



# THE NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE

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## **Justin C. Ahasteen** **Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Washington Office**

Justin Ahasteen is *Bilagáana* (white) born for *Tótsohnii* (Big Water). His maternal grandfather is *Bilagáana* and his paternal grandfather is *Kiis'ánii* (Hopi). Justin is from White Cone Arizona and is a proud graduate of Holbrook High School.

Justin graduated from Holbrook High School in May of 2014 and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After months of training, Justin was selected for a special duty assignment with the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs at the Pentagon in Washington DC. Justin served as an Administrative & Congressional Affairs Specialist participating in a wide variety of issues to include military policy and military/veteran constituent affairs.

During his military service, Justin was awarded three prestigious awards for his involvement in the community to include the Presidential Volunteer Service Award with Silver Distinction, the American Legion Spirit of Service Award, and the United Services Organization's Service Member of the Year Award. Upon completion of his active military service in 2018, he continued his public service working in both the private and public sector.

In 2020, Justin joined Valleywise Health as an Executive Assistant supporting the CEO of their Federally Qualified Health Centers which focused on expanding access to primary care services to medically underserved communities addressing a variety of issues surrounding health inequities, challenges of access to care, and reducing social determinants to health to improve the health outcomes of their patient population.

In 2021 Justin transitioned to the Navajo Nation Washington Office serving as a Government and Legislative Affairs Associate leading the Navajo Nation's Infrastructure, Veteran Affairs, Social Services, Health, and Public Safety portfolios. In January of 2023, Justin was appointed by President Buu Nygren of the Navajo Nation to serve as the Executive Director for NNWO.

Justin is a graduate of Rio Salado Community College with an Associates of Applied Science in Public Administration, a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor's in Justice Studies Minor in Public Administration, and is currently a candidate for a Master of Public Administration & Policy with the American Public University System.

