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SUBJECT: Department of Defense National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month during 1 – 31 May 2014. This year's theme is "I Am Beyond." During this time, the Department honors the countless contributions and traditions of Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to both the nation and the DoD mission.

Throughout our history, AAPIs have answered the call to secure and protect our nation. By displaying this kind of courage and fortitude AAPIs have crossed boundaries and barriers to help shape a more diverse American landscape. We recognize these accomplishments and our nation celebrates the significance of diversity in building a brighter future for all Americans.

The Department is forever indebted to the remarkable contributions of pioneer AAPIs, to those who continue their legacy today, and to those who will stand strong in the future. We embrace the traditions, vision and moral fortitude of AAPIs and their determination in creating a better tomorrow for generations to come.

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