

**Note: Ziibiwing will be OPEN Veteran's Day (observed) Friday, November 10, 2017**



**Baashkadodin-Giizis  
(Moon of the Freezing Ground)  
November, 2017**

## **Anishinabek have fought in war on the side of Americans as far back as the Civil War.**

This was before even becoming American citizens. While ten to twenty thousand Indian troops were recruited for the Civil War by the South, enlistment in the Union army was not allowed due to this lack of citizenship. After heavy battle losses, though, this ban was lifted. In 1863, Indian volunteers were allowed to join the North. In Michigan, 150 volunteers comprised the all-Indian Company K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters regiment. They were excellent marksmen when hunting, but hadn't yet fought in battle. They fought well, hard and in unique Indian style using foliage in their hair for camouflage, as they had done when hunting, (later mimicked by non-Indian soldiers), and adorning their muskets with "artistic cultural engravings." <sup>1</sup>

About 1/4 of these warriors were wounded or killed in battle. 15 were captured and sent to a prison camp in Georgia where seven died of starvation and/or disease and are buried there. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who survived and returned home were burdened with tuberculosis or other diseases.

These Civil War heroes were, however, only the beginning of a long history of Anishinabek veterans. The defunct *Mount Pleasant Times* in its June 7, 1917 issue tells the illustrated WWI era story of "20 Indian Boys from Government School at Mt. Pleasant Accepted for Service in Army and Navy." <sup>3</sup>

The numbers of Veterans and Ogitchedaw Warriors who have served from then to the present has remained significant. Comparing the rate of Indians in uniform with other ethnic groups, former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell reports that "...American Indians have proudly worn our nation's uniform in every one of our conflicts...American Indians per capita—have had the highest percentage of their people in military service, exceeding every American ethnic group."

Books, YouTube videos and film documentaries describe the Native American soldiers' service and sacrifice in defense of this nation. On November 11, 2017, the Ziibiwing Center will open a display of its collection of archival materials documenting the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Great Lakes Anishinabek in American battles. Historical and contemporary materials, including military records, newspaper clippings and photographs, will be exhibited honoring Veterans' Day and those who served.

A significant portion of the archival collection has been donated through the generosity of our tribal community. If you have considered preserving your Anishinabek family military records, we would be happy to assist you in making your donation. Help us in being able to honor your loved ones.

Objects will remain on display through November 18, 2017. Admission is free and open to the public.

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### Note

1. The St Ignace News [http://www.stignacenews.com/news/2011-01-20/News/Researcher\\_Tells\\_Story\\_of\\_Michigan\\_Indian\\_Sharpsho.html](http://www.stignacenews.com/news/2011-01-20/News/Researcher_Tells_Story_of_Michigan_Indian_Sharpsho.html)
2. Michigan State University Native American studies research guild. Michigan's American Indian heritage <http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/c.php?g=95603&p=624366>
3. Clark Library <http://www.clarkehistoricallibrary.org/2014/03/indian-regiment-sent-to-battle-in-wwi.html>

## COLLECTION SHOWING

HONORING OUR  
VETERANS & WARRIORS

NOVEMBER 11-18, 2017

Moderated by  
Ziibiwing Research Center  
Coordinator, Anita Heard  
Sat., Nov. 11 • 10am-3pm  
Objects remain on display  
Nov. 13 - 18 • 10am-6pm  
Free & Open to the Public



Wounded Indian sharpshooters. Image credit: [www.loc.gov/item/cwp2003004737/PP/](http://www.loc.gov/item/cwp2003004737/PP/)

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is home to an impressive collection of archival materials that documents the history and present of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Great Lakes Anishinabek. Historical and contemporary materials including military records, newspaper clippings and photographs will be exhibited in honor of Veterans Day and those that have served. A significant portion of the archival collection has been donated through the generosity of our tribal community. If you have considered preserving your Anishinabek family military records, we would be happy to assist you in making a donation. Help us to help you in honoring your loved ones sacrifice.

## ATTENTION EDUCATORS!

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Sept. 1 to Nov. 30  
(Based on Availability)

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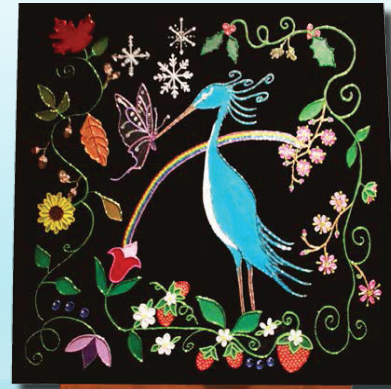
## Vendor Workshop at Ziibiwing

November 16, 2017 • 3-5pm

Call 989.775.4745 for questions  
and to register by Nov. 13, 2017

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17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
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