




## **National American Indian Heritage Month**

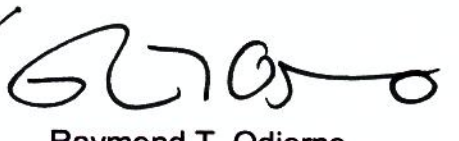
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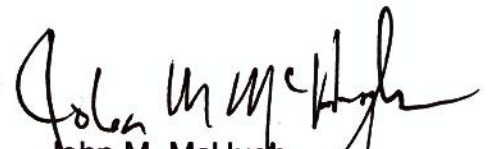
We are honored to recognize the outstanding contributions American Indians have made to our Nation and our Army. Thousands have served in the armed forces from the early days of the Revolutionary War through today. The multitude of cultures across our landscape has helped shape our Nation. We recognize their rich heritage and honor their spirit and true devotion to our country.

Since the birth of this Nation, American Indians have been recognized for their adept skills and knowledge of this land. Through the years, they courageously worked with the early U.S. Cavalry as scouts, in World War II as "Code Talkers," and in every conflict making the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. To this day, 24 American Indians have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage and devotion to our Nation. We are proud of the lasting contributions American Indians continue to make as Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans and Family members in our profession that will benefit our Nation and Army for many years to come. They, like all our Soldiers and Families, represent the Strength of the Nation.

We want to express our thanks and gratitude for sacrifices and contributions American Indian Soldiers and Civilians have made to the success of our Army and Nation. We encourage our entire Army Family to honor them publicly by encouraging leaders across the Army to plan and execute commemorative activities to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month.

  
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