



# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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### **TRIBE TO HOST *OPERATION RECOGNITION* AT MOHAWK SCHOOL**

#### *Vets to Receive High School Diplomas*

**Akwesasne Territory**— The U.S. military veterans of Akwesasne will be honored at a ceremony on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mohawk School located on Church Street in the Akwesasne Territory. This is part of a special program originally developed when former New York State Governor George Pataki signed legislation granting high school diplomas to all students who left school prior to graduation to serve in the military during World War II. The program has since been expanded to include vets from the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. Those many veterans whose education was interrupted by military service will be awarded high school diplomas in recognition of their service to their country and the sacrifices they made, both in terms of their time in the service and disruption of their lives. American Indians have the highest proportion of military service when compared with any other group in the U.S.

The event will take place at the Mohawk School beginning at 3:00 PM and will feature refreshments. The event will be open to members of the press to attend. They will be able to speak with the veterans, their families and members of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council. About 40 veterans are expected to attend, along with their family members. Members of the press are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly elected and federally recognized government of the St. Regis Mohawk People.

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