

MODOC TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Headquarters: Miami, OK



A brief history

When California's Modoc War ended in 1873, 153 Modoc men, women and children were sent to the Quapaw Agency in Indian Territory as prisoners of war. Despite poor living conditions, the Modoc people survived. In 1909 the US government allowed those who chose to return to Klamath Agency, OR. Several returned, but others chose to remain in their new home. The descendants of those who remained were recognized as the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma in May 1978.

About the flag

The Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma uses a flag that closely associates them with the state of Oklahoma. The flag is medium blue as is the flag of Oklahoma, bearing the name Modoc across the top in yellow and Oklahoma in yellow across the bottom. The seal of the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma is featured in the center.

The seal is round, edged in white. Ten black and white feathers with tufts of yellow and red hang from the seal. The central design of the seal is an eagle in natural colors flying over a dark blue ocean with a coastline appearing at the bottom. To the left, a patch of brown and gold coastline symbolizes the original homeland of the Modoc people in southern Oregon and northern California.

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Educational Activity

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