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22nd Navajo Nation Council honors the Navajo Code Talkers at the 30th Annual Gathering of Nations



Photo: Speaker Naize (center) addresses Gathering of Nations crowd on Apr. 26, alongside Navajo Code Talker Peter MacDonald (left).

ALBUQUERQUE – On behalf of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Johnny Naize (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) addressed thousands of spectators and participants at the 30th Annual Gathering of Nations last Friday evening at an event co-sponsored by his office to honor the Navajo Code Talkers.

“We are honored to be here with all of you tonight to pay tribute to our Navajo Code Talkers,” said Speaker Naize, who stood alongside former Navajo Nation Chairman Peter MacDonald on the floor of the University of New Mexico “Pit”.

MacDonald currently serves as president of the Navajo Code Talkers Association. During World War II, MacDonald served as a Navajo Code Talker.

Speaker Naize affirmed his support for the Navajo Code Talkers Foundation's effort to establish a museum designed to honor the history and significance of the Navajo Code Talker legacy.

"I want the whole world to know what we're trying to accomplish," Speaker Naize said. "We want to have a museum to share the story of our brave Navajo Code Talkers who served in World War II."

Concluding his brief address, Speaker Naize encouraged the public to support the Navajo Code Talkers Museum & Veterans Center Project by donating to the Navajo Code Talkers Foundation.

The 22nd Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker co-sponsored the "Midnight Special: Men's Northern Traditional" dance competition on Friday evening.

Prior to the dance competition, an honor song was performed, paying tribute to all Navajo Code Talkers for their brave service in World War II.

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