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Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor
of Diné U.S. Army veteran Kevin Carl Smith

WINDOW ROCK Ariz. — On Thursday, 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 Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in honor and remembrance of Diné veteran Kevin Carl Smith, who passed away recently at the age of 38. He is Tsi’naajinnii (Black Streaked Wood) and born for Naakai Dine’é (Mexican Clan), and was originally from Mexican Springs, N.M.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Smith’s wife, Clarissa, their six children, all of their loved ones, and his community at this time. As a U.S. Army veteran, he served and protected our country and the Navajo Nation. We will never forget his great contributions and honorable service. We pray for strength and comfort for his family, comrades, and his community,” said President Nez.

Smith served four years in the U.S. Army as a E4 Specialist PFC, M1A1 tank loader and crew member of the top tank in the battalion, and Alpha Company 2/37 Armor Battalion 1st Platoon. He earned several honors, including the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal.

“We thank God for the life and service of Kevin Carl Smith. Words are not enough to thank him and his family for all they’ve endured and sacrificed. As a veteran, he witnessed and experienced many atrocities while serving, but he devoted his life to serving others and to providing for his family. We pray that his loved ones take comfort in knowing that he is now with God. We ask all of our Navajo people to join us in prayer for his loved ones,” said Vice President Lizer.
Survivors include his wife, Clarissa Henderson Smith, his six children, Reylena, Demetri, Bianca, Allison, Oliver, and Addison, his father, Carl Smith, his stepfather, James Wilson, and his four siblings. Kevin Carl Smith’s celebration of life memorial will be held on Feb. 5, 2022, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Aztec, N.M.

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Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
U.S. ARMY VETERAN KEVIN CARL SMITH

THE NAVAJO NATION honors the life of our Diné Warrior, U.S. Army Veteran Kevin Carl Smith. 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 Kevin Carl Smith of Mexican Springs, N.M, who is Tsi’naajinnii (Black Streaked Wood) and born for Naakai Dine’é (Mexican Clan); and

WHEREAS, Smith served our country in the United States Army for four years, served two tours of duty, and earned the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to wife, Clarissa Henderson Smith, his six children, Reylena, Demetri, Bianca, Allison, Oliver, and Addison, his father, Carl Smith, his stepfather, James Wilson, and his four siblings; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother Marlene Tahe, his brother, Calvin Smith, his maternal grandparents Minne Lee Tahe and Harrison Daniels, and his paternal grandparents, Rose and Henry Kinlicheeney; and

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 February 4, 2022, to honor the memory and service of the late U.S. Army Veteran Kevin Carl Smith.

ORDERED THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

Jonathan Nez, President
Myron Lizer, Vice President

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