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Council members offer condolences to the family of Navajo veteran Woodrow Jim Wagner Sr.



PHOTO: Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye, Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd, and Speaker LoRenzo Bates with Woodrow Jim Wagner Sr. and his family in Round Rock, Ariz. on April 23, 2016.

WINDOW ROCK – Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland) and the 23rd Navajo Nation Council extend their heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones for the loss of Woodrow Jim Wagner Sr., a United States Army World War II veteran from the community of Round Rock, who passed away on Wednesday.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, I send my sincerest condolences to the grandchildren, children, family, fellow veterans, and the community of Round Rock for the loss of Mr. Wagner, a protector, veteran, and warrior of the Navajo Nation,” stated Speaker Bates.

In April, Council members had the honor of attending the house warming celebration of Woodrow Jim Wagner Sr. in Round Rock. Wagner was one of the first veterans who received a home from the Navajo veterans housing project, as a result of Council amending the Veterans Trust Fund to set aside funds for the construction of new homes for Navajo veterans.

“Our hearts are saddened with the passing of Mr. Wagner. Our communities are safer because of Mr. Wagner’s willingness to put his life in the line of duty. We will always be grateful for his life and humbleness for the sacrifices he made for our People. He is a true definition of a Navajo warrior and he will be dearly missed,” said Council Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye (Lukachukai, Rock Point, Round Rock, Tsaile/Wheatfields, Tsé Ch’ izhi), who represents the Round Rock community and knew Wagner for years.

“His service for the Nation and the country will never be forgotten. May the Holy People bless the family, loved ones, and the veterans of the Navajo Nation with strength and comfort during this difficult time,” added Speaker Bates.

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