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### DEOMI Releases 2023 National American Indian Heritage Month Poster November 1, 2023

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Annually, the Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes National American Indian Heritage Month from November 1–30. This year’s theme is, *“Tribal Nations Soaring to New Heights.”*

During this month, American Indians and Alaska Natives are honored and celebrated for their rich and varied cultures, traditions, history, and societal contributions. National American Indian Heritage Month offers us an opportunity to become more educated about Native Americans, increase our knowledge of unique challenges faced by this population, and better understand how historical events—such as unjust Federal policies of assimilation and termination—have impacted Native peoples.

In 1990, Congress passed [Pub. L. No. 101-343](#), which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the month of November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Congress chose the month of November to recognize the American Indians, as this month concluded the traditional harvest season and was generally a time of thanksgiving and celebration for American Indians.

The 2023 Department of Defense’s National American Indian Heritage Month poster depicts America’s landscape interspersed with symbols depicting American Indian and Alaskan Native achievements and contributions. This poster is also an ode to the “Skywalkers.” Iroquois ironworkers, especially the Mohawks, are legendary for their dizzying work in erecting skyscrapers and steel bridges. Mohawk men have walked and worked on nearly all of New York City’s towering buildings, including the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, and Rockefeller Center. In Pittsburgh, they worked on the U.S. Steel Building, the Civic Arena, and the Fort Pitt Bridge, among other structures.



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