


WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ**. –** Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation in honor and remembrance of Diné veteran Louis Jones on Sept. 19. Jones passed away on Sept. 13 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,” Nez said. “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.”

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 (two 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,” Lizer said.

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 Jones was held on Sept. 21 at the Chinle Veterans Cemetery.

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