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The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center hosted the Native Pride Dancers as part of the Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 16. With a crowd of over 250 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.

Native Americans have a distinguished legacy of service in the Army. From the early days of the Revolutionary War to today, thousands have served in critical positions, including as guides with the Lewis and Clark expedition, as Scouts with the U.S. Cavalry and as Code Talkers in World War II. Notably, 27 Native Americans have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage and devotion to our Nation. This legacy of distinguished service continues today as Native Americans serve with honor and distinction around the world.

Throughout the Army's 240 year history, Native Americans have served valiantly and

with distinction in times of peace and war, while fighting for the right to be an equal part of our Nation. During

Native American Heritage Month, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of this country's original inhabitants, explorers and settlers.

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. Army Strong!

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