During Women’s History Month the Department of Defense joins the nation in celebrating the vital role of women—not only in American history—but in our future.
Shirley Chisholm became the first African-American congresswoman in 1968.

Four years later, she became the first major-party Black candidate to make a bid for the U.S. presidency.

Fun fact: Before she entered politics her career was in education.

“You don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.”
Mabel Ping-Hua Lee was born in Guangzhou, China. She emigrated to the United States and attended Barnard College and Columbia University.

In 1921, she earned her Ph.D. making her the first Chinese woman in the U.S. to obtain a Ph.D. in economics.

She believed that achieving a woman’s right to vote was an important step for both American and Chinese women.

Her contributions led to suffrage being passed in New York in 1917.

Fun Fact: Due to the Chinese Exclusion Act, she was not allowed to vote. It is unknown whether or not she was ever able to vote in her lifetime.

Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Dowsett was a Native Hawaiian suffragist. She started the National Women’s Suffrage Association of Hawaii in 1912, the island’s first Hawaiian suffrage organization.

After the 19th Amendment was passed the women of Hawaii couldn’t vote because Hawaii was a U.S. territory, not a state.

Fun Fact: It wasn’t until 39 years later, when Hawaii became the 50th state in the Union, that the island’s residents gained full American voting rights.
Whom do you admire?
In the frame, draw a picture of the person

This is a picture of__________________________

This person is important because__________________________
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Something I admire about the person is__________________________
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