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On behalf of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), we would like to honor and celebrate Veterans Day.

On November 1, 2022, MCIA celebrated our 9th Annual American Indian Heritage Month Kickoff. The celebration was held at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

The event highlighted various awards such as Youth and Adult of the Year from various participating tribal communities.

Maryland is home to over 100,000 that identify as Native American. MCIA held a special recognition of Indigenous veterans as well as all veterans. A ceremonial memorial song was performed to reflect the ultimate sacrifice made by those who served and a ceremonial honor song for those veterans in attendance on this day.

MCIA will continue to support and honor all veterans.

Sincerely,

Sherry Ayers,

Chair, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs