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SUBJECT: Department of Defense National Women's History Month Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating National Women's History Month during 1 – 31 March 2014. This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment." Throughout the history of the United States, women have persevered through social, cultural and legal challenges and created lasting legacies of achievements for generations to follow.

When put to the test, women have displayed the character to courageously stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow countrymen while committing to safeguard the democracy of our nation. Those actions laid the foundation for women to make tremendous accomplishments in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and every imaginable field that have allowed the United States to lead the world.

The Department is forever indebted to the remarkable pioneers of the past, those continuing their legacy today, and those who will protect our freedom and security in the future. Today's women continue to valiantly serve as military service members and civilians with valor and distinction, carrying on the rich and long tradition of character, courage and commitment that will continue to break down barriers and set new precedents while serving in defense of this nation.

All DoD Components are encouraged to conduct appropriate activities in recognition of 2014 National Women's History Month. Mr. F. Michael Sena, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, is the DoD point of contact and can be reached by telephone at (703) 614-3398, or via electronic mail at: [f.m.sena.civ@mail.mil](mailto:f.m.sena.civ@mail.mil).



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