



VFW Honors National Native American Heritage Month

The VFW recognizes generations of American indigenous people and their military service

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) proudly recognizes National Native American Heritage Month throughout November, honoring the service members and veterans of Indigenous heritage whose warrior spirit and unwavering commitment have enriched and defended our great nation for generations.

The first official month celebrating Native American heritage was in 1990 when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November of that same year as “National American Indian Heritage Month.”

Since the American Revolution, Native Americans have fought and died in our nation’s wars. Their service is a testament to the profound patriotism and dedication to the land and the values our nation represents. We would not be able to enjoy the freedoms bestowed upon us today if it were not for their many sacrifices.

Native American service members have earned every major combat award, demonstrating incredible bravery and skill across all branches of the military. With a deep sense of duty and community, Indigenous service members have provided the military with adaptability, resilience and tactical expertise.

The VFW encourages all Americans to use National Native American Heritage Month as an opportunity to learn more about the rich history, culture and contributions of Native American veterans. On behalf of the more than 1.3 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we proudly honor the heritage of our fellow brothers and sisters-in-arms from the Tribal Nations, salute their immeasurable contributions and sacrifices to our United States, and remain steadfast in ensuring their legacy of service is never forgotten.

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