# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS VETERANS' DAY

## November 8th

## Indigenous Veterans' Day

"Aboriginal Veterans Day was established in Manitoba in 1994 and has since spread across the country to the other provinces and has been renamed National Aboriginal Veterans Day, recognized annually on Nov. 8. It's a day to recognize and acknowledge the many contributions and sacrifices of Aboriginals not only to Canada's war efforts but to its peacekeeping reputation.

A national monument was later erected in Ottawa, just down from the National War Memorial. On National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2001, the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument was unveiled by then-Governor General Adrienne Clarkson to commemorate the contributions of Aboriginal peoples in war and peacekeeping."

Government of Canada website



## Resources for Educators

- Indigenous Corporate Training Inc
  - Indigenous Veterans: Equals on the Battlefields, But Not at Home
- Indigenous Veterans: From Memories of Injustice to Lasting Recognition - Report of the Standing Committee on Veteran Affairs

## Resources for Classrooms and Schools

### Websites
- Veteran's Affairs Canada
- First Nations Education Steering Committee
- The Canadian Encyclopedia
  - Cree Code Talkers

### Workshops - Indigenous Ed Depart
- **email Nerine Graham and Arlene McGhee**
- Indigenous Veterans Workshop

### Lit Kits - email Brandee Jersak
- Lit Kits

### Bulletin Board Displays
- Please see your school based Indigenous Department for displays

## Books to share in class

**Graphic Novel**
- The Scout: Tommy Prince
  - David Robertson

**Chapter Books/Novels**
- Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo marines of World War Two
  - Joseph Bruchac
- Code Talker
  - Chester Nez
- This Place: 150 Years Retold
  - Forward by Alicia Elliott
- Indigenous Peoples in the World Wars
  - Simon Rose

**Reference**
- What the Eagle Sees
  - Eldon Yellowhorn & Kathy Lowinger
- Turtle Island
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