

Department of Defense 2020 Multicultural Poster

Poster Description: The Department of Defense Multicultural poster is the fifth in a series of posters commemorating the 75th Anniversary of World War II. Each commemorative 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. This poster expresses the wide-ranging diversity that America contributed to this event.

The 2020 Multicultural poster recognizes the totality of effort by All Americans in total victory. The top one third of the poster begins with a dark blue background which transitions to a lighter blue background towards the bottom two thirds of the poster. Some of the dark blue color is used to distress the poster side edges and bottom corners. Centered upon the dark blue background at the top third of the poster is the poster title spread across two lines. The first line, in Latin and capitalized block letters and distressed, lighter orange-red colored font reads, "E PLURIBUS UNUM!" The second line, centered immediately below in title case and distressed, darker red-orange script font reads, "Out of Many One." Just to the bottom left of the letter "O" in the word "Out" is a silhouette of the state of Alaska.

Centered in the middle of the poster on the lighter blue background and spread across the entire poster is a silhouette of the continental United States. The state of Hawaii is situated beneath the states of Arizona and California. Superimposed over each of the states is a collage of over 100 photographs of men and women from all racial and ethnic groups who stepped forward to serve their country. These members represent each of the Armed Forces as well as civilian workers who served on the "Home Front," in shipyards, airfields, industry, farming, and other professions. It took all of them, each with an important job to do, to unite for a common cause. This cause ended in total victory where millions of people were liberated from tyranny and oppression around the globe.

From serving in the Armed Forces to working on the Home Front, they all came together in support of a common effort. The Latin phrase, "E Pluribus Unum," which means, "Out of Many, One" symbolizes what occurred in this worldwide event. Men and women, many of them young, came from all walks of life. Together they united to form the most powerful wartime effort that history has ever seen. Like any family, they had their squabbles and disagreements. But, in the end, their common focus was always one, to defeat Nazi Germany and Imperialist Japan.

Situated immediately below Hawaii is a red-colored parallelogram shaped box spreading horizontally across two thirds of the poster. Centered within it is the observance theme in capitalized letters and white block text spread across two lines. The first line reads, "HONORING THE PAST," and the second line reads, "SECURING THE FUTURE!"

Immediately to the right of the box and in the right lower corner of the poster is the Department of Defense 75th Anniversary Commemoration seal. The seal is multi-colored with the center consisting of a portion of the American flag. Superimposed over the flag is a dark

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blue letter capital “V” outlined in gold. Across the letter V is a blue banner with the word “REMEMBER” in capitalized letters and gold text. The center of the seal is surrounded by a narrow white ring and then a wide red ring containing 12 white stars. Surrounding the wide red ring is a wide dark blue ring. Superimposed on the top of the blue ring are the words, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in capitalized letters and gold text. Superimposed on the bottom of the ring are the words, WORLD WAR II 75TH COMMEMORATION in capitalized letters and gold text. Outside the wide blue ring are 4 smaller consecutive rings of white and blue.

Immediately below the seal and situated along the bottom poster border are the words, “DEOMI’s World War II Series” in small black text.