

## Department of Defense 2020 Days of Remembrance Poster

**Poster Description:** The Department of Defense Days of Remembrance (DOR) poster is the third in a series of posters commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II. Each commemoration poster 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.

The Days of Remembrance poster is designed to reflect on the somber remembrance of the atrocities of World War II. Additionally, it reflects upon the liberation that victory brought to many repressed people. The DOR poster is divided into two segments. The top 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the poster has a dark, black-colored, aged background. It is separated from the bottom 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the poster by a distressed, dark blue-colored ribbon. The bottom 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the poster is of a graduated, buff-colored/tan background.

Superimposed on the top 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the poster is a large "V" for victory. The left arm of the "V" consists of a distressed portion of a vertically hanging American flag with the canton in the upper right. The right arm of the "V" consists of a distressed segment of a concentration or work camp prisoner's uniform of vertical blue and white alternating stripes. Imposed upon the top right corner of the "V" is a white square with a prisoner's identification number, R 21589 in black font. The "R" in the identification number is of a smaller font than the following numbers. Situated on the lower left side of the "V" are two vertically placed black buttons.

To the bottom right of the "V" is the Department of Defense 75<sup>th</sup> 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 blue letter capital "V" outlined in gold. Across the letter V is a blue banner with the word "REMEMBER" in capitalized letters and gold font. 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 font. Superimposed on the bottom of the ring are the words, WORLD WAR II 75<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION in capitalized letters and gold font. Outside the wide blue ring are 4 smaller consecutive rings of white and blue.

Centered immediately below this commemorative seal is the observance date in small capitalized, tan-colored font, "APRIL 19 – 26, 2020." Immediately below and centered in slightly larger capitalized, tan-colored font is the observance title, DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE."

Imposed upon the top of the bottom 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the buff-colored/tan background are two, brown-colored strands of barbed wire running horizontally across the poster. Centered between the two barbed wires is the word, "LIBERATION" in large, dark blue capitalized font outlined in white. The bottom strand of wire is broken by a brown-colored silhouette of the front center access point and tower of a concentration/work camp. The letter "A" in the word LIBERATION partly covers the roof of the tower. Centered on the silhouette is the observance theme in smaller black capitalized font and spread across two lines. The first line reads, "HONORING THE PAST," the second line reads, SECURING THE FUTURE!"

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At the bottom right corner is a quick response code (QRC) which links to a video from the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Scanning the QRC with an electronic device will play a video about the Liberators who freed the World War II camps. Beneath the QRC in small black text are the words "DEOMI's World War II Series".