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National Museum of the American Indian Receives Major Gift From Northrop Grumman Corporation to Help Build a National Native American Veterans Memorial



Caption: Sandra Evers-Manly, Northrop Grumman Corporation vice president of global corporate responsibility and president of the Northrop Grumman Foundation, announced the gift with Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, who accepted it on behalf of the museum.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian announced a \$250,000 gift from Northrop Grumman Corporation at a Veterans Day presentation ceremony Friday, Nov. 11. This is the largest gift to date towards building a National Native American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The National Native American Veterans Memorial project logo was unveiled at the event. The logo is inspired by the Medicine Wheel and the United States flag. The design incorporates the stars and bars of the latter, and includes the colors of each: red, black, yellow and white; and red, white and blue.



Sandra Evers-Manly, Northrop Grumman Corporation vice president of global corporate responsibility and president of the Northrop Grumman Foundation, unveils the National Native American Veterans project logo with Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

In addition to the unveiling of the logo, the project’s dedicated website went live. Please visit <https://nmai.si.edu/nnavm/> for more information or to make a donation.

Flanked by members of the Native American Women Warriors Honor Guard, Sandra Evers-Manly, Northrop Grumman Corporation vice president of global corporate responsibility and president of the Northrop Grumman Foundation, announced the gift with Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, who accepted it on behalf of the museum. Keel, along with former U.S. senator Hon. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne), co-chairs the advisory committee steering the nationwide veterans’ consultations on the memorial’s creation. A video of the presentation is on [our Facebook page](#).

“I am so grateful to Northrop Grumman for their generosity and eagerness to help us build this memorial,” said Kevin Gover (Pawnee), director of the museum. “Northrop Grumman works with Native American suppliers and knows well the patriotism of Indian Tribes. We thank Northrop Grumman for supporting Native America in the past. American Indian veterans know the commitment Northrop Grumman has made in Indian Country. Contributing so generously, so early, is yet another mark of that commitment.”

“On behalf of NMAI, I want to thank Northrop Grumman for their early and generous support of the National Native American Veterans Memorial,” said Keel. “The Memorial project is a fitting and honorable way to underscore and highlight Northrop Grumman’s long history of supporting the Native American community—a relationship that dates back more than 45 years ago when Northrop Grumman began operating its own facility, the North Dakota Manufacturing Plant, on the Fort Berthold Reservation in 1970.”

Since 1970, Northrop Grumman has actively worked to partner with Native and tribally owned businesses through supplier partnerships and operations in Indian Country. The company has also been a longtime supporter of Native Americans through scholarship and mentor programs, employee diversity recruitment and retention, Native American Employee Resource Groups, and participation in the Indian Incentive Program.

“Northrop Grumman is proud to support this landmark project to honor our country’s Native American veterans,” said Evers-Manly. “The company has a long history of supporting the Native American community and those who have so bravely defended our nation and this project is a perfect way to honor both. We encourage others to learn more about the National Museum of the American Indian and the rich culture and history they represent.”

Images from the event are available in an album on our [Flickr page](#).

About the National Native Veterans Memorial

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian has been charged by Congress with building a National Native American Veterans Memorial to give “all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States.” Working together with the National Congress of American Indians and other Native American organizations, the museum has begun preliminary plans to construct this memorial in the next four years. For more information about the memorial, visit:

www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/NNAVM

About the National Museum of the American Indian

The National Museum of the American Indian is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere—past, present and future—through partnership with Native people and others. For additional information, including hours and directions, visit AmericanIndian.si.edu. Follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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