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Indian Health Service featured on Military Makeover: Operation Career airing on Lifetime TV

The Indian Health Service will be featured in an upcoming episode of [Military Makeover's Special Edition: "Operation Career"](#) airing on Lifetime TV. The show highlights stories of military veterans and profiles organizations offering employment opportunities to ensure a successful transition.

The episode, airing November 7, will feature Jade Whitesell, a physician assistant at the IHS Blackfeet Community Hospital in Browning, Montana. Whitesell, who is an Army veteran, and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, talks about her life growing up on an Indian reservation, her military service and career goals, and her job at the IHS, which includes a training program for U.S. Special Forces medics.

IHS [seeks health care professionals](#) who are passionate about practicing within a unique, interdisciplinary team-based environment. A career in Indian health offers clinicians an extraordinary opportunity to provide the highest level of comprehensive, patient-centered care.

"IHS is [committed to the ongoing success](#) of those who have served in the military," said [U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officer](#) Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee, IHS principal deputy director and an Air Force veteran. "Veterans have shown integrity, leadership, teamwork and a sincere desire to public service. All of these qualities make veterans ideal candidates to help IHS achieve its mission," said Weahkee.

IHS extends hiring preference to both qualified Indian applicants and veterans. Approximately 70 percent of IHS employees are American Indian and Alaska Native. American Indian and Alaska Natives serve in the United States military at a [higher percentage than other ethnicities](#).

Also featured in this episode is IHS [Billings Area](#) Director Dorothy Dupree, and Capt. Francine Barnett, director of the IHS Division of Recruitment and Outreach and also a USPHS Commissioned Corps officer. They discuss the IHS mission and career opportunities available to veterans.

The episode will air on the Lifetime channel November 7 and 26, 2018 at 7:30 am ET/PT.

The IHS, an agency in the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. Our

mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. Follow the agency via social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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