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DEOMI RELEASES 2014 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH POSTER

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of National Women's History Month, celebrated each year during the month of March, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website at [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org).

National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate historic achievements of women. By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme. For 2014, the theme is ***“Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment.”*** This year's theme honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come. They have demonstrated their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, business, labor, military, political and community leaders, relief workers, and CEOs. Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience.

DEOMI's illustrator, Mr. Peter Hemmer, shared his artistic thoughts about the creation of this year's poster, saying “This year's Women's History Month poster features five women who have achieved great success in their respective professional lives. Each of them is an outstanding potential role model for any young girl or woman.”

Featured on the poster are: Jaida Im, who is the founder and executive director of Freedom House, a non-profit organization with a mission to bring hope, restoration, and a new life to survivors of human trafficking by providing a safe home and long-term aftercare. With a vision to provide much-needed shelter for trafficking survivors, Im ignited a local abolitionist movement that resulted in the opening of the first safe house in California for female survivors of human trafficking.

Janet Yellen was confirmed by the Senate on January 6, 2014 to lead the U.S. Federal Reserve. Yellen made one small but symbolic change when she took over the leadership of the Federal Reserve Board on Feb. 1, 2014—her title. She decided to use the gender-neutral title of chair, rather than chairman or chairwoman, when she became the first woman to lead the Federal Reserve in its 100-year history. Her preference is Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen.

Tammy Duckworth is a veteran and former Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. In 2014, she



became the first disabled woman to serve in the House of Representatives. Duckworth has a strong record of advocating and implementing improvements to veterans' services. She was one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2004, her Blackhawk helicopter was hit by an RPG. She was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart for her combat injuries.

Embarking on a political career, Caroline Kennedy became the first female U.S. ambassador to Japan in November 2013. "The Japanese people feel closest to her father of all presidents, and in that sense I'd like to offer my hearty welcome," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told the media. "I think she's a wonderful ambassador to develop the Japan-U.S. relationship further."

Michelle Howard has become the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Navy—and the U.S. military, period. Senators confirmed Vice Admiral Michelle Howard for the service's No. 2 post in December 2013, making her the first female four-star admiral in the Navy's 238-year history. Her promotion to vice chief of naval operations will also make her the first Black woman to attain four-star rank in Pentagon history.

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For more information about National Women's History Month, please visit The National Women's History Project at: <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/history.php>

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