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DEOMI Releases 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Poster

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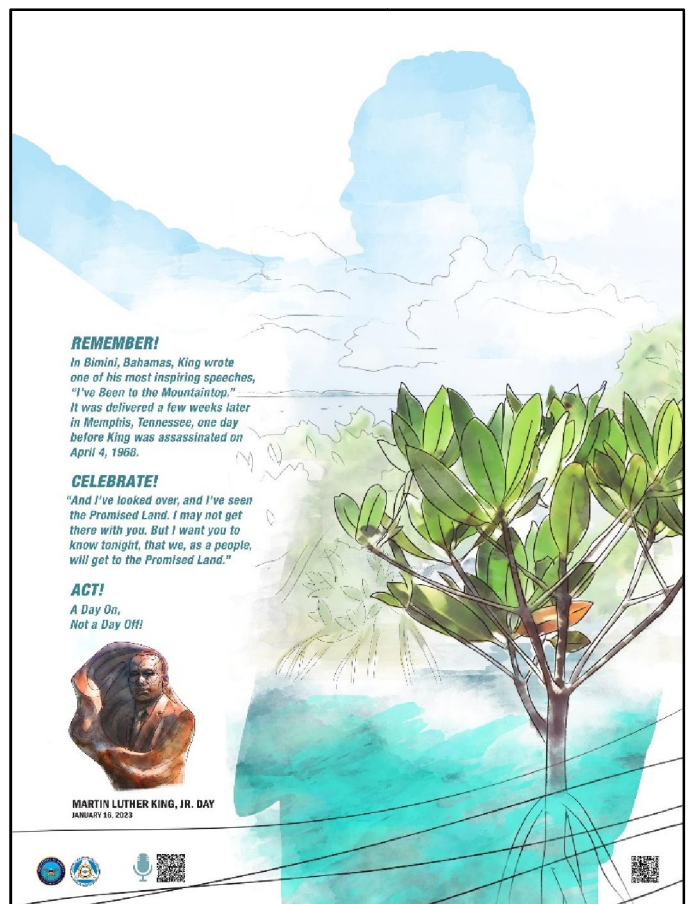
PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, Fla. —For the 2023 Department of Defense (DoD) observance of Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Day, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI’s public website, www.defenseculture.mil.

The continuing DoD theme for the observance is, **“Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not A Day Off,”** in commemoration of Dr. King and in support of a national day of public service engagement.

The 2023 DoD MLK Day poster references the *I’ve Been to the Mountaintop* speech that Dr. King wrote while visiting Bimini, Bahamas. During this period, observers mentioned Dr. King was very solemn and thoughtful, as if he knew of the things soon to come. On April 3, 1968, Dr. King delivered this speech at the Mason Temple (Church of God in Christ Headquarters) in Memphis, Tennessee; during which, he said:

“Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation.”

Dr. King’s speech delivered a powerful message, and although his life was tragically taken soon after, to this day, this speech continues to echo the importance of togetherness, readiness, determination, and opportunity—traits long upheld by the DoD as invaluable key workplace values.



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