

ATTENTION WARRIORS

The Monthly SRP-MIC Veterans Newsletter!

Veterans Representative's Thoughts

by Troy Traux

March recognizes Women's History Month, which started as Women's History Day in 1909, commemorating the one year anniversary of the garment workers' strikes when 15,000 women marched through lower Manhattan in New York City. Women's History Week was first observed in 1978 in Sonoma County, California on March 8, 1978 which was also observed as International Women's Day, to bring attention to women's history not previously being included in K-12 school curriculums at the time.

In 1980 President Jimmy Carter advanced the women's history cause by declaring the week of March 8 Women's History Week to be observed all around the country. In six short years, fourteen states had declared the entire month of March Women's History Month. One year later in 1987 the activists were successful in lobbying Congress to declare March Women's History Month.

Every U.S. President since 1995 has issued a proclamation declaring Women's History Month, supported with a statement about its importance. Every Women's History Month has a theme and the theme for 2022 is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is intended to honor not only the tireless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but also women of all backgrounds who have provided compassionate healing and hope for the betterment of patients, friends and family.

In 2021, women were represented in four branches of the military:

Air Force: 69,927 (more than 21 out of every 100 Airmen are women)

Army: 74,104 (more than 15 out of every 100 Soldiers are women)

Marines: 16,275 (more than 9 out of every 100 Marines are women)

Navy: 69,688 (more than 20 out of every 100 Sailors are women)

In 2021, women made up 14 percent of active duty military members; 15.7 percent of females on Active Duty obtained a commission via Officer Candidate School or equivalent. In January 2013, the U.S. government lifted its ban on women serving in combat positions. On March 23, 2003 Lori Piestewa made her mark in history, though it was a solemn one. Piestewa was the first Native American woman to die in combat while serving in the U.S. military and the first woman in the U.S. military killed in the Iraq War. Posthumously Piestewa was honored when Arizona's Squaw Peak was renamed to Piestewa Peak. Piestewa was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medal as well as promoted from private first class to specialist.

On November 10, 2011 American Legion Post 80 was renamed the Lori Piestewa Post #80.

The Directorate of Training Sustainment headquarters at Fort Benning, Georgia was named Piestewa Hall in her honor on November 30, 2011. Piestewa's death brought the Hopi and Navajo tribes together after a centuries-old rivalry to a rare joint prayer gathering between members of the tribes. In 2018 Piestewa was honored during the first induction ceremony held by the National Native American Hall of Fame.

March 2022

MARCH HOLIDAYS

National Women's Month

Navy Reserve Birthday

March 3rd

Hug a GI day

March 4th

Seabee Birthday

March 5th

K-9 Veterans Day

March 13th

American Legion Birthday

March 15th

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th

Medal of Honor Day

March 25th

Vietnam Veteran Day

March 29th



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March 2022

Save the Date

SRP-MIC will be a
Purple Heart Community.

Please join us virtually for
the Unveiling Ceremony on
Monday, March 21st @ 9am.



If you have any questions
please contact us
at (480)362-7884

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U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
is seeking
any comments or concerns with any
communication with Veteran Affairs (VA).

Please submit your input to the
Veteran Representatives before
Wednesday March 23rd, 2022

Please contact The Veteran
Representatives at
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or
veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

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Vietnam War Commemoration

is hosting a

Vietnam Veterans 'Pinning Event'

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10:30am

The event will be held at
10550 E. Baseline Rd. Mesa, AZ 85209
(The Mesa Market Place Swap Meet)

&

The 5th Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day

on March 29, 2022 at 11AM

The event will be held at
the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza
1700 W. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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