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Navajo Nation celebrates the season of giving with turkey and ham distributions to veterans and families



PHOTO: President Jonathan Nez and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director James D. Zwierlein and staff, and Bashas' employees preparing for the distribution of free hams for Navajo veterans in Window Rock, Ariz. on Dec. 19, 2019.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez joined Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director James D. Zwierlein and his staff as they helped to distribute and load free hams for Navajo veterans at Bashas' in Window Rock, Ariz. The hams were donated by Bashas' and will soon be distributed to each of the five Navajo agencies to reach more Navajo veterans locally.

“Our veterans have done so much for all of us and this is a small way of showing them our love and appreciation during this holiday season. Thanks to Bashas’ for making this possible for our veterans and their families,” said President Nez.

Director Zwierlein and his staff at the Veterans Administration worked with Bashas’ to receive the ham donations. In total, 836 hams will be distributed to veterans in many communities.

“The staff at the Veterans Administration are to be commended for taking on this initiative to help our veterans and their families receive a good meal. Thank you to Mr. Zwierlein and his office for working with Bashas’ to make this possible,” added President Nez.



Earlier this week, President Nez and Navajo Nation Youth Council Chair Niagara Rockbridge distributed turkeys and non-perishable food items to Navajo families for the Christmas season. The turkeys were donated by the Navajo Nation Youth Council.

“This is a great initiative led by our Navajo youth to help families and elders. These young leaders are a great example of our teaching that tell us to take care of our elders. I commend the Youth Council for showing great compassion this holiday season,” President Nez said.

The Navajo Nation Youth Council continued distributing turkeys and perishable food items to families throughout the week.

“This is a very special time of year for giving to others and we are more than happy to be part of it. May the season’s blessings be upon all of you,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

This holiday season, the Office of the President and Vice President has developed several charitable donation drives and worked with organizations such as Toy for Tots to make this year’s holiday season a special one for everyone.

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