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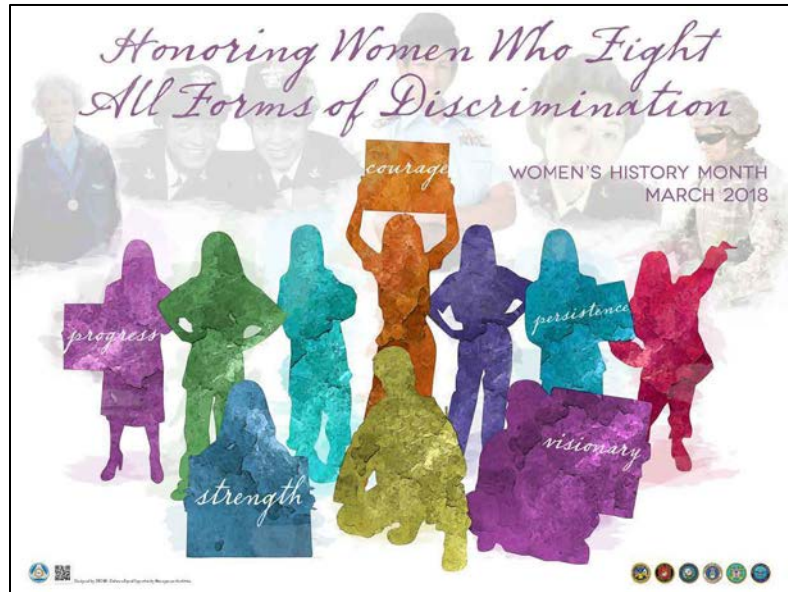
NEWS RELEASE

DEOMI RELEASES 2018 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 release of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website at www.deomi.org.

The theme for 2018 is "Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination."



Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States, and this year's theme honors the generations of women who have courageously broken down barriers, shattered stereotypes, and changed our society.

The poster features five women, whose contributions have forever changed our nation: Pilot Bernice Haydu, Ensigns Harriet Pickens and Frances Wills, Lt. Cmdr. Marilyn Melendez Dykman, Lt. Susan Cuddy, and Col. Debra Lewis.

- Bernice "Bee" Haydu served as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, during WW II.
- Pickens and Wills received commissions in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service or WAVES in 1944, becoming the first female African-American officers in the U.S. Navy.

- In 1991, Lt. Cmdr. Marilyn Melendez Dykman became the first Hispanic-American female aviator in the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Susan Ahn Cuddy joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. She was the first Asian-American woman to join the Navy and became the first female to operate flexible-mount or turret-mounted machine guns on an aircraft.
- Col. Debra Lewis was a member of the first class of female cadets to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, changing 178 years of tradition at the once all-male academy.

Click the “download” link below the thumbnail image of the poster on our website and download it to your computer. You may then take it to your preferred printing facility for display in your organization or use during your special observance programs. All DEOMI special observance poster images are high resolution and may be used to print posters up to 30 X 40 inches. DEOMI does not maintain a capability to print posters and mail them out to customers.

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