

Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel Hosts Annual Flag Raising

The Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel held a small ceremony to raise the flag in front of the casino property on November 11, 2020 – Veterans Day.

Just under thirty people joined Military Veteran employees as they raised flags from the United States of America, State of Idaho and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in honor of Veterans Day. The short program was designed as a way for the Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel team members to honor their coworkers who have served in the Armed Forces.

“Last year we were able to raise the flags for the first time since opening our newest casino floor, so it was a unique event,” stated Interim Chief Executive Officer, Colista Eagle. “What we realized was the event was very special to our Veteran staff members and we took the opportunity to recognize them in this special way going forward.”

Although safety measures, masks and physical distancing made the event look differently, the feelings were the same. The early morning event was graced with a break in the winter weather.

“There was some concern the program would not be appropriate in the snow flurries,” said Echo Marshall, Executive Marketing Director. “It turned out the short program was just perfect and a wonderful way to start the day.”

Marshall, whose husband is a Veteran, Roland Marshall, was also in attendance, and appreciative of the gesture to make sure all Veterans are honored and cared for.

“The casino hotel has held many events to make sure those who have served in the Military are recognized for their service. It was a nice thing to do this morning.”



Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel team Veterans and program participants – standing: Tinker Perkins; Michael Mendez; Jeremy Covington; Colista Eagle; Devon Boyer; Buddy Hughes; Richard Mendez; and Lee Juan Tyler; kneeling: Bill Matte, Roland Marshall, Derick Hernandez; not pictured: Robert Moss, Will Padilla.

A short program started with Interim CEO Colista Eagle, welcoming team members and guests to the event. Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council Chairman, Devon Boyer, then offered words of thanks to all Military and honored Veterans. Council Member, Lee Juan Tyler, led the crowd in a prayer as guests faced due east to recognize the sunrise and the many blessings upon our Military who serve with honor. At 8:00 a.m., the flags were raised to the song “To the Colors.” After its completion, coffee and cinnamon rolls were served.

The Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel appreciated all those who came to experience the event, including: Chairman Devon Boyer; Council Member Lee Juan Tyler; Council Member Donna Thompson; Council Member Elma Thompson; Council Member Marlene Skunkcap; the Osborne Family, who hosted an Annual Veterans Breakfast for tribal members and their families; and other Veteran guests in attendance for offering their support of this event. ♣

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