

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month



November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The Caregiver Support Program (CSP) joins our Nation in celebrating this event by honoring American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans and the caregivers who support them.

Beginning with the Revolutionary War, American Indian and Alaska Native Service members have served in our Nation's wars, with 33 service members awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest medal for valor.

We greatly value American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans and caregivers. We invite you all to learn about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) [Office of Tribal Government Relations](#)' resources, the full range of services and benefits, and initiatives to support Veterans, including VA's [copay exemptions for American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans](#). Through the exemption, eligible Veterans no longer have to pay a copay for VA health care services and urgent care.

CSP also invites you to visit [VA News](#) to read the extraordinary stories of American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans, including the stories about [Johancharles "Chuck" Van Boers](#), who worked as a combat photographer during the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom; [Jamie Fox](#), who served as an aircraft crew chief; and [Joseph James "Jocko" Clark](#), the first American Indian to graduate from the Naval Academy.