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DEOMI RELEASES 2018 ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH POSTER

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrated each year during the month of May, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute proudly announces the availability of original artwork for download from DEOMI’s public website, www.deomi.org.

Each year, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the challenges faced by Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians and their vital contributions to the American story.

The Federal Asian Pacific American Council theme for this year is: “Unite Our Vision By Working Together.” Immigrants from Asia and native people of the Pacific Islands helped to shape the history of the United States. Today, they continue to retain their diverse cultural heritages that stretch across the globe.

The poster this year features a central eye outlined by this year’s theme, which signifies the collective vision of Asians and Pacific Islanders. The cogs symbolize more than 56 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific Islands working together and are arranged to form the nations of this region.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month honors Americans with a proud heritage that encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island), Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), and Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia).

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month was introduced in the House of Representatives in June 1978. This joint resolution was passed by the House and Senate, and was later signed by the President on October 5, 1978. This law directed the President to declare a seven-day period, beginning May 4, 1979, as ‘Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.’ It wasn’t until 1992 that Congress designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.



May was selected to commemorate the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 and immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843. Chinese workers formed the majority of workers who laid the transcontinental railroad.

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