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Care packages to be sent to deployed Navajo men and women serving in the Armed Forces

WINDOW ROCK – On Wednesday, Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) announced that the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch will be sending care packages to Navajo military men and women currently deployed overseas for the upcoming holidays.

The Legislative Branch is seeking the public's assistance in obtaining mailing information for Navajo active service members overseas.

"We want our Diné military men and women to receive something special from their homeland to let them know that we are appreciative of their service and sacrifice," stated Speaker Bates.

Aside from essential items such hygiene products, service members will receive treats such as pinons and Cracker Jacks as well as a letter from Speaker Bates on behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.

"Many of our people are serving proudly overseas and will not be with their families during the holidays, so we want them to know that they remain in our thoughts and we pray for their safe return home," stated Speaker Bates.

On Tuesday, Council Delegate Tuchoney Slim, Jr. (Bodaway/Gap, Coppermine, K'ai'Bii'To, LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake) issued a radio address to inform the public and to request for assistance in obtaining mailing information. The radio message will air on KTNN and KGAK for the remainder of the week.

Those who would like a care package sent to a family member or relative on active duty are asked to contact the Office of Legislative Services at (928) 871-7254 or email seymoursmith@navajo-nsn.gov to provide the person's name and mailing address no later than Nov. 9.

To listen to the radio message from Delegate Slim, please click <u>here</u>.

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