

## THE HURON-WENDAT NATION COUNCIL HONOURS THE COURAGE OF OUR VETERANS AND WENDAT WHO SERVE WITH PRIDE IN THE ARMED FORCES



**November 11, 2020** - The history of the Huron-Wendat Nation carries with it a long warrior tradition of honour and pride. Over the centuries, the valor of our warriors remained unceasingly recognized by all and held in high esteem.

On this Remembrance Day 2020, recalling above all the sacrifices imposed by the two world conflicts, this long tradition may now seem distant but that is not the case. As we dive into the persistent memories of our children and brothers who chose to participate in the two World Wars, let us remember them as having been the heirs of the Huron-Wendat Nation's longstanding warrior tradition.

The history of the last 150 years has certainly been strewn with hazards for our Nation, but at the dawn of the 20th century, the Wendats seized the opportunity to participate in a first world conflict, which did not seem theirs, in order to defend their integrity and the values they hold dear. One of our own, Joseph Picard, paid for this with his life in the European trenches. Regardless, that did not prevent another global conflict from mobilizing, once again, several Wendats.

Wounds from these involvements have lingered, but few words have subsisted for us to understand what our own people went through. Our essential duty to remember the history of our veterans of the two World Wars marks part of the road we must travel to understand how and why "We" lived as a Nation.

"Even today, men and now women of our Nation courageously and proudly serve in the armed forces, defending ideals that are far from foreign to the collective values of freedom, self-determination and inclusion that are dear to the Huron-Wendat Nation. Let us pay homage to them and salute their sacrifices. Tiawenhk," stated Rémy Vincent, Grand Chief of the Huron-Wendat Nation.



**Memorial located near the trail along the Akiawenrak River**

