

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



HONOR THE PAST,

EMBRACE THE FUTURE.

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NOV 12

10:30-11:30AM—OPENING CEREMONY

SIDNEY R. YATES AUDITORIUM, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING
(This event will be Livestreamed)

- **Color Guard** – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- **Drum Group** – Zotigh Singers
- **Welcome** – Mark Cruz, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs for Policy & Economic Development, DOI
- **Blessing** – Spike Bighorn, Associate Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services, BIA – Assiniboine and Sioux
- **Opening Remarks/Keynote Speaker Introduction** – Tana Sweeney, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, DOI
- **Keynote Speaker** – Nick Hanson, Eskimo Ninja – Iñupiat – Native Village of Unalakleet

1:30-2:30PM—VETERANS HONORING DAY

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- **Welcome** – Dennis Zotigh
- **Color Guard** – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- **Drum Group** – Zotigh Singers
- **Speaker** – Brig. Gen. Joane Mathews, Deputy Adjutant General for Army, Wisconsin National Guard – Lac du Flambeau Band Chippewa

NOV 15

“ROCK YOUR MOCS” DAY

- A celebration of Indian Country unity and individual tribal cultures through the wearing of ones’ traditional footwear at work and everywhere. #RockYourMocs2019

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
2019 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
OBSERVANCE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS, CALL: (202) 208-4319

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NOV 19

10:00AM-11:00 AM—RED SHAWL DAY

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- **Raising awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and all American Indian and Alaska Native victims #RedShawlDay**
- **Color Guard and Posting of the Colors** – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- **Drum Group** – BIA Office of Justice Services Drum Group
- **Speakers** – Linda Bearcrane Couture, Supervisory Victim Specialist, Office of Justice Services Victim Assistance Program, BIA – Crow
– Wendy Bremner, BIA Victim Specialist – Blackfeet Tribe
– Gwen Kasero, BIA Victim Specialist – Laguna Pueblo

11:30AM-12:30PM – D.G. SMALLING

BISON BISTRO, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING

- **Presenter** – D.G. Smalling, Artist – Choctaw Nation

NOV 20

11:00AM-2:00PM—INDIAN TACO & VENDOR DAY

BISON BISTRO, MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING

- **Enjoy an Indian Country treat (#IndianTacos) and peruse the Indian arts and crafts tables**
- **Native entertainment by “Good Medicine: A Stand-up Comedy Show”**
Featuring:
– Suzanne Windsor – Piscataway
– Brian Bahe – Navajo (Diné)
– Maddox Pennington – Cherokee Nation
– Gigi Modrich – Jicarilla Apache

NOV 21

10:00AM-12:00PM—CLOSING EVENTS & CEREMONY

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Native performances by:

- **Color Guard** – BIA Office of Justice Services Color Guard
- **Drum Group** – BIA Office of Justice Services Drum Group
- **Kira Eckenweiler (singer)** – Iñupiat – Native Village of Unalakleet
- **The Sampson Brothers (traditional hoop dancing with contemporary hip-hop)** – Lumhe and Samsoshe Sampson – Mvskoke Creek and Seneca
- **Traveling Song** – Lance Fisher – Northern Cheyenne