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PATRIOT NATIONS

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NATIVE AMERICANS IN OUR NATION'S ARMED FORCES

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH

8:30 AM BREAKFAST 10:30 AM CEREMONY

PATTENGILL MIDDLE SCHOOL 626 MARSHALL ST., LANSING, MI



The Native American Women Warriors lead the grand entry during a powwow in Pueblo, Colorado, June 14, 2014. From left: Sergeant First Class Mitchelene BigMan (Apsáalooke [Crow]/Hidatsa), Sergeant Lisa Marshall (Cheyenne River Sioux), Specialist Krissy Quinones (Apsáalooke [Crow]), and Captain Calley Cloud (Apsáalooke [Crow]), with Tia Cyrus (Apsáalooke [Crow]) behind them. Photo by Nicole Tung

New traveling exhibition on display

Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces tells the remarkable history of the brave American Indian and Alaska Native men and women who have served in the United States military. Native peoples have participated in every major US military encounter from the Revolutionary War to today's conflicts in the Middle East, serving at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group.

The contributions of Native servicemen and women have been largely unrecognized.

This will soon change. The *Patriot Nations* exhibition announces the development of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, requisitioned by Congress to be placed on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.



General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in the South Pacific, on an inspection trip of American battle fronts, late 1943. From left: Staff Sergeant Virgil Brown (Pima), First Sergeant Virgil F. Howell (Pawnee), Staff Sergeant Alvin J. Vilcan (Chitimacha), General MacArthur, Sergeant Byron L. Tsingine (Diné [Navajo]), Sergeant Larry Dekin (Diné [Navajo]). U.S. Army Signal Corps

**"We serve this country
because it's our land. We
have a sacred purpose to
protect this place."**

—Jeffrey Begay, Diné [Navajo] veteran