

**Department of Defense Commemorative Poster  
on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of Executive Order 9981  
Desegregation of the Armed Forces**

**Poster Description:** The 2023 Department of Defense's poster commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9981, Desegregation of the Armed Forces, consists of a dark blue-gray background.

Centered at the poster's top center is capitalized gold text which reads, EXECUTIVE ORDER 9981.

Situated in the center of the poster is a copy of the two-page document. The first page is canted to the viewer's left. The second page is slightly lower and overlaps the first page and is canted to the viewer's right. The pages are faded and aged in a tan, almost parchment colored appearance.

Situated at the top right of first page and overlapping it and the top left corner of the second page is a late 1940's era tan edged, black and white photograph of an integrated four-man machine gun crew facing the camera at an oblique. Two of the members are black and two of the members are white.

Situated on the poster's left side and superimposed over the first page of the document is a tan-edged, black and white photograph of President Harry S. Truman seated at a desk at a press conference. Multiple prominent radio microphones of various sizes are on the desk to capture his comments. The microphones carry labels which read CBS and NBC.

Situated in the center of the poster in gold text is a large **75<sup>TH</sup>**. Beneath the 75<sup>TH</sup> text is a smaller line of capitalized gold font which reads ANNIVERSARY, which is underlined with a gold separator line. Beneath the gold separator line are the dates in gold text which reads, July 26, 1948 – July 26, 2023. Beneath the dates and spread across two lines is larger, capitalized gold text which reads, DESEGREGATION OF THE ARMED FORCES.

At the poster's bottom left corner are the seals for the Department of Defense, Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. At the poster's bottom right corner is the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) seal and a quick response code (QRC), which when scanned with a mobile device, will open an audio narration with this poster description. To the right of the QRC is a black symbol depicting a microphone.