

# THE WARRIOR TRADITION

Most Native Americans have a warrior tradition, which varies from tribe to tribe. The one constant is that being a warrior is more than about fighting, it is about service to the community and protection of their homeland. These are key points that are explored in *The Warrior Tradition*.

*The Warrior Tradition* is a one-hour, national documentary telling the astonishing, heartbreaking, inspiring, and largely-untold story of Native Americans in the United States military.

*It is about defending what we love. It is about being humble. It is about being respectful of all life and then also it is about courage. And courage is not muscle and strength; it is about standing up for what is right. And that is the warrior way.*

*- Jamescita Peshlakai, Diné,  
Navajo Nation, U.S. Army*



*Being a warrior's not necessarily about going out and killing people. It's about keeping the peace as well and making sure that our traditions and cultures are staying in line with our values -- protecting our land, our family, our community. And that's part of the warrior tradition.*

*- Chuck Boers, Lipan Apache War Chief, U.S. Army*



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