



VFW POST 1956



VFW Post 1956 Invites Community to Attend Dedication of American Indian Veterans Memorial

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RIVERSIDE, CA - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1956 proudly invites the community to attend the dedication ceremony of the American Indian Veterans Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery on **Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

This long-awaited national memorial stands as a powerful tribute to Native American, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander veterans, honoring more than 200 years of courageous service to the United States.

At the heart of the memorial stands “The Gift,” a powerful bronze sculpture symbolizing the enduring spirit of Native American warriors and their offering to this great nation.

This dedication represents a long-overdue recognition of the extraordinary contributions of Native American veterans,” said Post Commander Dr. Michael Cano. “It is a moment for all of us, veterans, families, and community members, to come together in gratitude, to reflect on the sacrifices made, and to honor a legacy that continues today.”

The American Indian Veterans Memorial will stand as a place of honor and remembrance for tribal communities across Southern California and throughout the nation. More than a monument, it is a lasting tribute to generations of Indigenous service members whose courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to this country have helped defend the freedoms we all share. It ensures their service is recognized, their legacy is preserved, and their contributions are forever honored.



Two life-sized TRIBUTE EAGLES, one on either side of the walkway entrance, will mark the entry to the American Indian Veterans Memorial. Sculpted by Mike Curtis.



An artist's rendering of the American Indian Veterans Memorial.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Program at the Amphitheater

12:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Procession to the Plaza of the American Indian Veterans Memorial followed by Bird Singing and Dancing Activities.

Location: Riverside National Cemetery Amphitheater
22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA

ABOUT VFW Post 1956

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1956 is dedicated to supporting veterans, honoring military service, and strengthening community connections through advocacy, remembrance, and outreach.

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