



## National American Indian Heritage Month

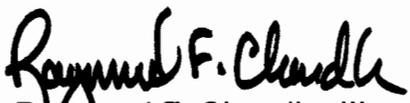
**“Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever.”**

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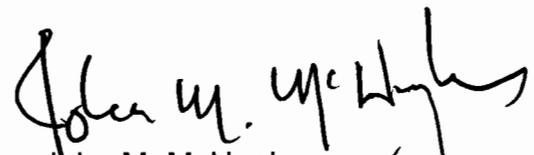
National American Indian Heritage Month is a time of reflection as members of our community honor the immeasurable contributions of American Indians for building our Nation and supporting the Military Services. However, it is also important we sincerely acknowledge the great legacy of resilience taught to us by the American Indians’ painful history. Despite facing adversity repeatedly, their vision and determination have helped transform our National character and have enriched our understanding of their distinct culture. They serve as an example to all.

More than 20 American Indians are Medal of Honor recipients. Their distinguished acts signify the deep and abiding patriotism and heroism found among multiple generations who have served in our ranks. From the Revolutionary War to the brave Soldiers fighting in today’s conflicts, American Indians have served with honor and distinction. This is yet another reminder of how our Army is much stronger today because we value the strength of a diverse workforce.

This month, join us in giving special recognition for the past and present contributions American Indian Soldiers, Civilians and Families have made to make our Army what it is today – a place where people from all walks of life stand proudly together in service to our Nation. Army Strong!

  
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