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Attention Warriors!

The Monthly SRP-MIC Veterans Newsletter

Veterans Representative Thought of the Month

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Indigenous People Day!

President Joe Biden on October 8th 2021 issued the first-ever presidential proclamation of Indigenous Peoples' Day, lending the most significant boost yet to efforts to refocus the federal holiday celebrating Christopher Columbus toward an appreciation of Native peoples. The day will be observed on Oct. 11th .

"For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures," Biden wrote in the Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation. "Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society." - I really appreciated he also mentioned was, "Indigenous peoples have served, and continue to serve, in the United States Armed Forces with distinction and honor — at one of the highest rates of any group — defending our security every day. "

It's a great moment to be Native and celebrate our commonalities, our past, our strength and our vision for the future. I'm proud of where we stand with Indigenous Peoples Day, everyday is Indigenous People Day for us! I'm eagerly anticipating all the great achievements on the horizon from our people! Stay safe and healthy, My Warriors!

October Holidays



Indigenous People Day
Oct 11th

U.S Navy Birthday
Oct 13th

Military World Games
Armed Forces Marathon
Oct 29th - Nov 1st

Day of Deployed
Oct 26th

Navy Day
Oct 27th

Halloween
Oct 31st

Breast Cancer Awareness
Month



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National Day of the Deployed

On October 26th, National Day of the Deployed annually honors the United States military personnel deployed around the globe.

The designation recognizes all of the brave military personnel who have been deployed, are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to defend our country. The day also acknowledges the sacrifices that military families make during deployment.

The first National Day of the Deployed was observed in 2006, when North Dakota announced a proclamation for the day, thanks to Shelle Michaela Aberle, who petitioned Governor John Hoeven with the idea. October 26 was chosen for the date in honor of Shelle's cousin, LTC David Hosna, who had been deployed to Iraq (the day was Hosna's birthday).

Many deployed troops leave their families behind to serve their country. They make the greatest sacrifices to keep their country secure.

The average military deployment is typically between six and twelve months long. However, deployment lengths vary greatly from branch to branch, are situational and depend on several factors specific to each individual service member.

Other way of showing honor is carving or decorating a pumpkin in honor of troops. There are many ways to decorate your pumpkins - paint, stickers, markers, carve it - it's up to your imagination.



There is some free military-themed pumpkin templates, stencils at:

<https://www.veteransunited.com/spouse/carve-military-themed-pumpkin-free-pumpkin-stencils/>

Illuminate with a battery-operated candle or lights
&

Take a picture and share it with us at our social media outlets!

ENJOY!

Celebrating Halloween in a Military Way

Many private organizations hold Halloween candy drives to support deployed troops. One such group, Soldiers' Angels, asks families to donate their Halloween candy for a "Treats To Troops" program that includes those deployed but also wounded warriors recovering in VA hospitals. Groups like these often work in partnership with other organizations (in this case, HalloweenCandyBuyBack.com) to collect donations nationwide.

Other programs that support the troops with candy donations and other activities at Halloween time include:

- Operation Gratitude
- AnySoldier
- Operation Shoebox
- USO
- Operation Stars And Stripes



Halloween Military Discounts

Home Depot

Receive a **10%** Military discount at participating Home Depot locations when you show your military ID

Jo-Ann Fabrics

When you sign up as a military member through Joann's Rewards program you will be eligible to receive **15%** off your purchases.

Kirkland's

Save on Halloween decorations at Kirkland's with a **10%** discount for active duty and retired military with a valid military ID at checkout in-store.

Lowe's

Receive **10%** military discount at Lowe's. Discount is available to all active and retired military members and immediate family members.

Michael's

Michael's every day **15%** off military discount. Offer is valid in store only with a valid military ID.

Sherwin Williams

Save **15%** with Sherwin Williams' every day military discount and get all your paints, stains, and supplies to create your spookiest Halloween backdrop. A valid ID is required.

Shindigz

Active duty and retired military members save **20%** off Halloween costume online purchases. Proof of service is required and orders must be placed in service member's name.

Spencer's

Save **10%** off any Halloween purchase with Spencer's military discount. A valid military ID or proof of service is required.

Spirit Halloween

Offers a **10%** military discount in stores. Simply show your ID at checkout. Also, get **20%** off of 1 item at Spirit Halloween with promo code 18SPIRITA. Ends November 1.



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