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Carlisle Barracks has been a haven of history throughout its existence, from the French and Indian War to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and beyond.

In November, the Army War College/Carlisle Barracks celebrates the country's Native American heritage by featuring a traditional American Indian dance demonstration; honoring Native Americans awarded the Medal of Honor; and adding to the online collection of photos of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School era.

The Indian School, a "vo-tech" school, taught boys and girls English and other academic courses as well as a mechanical trade or domestic skill. At the same time, the school divested the children's cultural traditions, such as dancing.



### Redhawk Dancers Free Performance at USAHEC

Performers from the Redhawk Dancers, a part of the Native American Arts Council, will dance at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The dancers will demonstrate ceremonial and social dancing techniques from different eras and nations in American Indian culture. The dance demonstration will include interactive presentations, inviting guests of all ages to join the dancers.

American Indian dances can be rituals performed during religious ceremonies, marriages or birthday celebrations. Others dances are performed to help the harvest, to invoke rain or as a medium of storytelling. Additional social dances teach tribe history and folklore. Dance participation is intergenerational, allowing the older tribe members to pass their values and traditions on to the next generation through dance.

### Carlisle Indian Industrial School

As part of the spotlight on the American Indian heritage, USAHEC has highlighted its online photo collection about the lives and times of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, at Carlisle Barracks, 1879-1918.

AHEC's collections of photographs cover the entire period of the Indian School's history. Contemporary photographers captured every aspect

of the Indian School's existence, including Native Americans in their tribal attire; Indian School students in the classroom, the fire company, band, sports, and graduation. The collection includes images of teachers. One of the photo albums of school teacher Ann Ely identifies more than 316 Indian students by name and lists their associated tribes and identifies 31 Indian School staff members.

To view the photos, visit <http://cdm16635.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16635coll15>.

Visit the U.S. Army tribute to the Medal of Honor awardees whose heroism and achievements have earned the nation's enduring respect, at <http://www.history.army.mil/html/topics/natam/index.html>.

For more information about Native American Appreciation Month, visit <http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/index.html>.

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