

# OBSERVANCE

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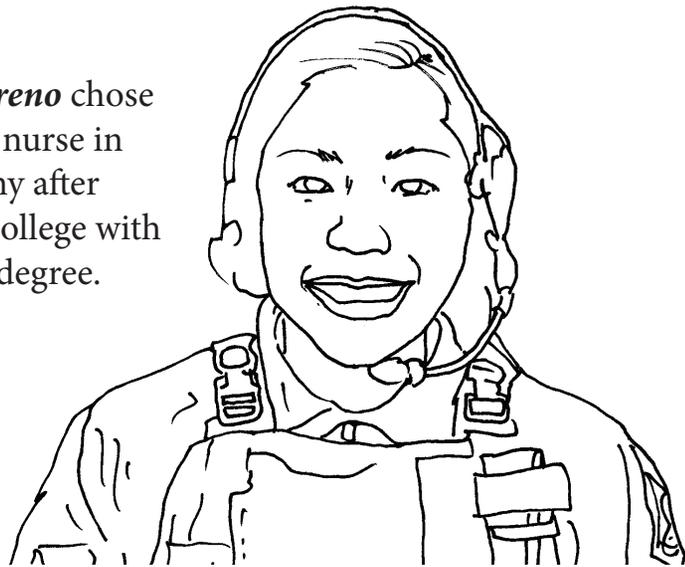
*Jennifer Moreno* chose to serve as a nurse in the U.S. Army after graduating college with her nursing degree.

In 2009, she completed Army Airborne training and volunteered to serve with the Special Operation Command.

On October 5, 2013, a suicide bomber ambushed her compound as a returning patrol was entering. Twelve additional blasts injured 30 Rangers and killed two.

In the chaos that followed, Moreno was told to stay where she was to avoid setting off any additional bombs. Instead, she chose to help a soldier trapped nearby. Her heroic actions cost her her life. She was 25 years old.

She was posthumously promoted to captain and awarded the Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.



The Department of Defense joins the nation in celebrating the vital role of women—not only in American history but also in our future.

We honor the women of all cultures that have provided both healing and hope throughout history, sometimes at great sacrifice.



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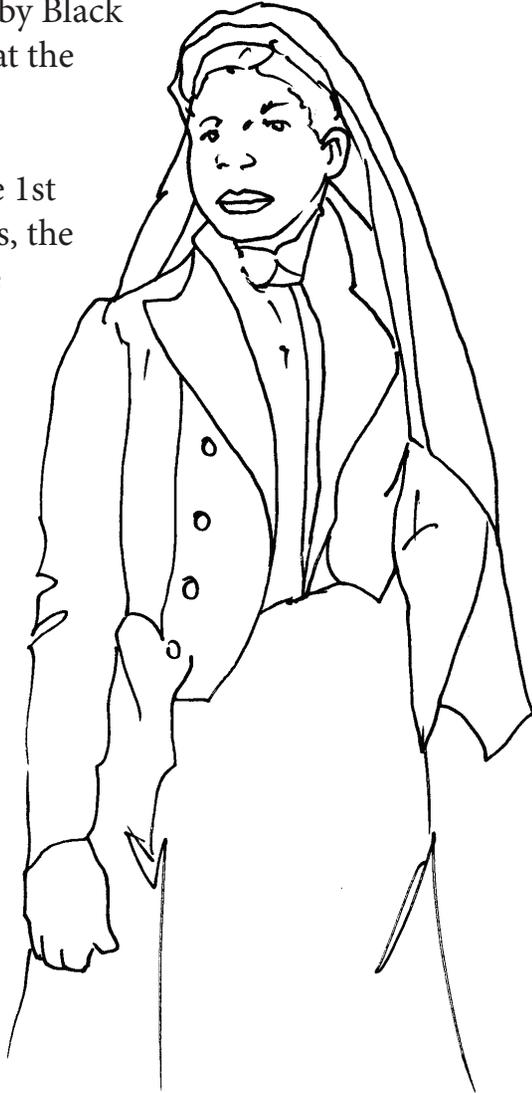
**Susie King Taylor** achieved many firsts in a lifetime of overcoming adversity.

She was born into slavery near Savannah, Georgia in 1848. Despite Georgia's strict laws against the formal education of African Americans, she attended two secret schools taught by Black women. She became free at the age of 14.

She attached herself to the 1st South Carolina Volunteers, the first Black regiment in the U.S. Army. In 1862, she married Edward King and traveled with him through the war. She taught the men in the regiment to read and write.

She also served as a nurse, making her the first Black Army nurse in the Civil War.

She said, *"I gave my service willingly for four years and three months without receiving a dollar. I was glad...to care for the sick and afflicted comrades."*



***"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"***

*-Maya Angelou*

# WOMEN'S ALPHABET ACTIVITY

*Can you put these influential women in alphabetical order?*

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Ruth Bader Ginsburg | g. Michaela Goade    |
| b. Kathryn Johnson     | h. Virginia Apgar    |
| c. Grace Hopper        | i. Shirley Chisholm  |
| d. Susan B. Anthony    | j. Marian W. Edelman |
| e. Eleanor Roosevelt   | k. Chien-Shiung Wu   |
| f. Kalpana Chawla      | l. Frances Perkins   |

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Answer Key: (d, h, f, i, j, a, g, c, b, l, e, k)



## *Did you know?*

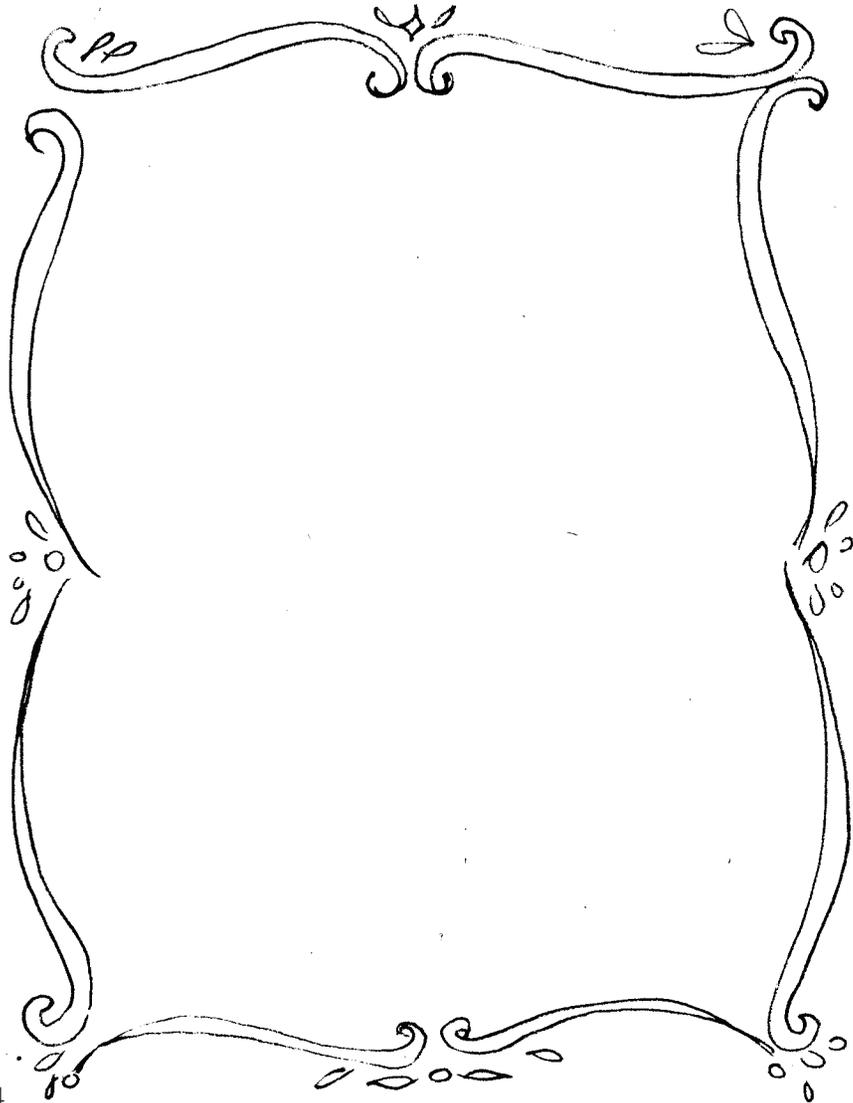
The *Maya Angelou Quarter* is the first coin in the American Women Quarters™ Program.

She was a celebrated writer, performer, and social activist. She rose to prominence as an author after the publication of her groundbreaking autobiography “*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.”

In 2010, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

# Every FAMILY HAS their OWN AMAZING WOMEN WORTHY OF CELEBRATING!

*Draw a picture of a woman in your  
life you think is amazing!*



*What makes them extraordinary to you?*

