



[HTTPS://WWW.BENNING.ARMY.MIL](https://www.benning.army.mil)
U.S. ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



CONTACT: Elsie Jackson 706-545-6674 | Ric Rosado 706-545-8970 | After hours: 706-545-2218

MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning to recognize Native American Heritage Month

DATE: Nov. 12, 2013

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning will celebrate Native American Heritage Month at 11 a.m. November 14 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Conrad J. Begaye, the keynote speaker, will address the theme, “*Guiding our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions.*”

Begaye enlisted in the Army in 1999 and is currently assigned to 5th Ranger Training Battalion, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade, as an instructor on the Mountaineering Team.

He has served multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in 2007, Begaye was deployed to Afghanistan. He was seriously injured during an ambush of his squad and platoon headquarters and was later awarded a Silver Star for his actions during the ambush.

Begaye’s other awards and decorations include a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, Army Commendation Medal with “V” device, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge and Ranger Tab.

Native American Indian Heritage Month has been celebrated since March 1992, when President George Bush signed Public Law 102-188, which designated November as Native American Indian Heritage Month.

####

For Maneuver Center of Excellence news, visit:

www.army.mil/benning

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/fortbenningfans