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**President Nez and Vice President Lizer  
honor the life of Navajo veteran Louis Jones**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation in honor and remembrance of Diné veteran Louis Jones, who passed away on Sept. 30 at the age of 96. He was originally from Chinle, Ariz., located on the Navajo Nation.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we offer our condolences and prayers to the family of our Diné warrior, U.S. Navy veteran Louis Jones. Our words are not enough to honor and thank him and his loved ones for the sacrifices they made for 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 the community of Chinle,” said President Nez.

Jones served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 including service aboard the USS Talladega (APA-208) during the Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns (Iwo Jima and Okinawa Gunto Operations) and the Philippine Liberation Campaign (Operation Magic Carpet). He received numerous honors and medals during his service, including the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (2 stars), American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.



“Our country was truly blessed with the courage and bravery of Louis Jones and the sacrifices his family made. He provided and protected his family and may God continue to guide his family as they grieve a great father and grandfather,” said Vice President Lizer.

Survivors include his children, Annie Silversmith, Donald Chee, Betty L. Chee, Lucy Hardy, Louis Adam Jones, his 17 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren. The funeral service for the U.S. Navy veteran Louis Jones will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Chinle Veterans Cemetery.

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

# Proclamation

### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO VETERAN LOUIS JONES

**THE NAVAJO NATION** honors Diné warrior Louis Jones of Chinle, Ariz., for his service to the United States and the Navajo Nation:

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of Louis Jones, who was born on July 6, 1926 and passed on September 13, 2022, at the age of 96 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Jones served our country in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He served aboard on the USS Talladega (APA-208) during the Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns (Iwo Jima and Okinawa Gunto Operations) and the Philippine Liberation Campaign (Operation Magic Carpet); and

**WHEREAS**, he received many honors and medals during his service, including the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (2 stars), American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Jones returned home after his service to provide for his family as a farmer, sheepherder, custodial supervisor, and retired as a custodial and sanitation engineer from DNA People's Legal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his children, Annie Silversmith, Donald Chee, Betty L. Chee, Lucy Hardy, Louis Adam Jones, his 17 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Nez**, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff on September 21, 2022, to honor the memory and service of the late Louis Jones.

**ORDERED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
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