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INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER TO HOST VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th FROM 9:30AM-12:30PM

Albuquerque, NM, Nov. 7, 2022— The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) will pay tribute to those who served our country this Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) Courtyard.

“Every year, we honor all veterans and their sacrifices through the posting of colors, dance performances and special presentations,” said Jon Ghahate (Laguna and Zuni Pueblos), IPCC’s Cultural Educator, and veteran of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines and New Mexico Army National Guard. “On Friday, veterans will also be able to share their stories as we recognize those who have served and currently serve in the armed forces.”

The schedule for the IPCC’s Veterans Day event is as follows:

- 9:30 AM: Welcome and Greeting by IPCC President/CEO IPCC Michael Canfield
- 9:40 AM: Invocation by American Legion Post 116 Color Guard Member
- 9:45 AM: Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post 116 Color Guard
- 9:50 AM: Pledge of Allegiance by Gwen Sandoval (San Felipe), former Miss Indian New Mexico 51, MINM LI
- 9:52 AM: National Anthem, Gwen Sandoval (San Felipe), former Miss Indian New Mexico 51, MINM LI
- 9:56 AM: Guest students will also be singing the National Anthem in Dine Bizaad to honor the Navajo Code talkers
- 10:00 AM: Welcome and Greeting by Christopher Chavez (Santo Domingo)
- 10:15 AM: Vice-Chairman All Pueblo Council of Governors Jerome Lucero (Zuni)
• 10:30 AM: Lt. Governor Carleton Bowekaty (Zuni), U.S. Army, January 2001 to July 2009
• 10:40 AM: Address by NM Veterans Services Richard Coffel, NMDVS Director of Veterans Business Outreach Center
• 10:45 AM: Open mic for veterans who are employed with IPCC
• 11:00 AM: Cultural Dance by Oak Canyon Dance Group (Jemez)
• 12:00 – 12:30 PM: Closing ceremony

Admission is free for veterans and IPCC members, or included with museum admission. Starting at 9:30 AM, complimentary Pueblo cookies and coffee will be provided to veterans. For IPCC hours and admission pricing and information, visit indianpueblo.org.

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**About the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:**
Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The Mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit: [www.indianpueblo.org](http://www.indianpueblo.org) and [www.facebook.com/IndianPueblo](http://www.facebook.com/IndianPueblo).

**About Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.**
[Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.](http://www.indianpueblo.org) (also founded by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico) includes a variety of commercial enterprises designed to support the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and provide economic opportunities to the Pueblo and local communities. IPMI is a for-profit umbrella that includes the Indian Pueblo Store, a premier Native American arts store and website; the acclaimed Indian Pueblo Kitchen, an Indigenous restaurant; Four Winds convenience store; the largest Starbucks in New Mexico; the top-rated Holiday Inn Express in Albuquerque; TownePlace Suites by Marriott Albuquerque Old Town; Extra Space Storage; the area’s newest eatery 12th Street Tavern, and more that support our Pueblo culture and communities.