New traveling exhibition available

Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation’s Armed Forces tells the remarkable history of the brave American Indian and Alaska Native men and women who have served in the United States military. Native peoples have participated in every major US military encounter from the Revolutionary War to today’s conflicts in the Middle East, serving at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group.

The contributions of Native servicemen and women have been largely unrecognized. This will soon change. The Patriot Nations exhibition announces the development of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, requisitioned by Congress to be placed on the grounds of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.
EXHIBITION CONTENT

The exhibition consists of sixteen full-color, free-standing banners. Designed to be displayed in a variety of indoor spaces, Patriot Nations is easy to set up and take down and is a great complement to veteran-related displays or events.

BANNERS

1. Introduction to Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation’s Armed Forces
2. Why Do American Indians Serve?
3. Conflicting Loyalties
4. The Civil War
5. Army Scouts
6. World War I
7. Code Talkers
8. World War II
9. Ira Hayes
10. The Thunderbirds
11. Recruiting from Chilocco Indian School
12. Korea
13. Vietnam
14. Global Conflicts in the 21st Century
15. Our Spirits Will Protect You
16. Be Part of a Historic Moment: The National Native American Veterans Memorial

“We serve this country because it’s our land. We have a sacred purpose to protect this place.”
—Jeffrey Begay, Diné [Navajo] veteran

Members of the Ton-Kon-Gah, or Kiowa Black Leggings Society, discuss what it means to be a veteran before the start of a ceremony in memory of those who fought. The tipi depicts battles in which Kiowas participated and lists the names of all Kiowas killed in combat since World War II. Near Anadarko, Oklahoma, 2014. Photo by Nicole Tung

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Banner with base structure (installed): 4 ft. width x 7.5 ft. height. Recommended running wall space: 160 ft. if displayed side by side (you may opt to display the banners differently to fit your space).

SPECIFICATIONS

The exhibit is packed in four standard road cases, each road case containing four retractable banners. Each retractable banner is packed in a padded canvas carrying case along with the vertical display rod for that banner.

ROAD CASES

Dimensions: 56 x 19 x 19 in.
Weight empty: 20 lbs.
Weight full: 80 lbs.

RELATED MATERIALS

The exhibition is accompanied by design templates for an invitation, press release, print or web ad, and other informational materials.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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