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The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center hosted the Red Blanket Native American Drum and Dance Troop as part of the Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 14. With a crowd of over 300 the dancers demonstrated ceremonial and social dancing techniques passed down from their ancestors for centuries. The demonstration included authentic dress, free-style movements, and sacred songs, enhanced by indigenous vocal and flute music from the Northern Plains.



Throughout history, Native Americans have served in this nation's military with great courage and distinction. Native Americans have fought in every war since the nation's founding and have taken their rightful place as heroes in the nation's history. Today, more than 4,000 Soldiers of American Indian or Alaska Native descent serve in the Army. They are valued members of the Army team who continue a long legacy of professionalism, selfless service, dignity, and respect. 24 Native American have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage and devotion to the nation.

We are "Army Strong," because we not only place great value in having different perspectives, approaches, and skills but also because we value having ethnic and cultural diversity. The Army is proud of the lasting contributions Native Americans continue to make as Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans and Family members in professions that will benefit the Nation and the Army for many years to come.

