## TRAVEL AGENTS & TOUR OPERATORS DISCOVER CIMTA'S ECHOES OF WISDOM **FAM TOUR & EXPERIENCE INDIGENOUS** CULTURE THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING



Join us for an exclusive journey exploring Indigenous culture through the lens of the unique experiences of Indigenous soldiers.

### What to Expect

- Immersive Cultural Experience
- Hands-On Workshop
- Traditional Food
- Insightful Stories and Teachings
- Engagement with local Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Tradition Bearers & Artisans

### CIMTA is a proud member:











#### **Experience:**

Step into a profound experience where history, art, and human connection converge. "Beading a Soldier's Story" at the Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre is a heartfelt tribute to the 31 confirmed Indigenous soldiers from Northwest Alberta who gave their lives in service to their country. This immersive journey honors their legacy, offering a deeply meaningful way to connect with their stories and sacrifices.

Your journey begins with the sacred act of becoming a Guardian of a Soldier's Story. Through a beautifully curated book of Soldiers Service Files, you'll uncover the lives of these brave soldiers—the battles they fought, the regions they served, and the sacrifices they made. These narratives invite you to walk alongside them, building a profound connection to their courage, heritage and the history they embody.

Guided by a skilled artisan, you'll hold vibrant beads, each one representing the resilience and sacrifice of a soldier. You'll weave these beads into ribbon patterns inspired by the WWI and WWII Campaign Stars, crafting a beadwork tribute that is both a work of art and an intimate act of remembrance. Set in the tranquil surroundings of the gardens, "Beading a Soldier's Story" is more than an activity—it's a sacred space for reflection, a bridge between past and present, and a heartfelt tribute to those who paved the way for future generations.

#### Join Us

Be part of an unforgettable journey into Indigenous heritage and wisdom. Each experience is designed to deepen understanding and create lasting connections.

#### Location:

Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre Grande Prairie Alberta

Hosted by: CIMTA - cimta.ca

**Duration:** 4-5 hours **Fam Tours available** To book your Fam Tour or A Clients Visit

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### **Experiences:**

**1. Smudging:** Experience the cleansing power of smudging, a sacred practice that grounds and centers. Learn about the cultural significance of each herb and take part in a ceremony that promotes healing and connection.

## 2. Beading Workshop

Discover the artistry of Indigenous beadwork in this hands-on workshop. Try your hand at creating traditional patterns, learning how each bead contributes to the cultural tapestry and storytelling of Indigenous communities.

# 3. Medicine Wheel Teachings

Gain insight into the Medicine Wheel, a powerful symbol of balance and interconnectedness in Indigenous culture. Explore its teachings and how they relate to personal wellness and community harmony.

### 4. Legends & Stories

Hear the untold stories of Indigenous soldiers, highlighting their courage and contributions. This moving experience provides a glimpse into their lives and fosters understanding, honor and reconciliation.

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Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre Grande Prairie Alberta

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