

# VFW Commemorates National Native American Heritage Month Observance

## The commemoration recognizes the heritage of American indigenous people and the contributions of Tribal Nations to the United States

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**WASHINGTON** — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recognizes all service members, veterans, comrades, and their families of Indigenous heritage in commemorating the National Native American Heritage Month observance throughout November.

Since the American Revolution, Native Americans have fought and died in our nation's wars. We would not be able to enjoy the freedoms bestowed upon us today if it were not for their many sacrifices. They have showed us just how important this land is, how we must preserve it, and how much it's worth fighting for.

The first official month celebrating Native American heritage came about in 1990 when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November of that same year as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name, including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month," have been issued each year since 1994.

On behalf of the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we proudly honor the heritage of our fellow Americans from the Tribal Nations and salute their immeasurable contributions to our United States.

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