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# Go ñeid sonda!

Attention Warriors!

THE MONTHLY SRP-MIC VETERANS NEWLETTER

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## VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**By Troy Truax Jr.**

November is a very significant month for various reasons and I am thankful for the ability to speak about them all. First of all, it is Native American Heritage month; being an Apache that hasn't lived on my own reservation for more than 20 years, I have had to do the work myself to not only stay connected to my culture and beliefs, but also to teach and share this culture with my children and grandchildren. The challenge of walking in a modern world while staying tied to one's beliefs is the message that must be conveyed to future generations, as the world is ever changing and new challenges all the time.

November 10th is Marine Corps Birthday and this year the Corps is celebrating its 245th Birthday.

Native Americans have served proudly in the history of the United States Marine Corps and in Arizona, the Navajo Code Talkers carved out their place in the Corps and in history for their use of their Native language to create a code that was

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unbreakable by the Japanese during World War II. Another notable Marine was Ira Hayes from the Gila River community, who was one of the individuals who helped raise the flag on Iwo Jima, thus forever carving his place in history and bringing notoriety to his hometown of Sacaton. November 11th is Veteran's Day, a day that symbolizes freedom, sacrifice, and honor for those who served in the military. It's a day meant to thank Veteran's for their military service. It is intended to honor all those who have served in war or peace, whether dead or alive, though it is customarily thanking living veterans for their sacrifices.

Thanksgiving will also be celebrated in November, though in the time of COVID, large gatherings are discouraged. Staying connected and finding new ways to celebrate has become the new norm for society at large, it is not new to those who have served in our nation's military. Being far from home, in strange places, uncomfortable situations, little food and lacking the love and comfort of homes are heard in many stories of Veterans who served. Thanksgiving is another day to thank loved ones who sacrificed years to serve nobly and proudly to give us the freedoms we enjoy today.

In a month with many reasons to give thanks and show our appreciation to others, please do so mindfully and with safety of the utmost concern. Happy November and stay safe!



## **A VETERAN**

I became what other did not want to be.  
I went where other did not want to go  
And I did what other did not want to do.  
I asked nothing from those who did not go  
And accepted the promise of eternal loneliness  
Should I fail.  
I have seen the face of terror; I have felt the  
Sting of fear.  
I have enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's  
love.  
I have lived times best forgotten.  
But most of all, I am able to say that I am proud  
Of what I am...  
A VETERAN!

## **MARINES' HYMN**

From the Halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marine.  
Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off Northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes,  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.  
Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve.  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By United States Marines.

