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DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE



## NEWS RELEASE

### DEOMI RELEASES 2020 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, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI’s public website, [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org).

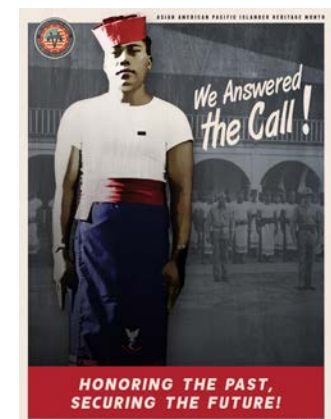
The Department of Defense Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month posters are the third in a series of posters commemorating the 75th Anniversary of World War II. Each commemoration poster or poster set highlights the significant contributions of special observance groups towards achieving total victory in this watershed event. Each poster is reminiscent of the colors and styles found in the 1940’s Recruitment and Victory posters from the World War II era.

Celebrated in May, 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 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month poster consists of three versions, each of which is identical except for the individual depicted as the subject of the poster and the background support image.

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.’

You may take the high-resolution poster image file accompanying this news release to your preferred printing facility for display in your organization or use during your special observance program. 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 have the capability to print or mail posters. All DEOMI observance month poster files are in the public domain unless otherwise indicated.

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