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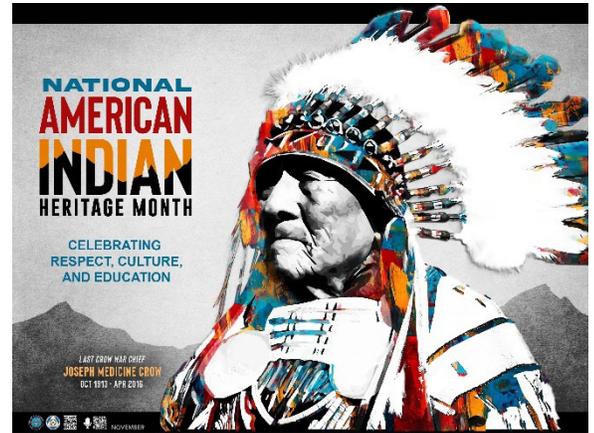
### DEOMI RELEASES 2022 NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH POSTER

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**PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, Fla.** — In observance of National American Indian Heritage Month (NAIHM), the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website, [www.defenseculture.mil](http://www.defenseculture.mil).

This year's NAIHM theme is: Celebrating Respect, Culture, and Education.

The 2022 Department of Defense NAIHM poster is focused on U.S. Army Technician 5th Grade Joseph Medicine Crow, the last Crow War Chief. Crow is artistically represented on the poster in traditional Crow war bonnet and clothing made of leather, animal fur, beads, bones, and eagle feathers.



Crow earned his distinction as a Crow War Chief while serving as a U.S. Army scout in the 103rd Infantry Division during World War II (WWII). During that conflict, he completed all four essential requirements to become a war chief: counting coup (touching an enemy without killing him), taking an enemy's weapon, leading a successful war party, and stealing an enemy's horse.

Crow did this in exemplary fashion. During a combat operation, Crow ran into a young German soldier, knocking him to the ground. The German soldier lost his weapon. Crow lowered his own weapon and they began fighting hand-to-hand. As Crow was choking the German soldier, he heard the soldier call out for his mother. Crow released him and let him go. Later in the conflict, Crow led a successful war party and stole 50 horses from a German Nazi SS Camp. As he rode off he sang a traditional Crow war song. For his actions in WWII, he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge and multiple service awards and ribbons, including the Bronze Star medal, French Legion of Honor, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Crow is the last member of the Crow tribe to be designated a war chief.

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