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CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

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The Nov. 14 Native American Heritage Observance offered platefuls of history, color, insight and traditional foods.

Key speaker Francis Bahe, a Navajo, related how his tribe has four family units, or clans. His father was from the Bitter Water Clan; one grandfather was Salt People clan, and the other was Wandering People clan. His late uncle Ray was a "Code Talker" in the Pacific during World War II, making radio broadcasts in the Navajo language to frustrate Japanese code-breakers.

Bahe has worked at West Desert Test Center for 20 years, overseeing or assisting with tests.

The Bear family of Skull Valley -- Garth Jr. and Leanne, and their children Lonnie, Kota and Tyi -- demonstrated traditional dances. Garth Jr. noted how traditional garb differed, and used a traditional drum

to begin each dance. He sang in native languages, while his wife and children spread a whirl of color with every step and turn.

Rachel Quist, archaeologist and cultural resource manager for Dugway Proving Ground, noted the importance of preserving the post's artifacts and sites, whether ancient or relatively recent.

Chaplain (Maj.) Stephen Dicks offered the event's invocation and benediction. Spc. Minnina Smith was master of ceremonies. Spc. Christina Graham sang the national anthem beautifully.

Col. Ronald F. Fizer, commander of Dugway Proving Ground, presented awards near the event's end. Six new employees were welcomed, then the Army Song was sung by the audience.

A free lunch of wild rice, venison stew, pumpkin soup and fry bread was prepared and dished out by workers at the Community Club. If you weren't there, you really missed something special!



Above: Kota Bear does a traditional dance called the "Sneakup."

Far left: Tyi Bear maintains a somber expression during the 'Fancy Feather' dance. Middle: Guest speaker was Francis Bahe, a member of the Navajo Nation and West Desert Test Center employee for 20 years. Right: Leanne Bear did a Northwest style of dance common to her Colville Confederated Tribe of Washington state.

Thank Veterans and their families



Soldiers of A Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, were the honor guard at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day observance in Tooele.

**Story and photos by Paula Thomas
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On Veteran's Day, Col. Ronald F. Fizer addressed local Veterans and residents at the Dow James Building in Tooele asking, "What Is a Veteran?"

A Veteran is any person who served for any length of time in any military branch and includes 21.8 million individuals or 7 percent of the U.S. population.

"A Veteran has done three things: (1) Sacrificed, (2) Served in peace and war, and (3) defended what America stands for as recently as in the Iraq War or in delivering aid at home and abroad," he said.



Command Sgt. Maj. Alma Zeladaparedes had a friendly chat with a Veteran after the breakfast and before the program.

Referencing John F. Kennedy's challenge: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," Fizer noted that Veterans did this. They gave to their country and laid the foundations of today's military and citizens.

He also acknowledged Veterans' families, whose support has been crucial to Veterans' success. Fizer asked that we thank their families as well.

To end his address, Fizer asked that all Veterans stand or raise their hands. They were applauded.

Before the ceremony and after, Fizer, his wife Rene and Command Sgt. Maj. Alma Zeladaparedes chatted with Veterans and their families, commending their service.

Gettysburg Address: 7 score, 10 years later

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The delivery of the Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln was observed exactly 150 years later -- Nov. 19 -- at Dugway High School.

Student body president and senior Josh Johnson flawlessly recited its 270 words from memory.

History teacher Mandy Laub reviewed the July, 1863 Battle of Gettysburg that led to the creation of Arlington Cemetery.

Lincoln dedicated the cemetery Nov. 19, 1863 with the speech that ends with, "... and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



Community Calendar



Dugway Bazaar

Thursday, Nov. 21
Shocklee Fitness Center
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Details: Dennis Nichols 831-2030

Thanksgiving Lunch



Wednesday, Nov. 27
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Army Community Service building
Chaplain Stephen Dicks 831- 2432

Get to Know Dugway

Thursday, Dec. 5
Various locations
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Kelly Wright, 831-5416



Tree Lighting Ceremony



Thursday, Dec. 5
Outside School Ages Services
5 p.m. tentative
Details: Dennis Nichols 831-2030

Dugway Winter Ball

Saturday, Dec. 7
Salt Lake City Airport Hilton
6 p.m. to midnight
Details: Kelly Wright, 831-5416



Outdoor Recreation & Travel Leisure



Saturday, Dec. 7 Festival of Trees
Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Holiday lights & Christmas Concert Salt Lake City
Monday, Dec. 30 Ski Trip - The Canyons

Jan. 4 - Rocky Mountain Gun Show
Jan. 7 & 21 - Cross-country Ski Lessons at Dugway during lunch hour
Jan. 11 - Ski Trip to Brighton Resort
Jan. 17 - Wendover Trip
Jan. 21 to 23 - Yurt Hut Back Country Ski Trip
Information? Contact Curt Fortie, 831-2318



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