



NEWS RELEASE

DEOMI RELEASES 2017 NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE POSTER

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of National American Indian Heritage Month, celebrated each November, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from our public website at www.deomi.org.

The theme for 2017 National American Indian Heritage month, as provided by the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is, “Standing Together.”

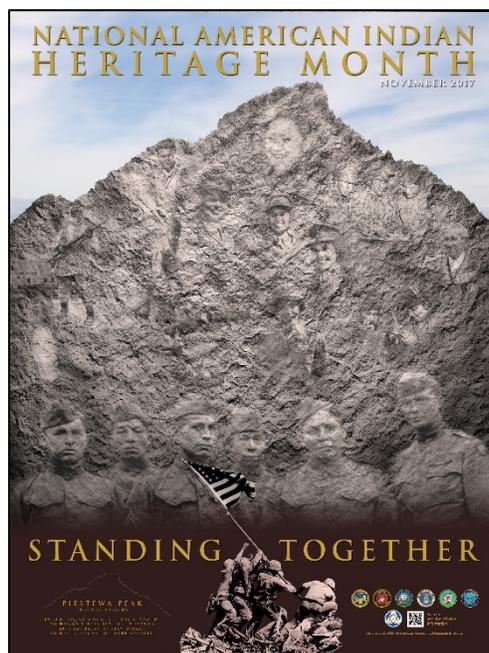
We invite you to honor the American Indian and Alaska Native people whose contributions, achievements, sacrifices, and cultural and historical legacy of the original peoples to what is now known as the United States. They have been the bedrock of our nation from the beginning.

The poster builds on this premise. The reflected mountain is Piestewa Peak, the second highest point in the Phoenix Mountains. In 2008 it was renamed for Army Specialist Lori Piestewa of the Hopi people, the first American Indian female warrior killed on foreign soil (Iraq, 2003).

The warrior spirit is strong in American Indian and Alaska Native cultures. Legend reflects that a warrior never dies but arises in a vision as a spirit or ghost warrior to guide, protect, and lead subsequent generations. Deliberately embedded in the mountain, are past and present members who continue on this path of protecting our freedom and way of life. The QRC on the bottom right of the poster will help identify those members for your future use.

You will not be able to easily see these images in this press release so please note that you may take the high-resolution poster image file accompanying this news release to your preferred printing facility for display in your organization or use during your special observance program and they will be able to be seen.

All DEOMI special observance poster images are high-resolution and may be used to print posters up to 30 x 40 inches.



Poster Key:

Main Photo - Piestewa Peak

1. Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, with the 507th Maintenance Company, was the first American Indian woman to die in combat on foreign soil. Piestewa Peak, Ariz., near Phoenix, is named in her honor.
2. Cherokee military patient World War I.
3. Scout Battalions of the 297th Infantry Regiment, Alaska National Guard. Painting by Mort Kunstler for the National Guard Heritage Paintings series.
4. The Alaska Territorial Guard, was a military reserve force component of the U.S. Army, organized in 1942 in response to attacks on Hawaii and occupation of parts of Alaska by Japan during World War II.
5. Aircraft Survival Equipment Airman Misty Warren, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is believed to be the first American Indian woman to be designated as a naval test parachutist.
6. Choctaw Soldiers pose for a photograph in 1918. During World War I, units of the 36th Infantry Division used Choctaw Soldiers, and a code based on their language, to send messages in combat.
7. Lt. Van Thomas Barfoot after being awarded the Medal of Honor by Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch September, 22 1944, in Epinal, France.
8. Pfc. Preston Toledo and Pfc. Frank Toledo, Navajo cousins in a Marine artillery regiment in the South Pacific, relay orders over a field radio in their native tongue.
9. Master Sgt. Charles Norman Shay is a tribal elder of the Penobscot Tribe—one of four brothers who served during World War II—and one of the few surviving American Indian World War II combat veterans.
10. Marine Corps Reservists Minnie Spotted Wolf, Blackfoot, Celia Mix, Potawatomi, and Viola Eastman, Chippewa, pose on Camp Lejeune, N.C., in October 1943.
11. (Left to right) Pfc. Peter Nahaidinae, Pfc. Joseph Gatewood, and Cpl. Lloyd Oliver, Navajo Indians, attached with the 1st Marine Division in the Southwest Pacific, study a night problem at the Amphibious Scout School conducted by the Intelligence Section. (U.S. Marine photo by Cpl. Robert M. Howard)
12. U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Ira Hayes, left, a Pima American Indian from Arizona, helped four fellow Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the second flag on Mount Suribachi, Japan, Feb. 23, 1945.

