is now with God at this time,” said President Nez.

Ashley served five years in the U.S. Army during the World War II before being honorably discharged. He then returned home to Allentown, Ariz. and supported his family by working with the Navajo Office of Economic Opportunity under the Home Improvement Training Program, where he learned how to construct homes with the Navajo Nation. Ashley also served on the Sanders School Board, and as President and Secretary for Lupton Chapter to address local needs of the community and other surrounding areas.

“We thank God for the life and service of Steven Ashley, Sr. By all accounts, he was a very loving and compassionate person who contributed greatly to his community and our country. Words are



not enough to thank him and his family for all of their sacrifices. We ask all of our Navajo people to keep his spirit and his family in your prayers,” said Vice President Lizer.

Council Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr., who represents the Houck community as a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council also paid tribute and offered his condolences to the family.

“I express my deepest condolences and send comfort to the family through my prayers. We will not forget the late Mr. Ashley's dedication to his country through his military service during the World War II campaign and his generation of caliber in our country's time of crisis. He unselfishly answered his country's call and stood fast on the foreign soils in the name of duty, honor, and integrity. We salute the Late Mr. Ashley and his family,” said Delegate Smith.

His family states that several descendants have followed in Ashley's footsteps by enlisting in the military, including his sons Stanley and Justin Earl Ashley, followed by a grandson, two granddaughters, two great-grandsons in the U.S. Army, and a great granddaughter in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife of 75 years, Mrs. Pauline Stanley Ashley, his children, Steven Ashley Jr., Janet Hillis, Stanley Ashley, Anita Carol Joe, Tina Harrison, Barbara Nabors, Shirley Ashley, Justin Earl Ashley and Jeanette Johns, 36 grandchildren, 52, great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandsons and his brother Marc Ashley. Steven Ashley, Sr., was laid to rest Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 at the Ashley family plot in Allentown, Ariz.

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

# Proclamation

### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN STEVEN ASHLEY, SR.

**THE NAVAJO NATION** honors the life of our Diné Warrior, Steven Ashley, Sr., of Houck, Arizona, who served with great honor and courage in World War II. 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 Steven Ashley, Sr., who was Kiyaa'áanii (Towering House) and born for Tsi'naajinnii (Black Streaked Wood). He resided in Houck, Arizona at the time of his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley served our country and our people in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided valuable contributions and public service as the President and Secretary for Lupton Chapter; his knowledge and teachings are irreplaceable and will be sorely missed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his wife of 75 years, Pauline Stanley Ashley, his children and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, his fellow veterans, and his 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 November 16, 2021, in honor and memory of the late Steven Ashley, Sr.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021**

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Nez in black ink.

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

Handwritten signature of Myron Lizer in black ink.

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