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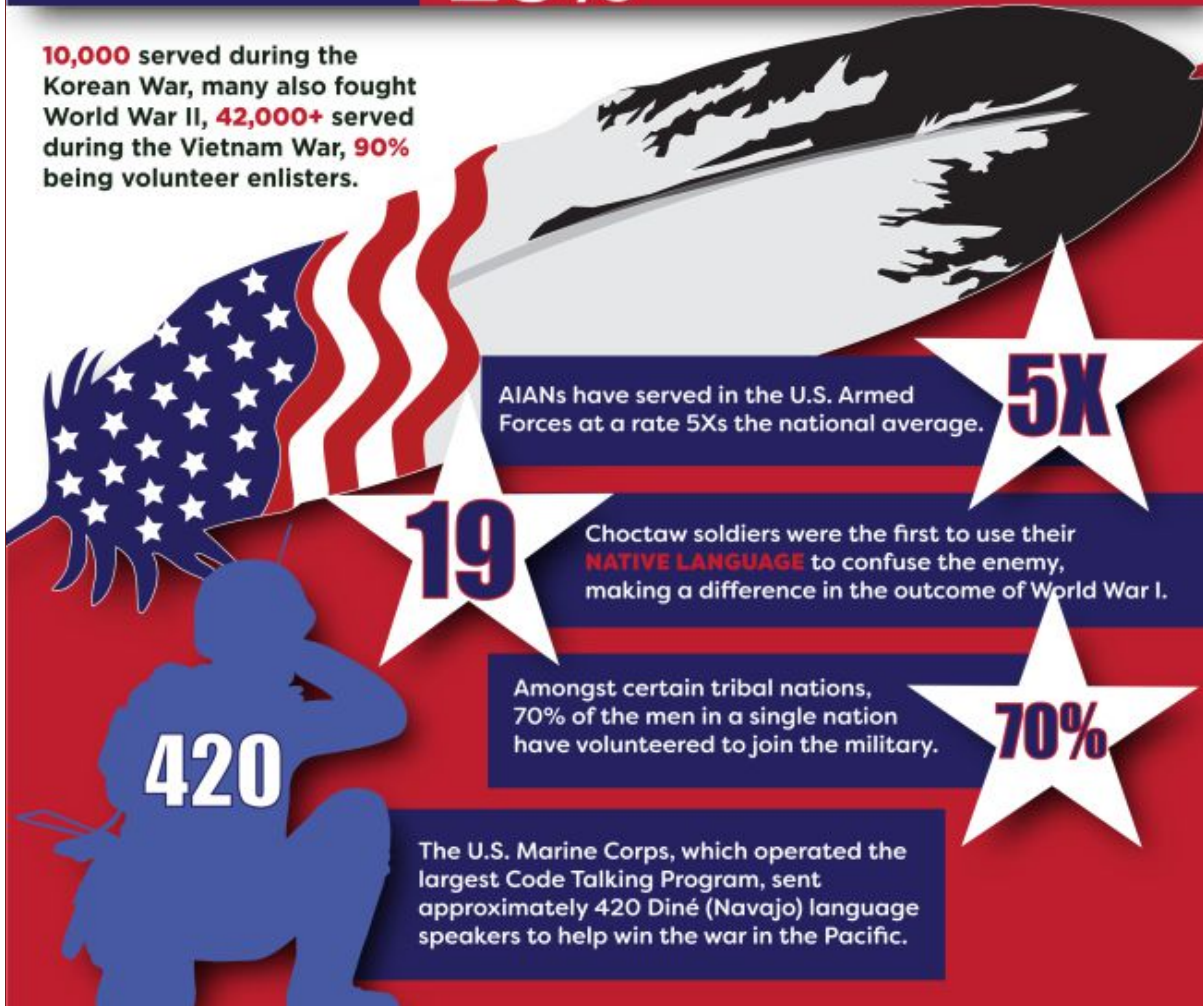
Since the beginning of the United States of America, American Indians and Alaska Natives have served, aided, and participated in Wars from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terror.

19% of AIAN have served in the armed forces vs 14% of all other ethnicities since 9/11

AIAN women make up **11%** of the AIAN Veteran population.

20% of AIAN service members were women, while 15.6% of all other service members were women.

10,000 served during the Korean War, many also fought World War II, **42,000+** served during the Vietnam War, **90%** being volunteer enlisters.



AIANs have served in the U.S. Armed Forces at a rate **5X** the national average.

5X

19

Choctaw soldiers were the first to use their **NATIVE LANGUAGE** to confuse the enemy, making a difference in the outcome of World War I.

420

Amongst certain tribal nations, **70%** of the men in a single nation have volunteered to join the military.

70%

The U.S. Marine Corps, which operated the largest Code Talking Program, sent approximately 420 Diné (Navajo) language speakers to help win the war in the Pacific.

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