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Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor and remembrance of Vietnam veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Wednesday, 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 Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022, in honor and remembrance of U.S. Navy veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr., a member of the Navajo Nation who passed away on Feb. 14, 2022 at the age of 75.

Simpson is Tł’ízí łání (Many Goats Clan) and born for Táchii’nii (Red Running into the Water People Clan). His maternal grandfather is Tó dich’ii’nii (Bitter Water Clan) and his paternal grandfather is Kiyaa’aanii (Towering House Clan). He was born on July 3, 1946 and was originally from Narrow Canyon, Ariz.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we offer our prayers to the family and comrades of our Diné warrior, U.S. Navy veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr. I had the honor of personally knowing our brother for many years. Our words are not enough to honor and 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. Simpso ns and we pray for strength and comfort for his family during this difficult time,” said President Nez.

Simpson served with the U.S. Navy from November 1966 to November 1970, and served two tours during the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1969. He was awarded several military honors.

During his lifetime, Simpson was also a member of the Oljato Veterans Organization for 13 years, and previously served as the Commander for local veterans. He retired after serving 38 years with the Kayenta School District.

“We honor and cherish the service and contributions of Mr. Simpson and his family. Throughout his life, he devoted himself to our Nation and the entire country. He was a humble person who loved and cared for his people. Together, we pray for strength for his loved ones and his community,” said Vice President Lizer.


U.S. Navy veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr. will be laid to rest at a family plot in Narrow Canyon, Ariz. on Feb. 20, 2022. The family is accepting donations through Zelle, which can be sent to Bertilde Bitseedy at (405) 205-4923.

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Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
U.S. NAVY VETERAN WESLEY SIMPSON, SR.

THE NAVAJO NATION honors the life of our Diné Warrior, United States Navy Veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr. 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. Navy Veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr., originally from Narrow Canyon, Arizona. He is is Tł'ízí láání (Many Goats Clan) and born for Táchii’nii (Red Running into the Water People Clan). His maternal grandfather is Tódích’ii’nii (Bitter Water Clan) and his paternal grandfather is Kiyaa’aanii (Towering House Clan); and

WHEREAS, Simpson served with the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1970, and served two tours during the Vietnam War. He was awarded several military honors including the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, First National Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors the late Wesley Simpson, 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 Sunday, February 20, 2022, to honor the memory and service of U.S. Navy Veteran Wesley Simpson, Sr.

PROCLAIMED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

Jonathan Nez, President
Myron Lizer, Vice President
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