

IN THE NEWS

Native American Heritage Month

Celebrating a history of service

November is the time to recognize the tremendous contributions Native Americans have made in preserving our freedom by celebrating Native American Heritage Month.

It's estimated that more than 12,000 Native Americans served in the U.S. military in World War I and more than 44,000 served during the WW II era of 1945-1945. More than 40,000 Native Americans left their homes to work in ordnance depots, factories, and other war industries, during this time period. They also invested more than \$50 million in war bonds, and contributed generously to the Red Cross and the Army and Navy Relief societies.

During the Vietnam Era, more than 42,000 Native American's served with a strong sense of patriotism and courage, more than 90 percent of them volunteers. Their contributions in U.S. military combat continued in the 1980s and 1990s as they saw duty in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf.

The Cherokee Indians were major players when the space shuttle discovery was launched in October 2000, because its primary payload was built by Cherokee Nation Industries in Stilwell, Okla. During the 21st Century, Native Americans can be expected to carry on their centuries-old warrior tradition - serving with pride, courage, and distinction.

A Native American serving during WW II said it best: "United States military service provides an outlet for Native Americans to fulfill a cultural purpose rooted in tradition - to fight and defend their homeland. This purpose is particularly important since it comes when young people of the tribe are normally not old enough to assume a leadership role in their traditional culture. The cultural expectation to be warrior provides a purpose in life and is an important step in gaining status in Native American culture." **(Information submitted by 437th Military Equal Opportunity Office)**

Five CAFB SNCOs make rank

The following senior master sergeants were selected for promotion to chief master sergeant:

Carl Austin Jr., 437 LSS	Jeffrey Kallas, USAF ETAC
Thomas Hare, 1 CTCS	James Moody, 14 AS
Carl Hunsinger, 437 TRNS	Terrie Powell, 437 SPTG



November promotions

Airman

Clark, Anthony Jr.
Gamboa, Rogelio III
Howze, Ronald
Reyes, Oscar

Airman First Class

Alexander, Timothy
Bruni, William Jr.
Bryan, Eric
Figueroa, Maria
Fruth, Jessica
Harper, William
Lester, Lucienda
Moore, Roger
Wicklund, Kenneth

Senior Airman

Babcock, Amanda*
Berman, Evangeline*
Cameron, Anthony
Deleo, Matthew
Erbaugh, Eric
Fuschich, John Jr.
Gerber, Christopher
Hart, Delano
Herron, John Jr.
Howard, Patsy

Jasinski, Gregory*
Jennings, Christina
Keller, Matthew
Lescoe, Hunter
Lorick, Freddie
Mcdowell, Charles
Melo, Daniel
Musselman, Renee
Ouzts, Kendrick
Paul, Steven
Ruiz, Christopher
Samples, Billie
Taylor, Allen
Trevino, Michael
Wesley, Jeremiah
White, Michael
Wright, Robert

(*Indicates below-the-zone promotion)

Staff Sergeant

Atkinson, Chad
Bostic, Corey
Burton, Elgin
Caldwell, Robert
Cassady, Christopher
Curtis, Lesedric
Fuqua, Jeffrey
Gorman, Cherri

Grace, Thomas Jr.
King, Michael
Larsen, Rutorrestt
Mayfield, Mirta
Morley, Kimberly
Morris, Tina
Nuckoles, Rodney
Simon, Keisha
Wilkins, Shannon

Technical Sergeant

Calhoun, Richard
Eibell, Kurt
Elwood, Darin
Hall, Michael
Hayes, Michael
Miles, John
Weaver, Thomas
Zimmerman, Kelly

Master Sergeant

Godwin, Steven
Mellinger, Mark
Moran, Daniel
Pippin, Charles
Rispoli, William Jr.

Chief Master Sergeant

Willis, Melvin