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## **The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs honours Veterans on Indigenous Veterans Day**

**Treaty One Territory, MB** – As November 8<sup>th</sup> marks Indigenous Veterans Day, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) acknowledges the service, sacrifice and contributions of all Indigenous veterans across the province and Canada.

“On this day that recognizes Indigenous veterans, we want to honour and thank First Nations veterans and current members of the military for their service,” said Grand Chief Arlen Dumas. “From every corner of this province and across Canada we have had young First Nations men and women who have served and continue to serve alongside other Canadians. This courageous act of service and sacrifice is for us all. I encourage everyone to take the time today to acknowledge our veterans.”

Manitoba was the first province to acknowledge Indigenous Veterans Day on Nov. 8, 1994. It is now recognized in every province and territory across Canada. More than 12,000 Indigenous people from Canada served in the major conflicts including World War I, World War II, Korea and many peacekeeping missions across the globe.

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs encourages all Manitobans to remember and honour Indigenous veterans on Indigenous Veterans Day and all veterans on Remembrance Day in safe way and following public health orders.

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Link for ways to Remember: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/commemorative-events/ways-to-remember>

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**About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 percent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Inineew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.