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Anishinaabe Zhimaagnishag: Veterans

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November 11th has been set aside as the day to remember those who have served their country, fought for freedom, fought to liberate people from an oppressive Nazi regime, as well as fought to stop crimes against humanity. It is also a time to remember those who have died valiantly while serving. On Remembrance Day I do all the above, but as an Anishinaabe, I also take time to specifically remember the Anishnaabe veterans.

Native people were not subjected to the draft nor were they conscripted, they signed up voluntarily for service in the Canadian Army. Many

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David Migwans, former Chief & former Councillor of M'Chi-geeng shows King George V (1914) service medals as well as a King George III medal (1815). Photo courtesy Canadian Museum of Civilization, 96033a.

Special points of interest:

- *Native veterans employed medals as symbols of alliance;*
- *Diabetes is called zisbaakdaapne in Ojibwe. Using Seven Grandfather teachings helps us to live a healthy lifestyle.*
- *Following Anishinaabe protocols for receiving help maintains the culture.*

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November is Diabetes month: Ziisbaakdaapne

By Kate Roy from a presentation by Rosella Kinoshmeg

The Medicine Wheel is a way of life for Anishinaabe people. The medicine wheel, which is a symbol, is used to explain concepts, to help un-

derstand things that cannot be seen, and provides a wholistic way of looking at life. The circle symbolizes completeness that gives unity and strength. Knowl

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