

# Honoring Service: Veterans' Day and the Struggle for Equality



Throughout U.S. history, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) veterans have bravely served, often facing discrimination at home and abroad. This month, we honor their courage, resilience, and contributions to both military service and racial justice.

In the puzzle below, discover the names, places, and movements that highlight the role of minority veterans in the ongoing struggle to end racism.

*Note: In multiple-word answers, there are no spaces between the words.  
Example: TUSKEGEEAIRMEN*

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## ACROSS

- The first training base for Black Marines, established in North Carolina during WWII.
- A nickname for Indigenous soldiers who transmitted secure communications in their native languages.
- The highest U.S. military award, given to service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.
- The first African American military aviators who flew with excellence during WWII, breaking racial barriers.
- The devotion shown by BIPOC soldiers who served in the U.S. military despite facing discrimination.

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- African American regiments formed after the Civil War, serving with distinction despite discrimination.
- Courage in combat, exemplified by BIPOC veterans who fought against both enemies abroad and prejudice.
- The systemic unfair treatment that many BIPOC veterans faced both during and after military service.
- WWII campaign by Black Americans for victory over both fascism abroad and racism at home.
- Refers to the unbreakable code developed by Navajo Code Talkers in WWII.

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