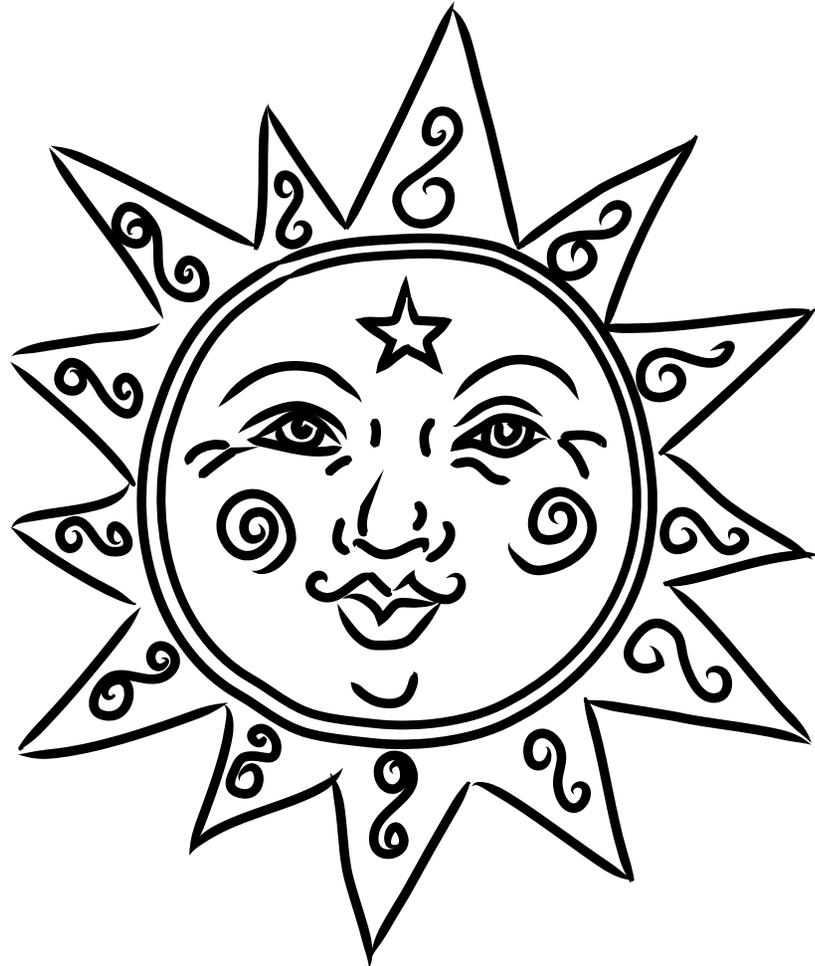


# LET YOUR



# LIGHT SHINE

**CULTURAL  
AWARENESS**



National Hispanic Heritage Month  
Sept 15 - Oct 15  
Activity Book

# OBSERVANCE



Hispanic Americans have an undeniable and proud record of military service dating back to the Revolutionary War.

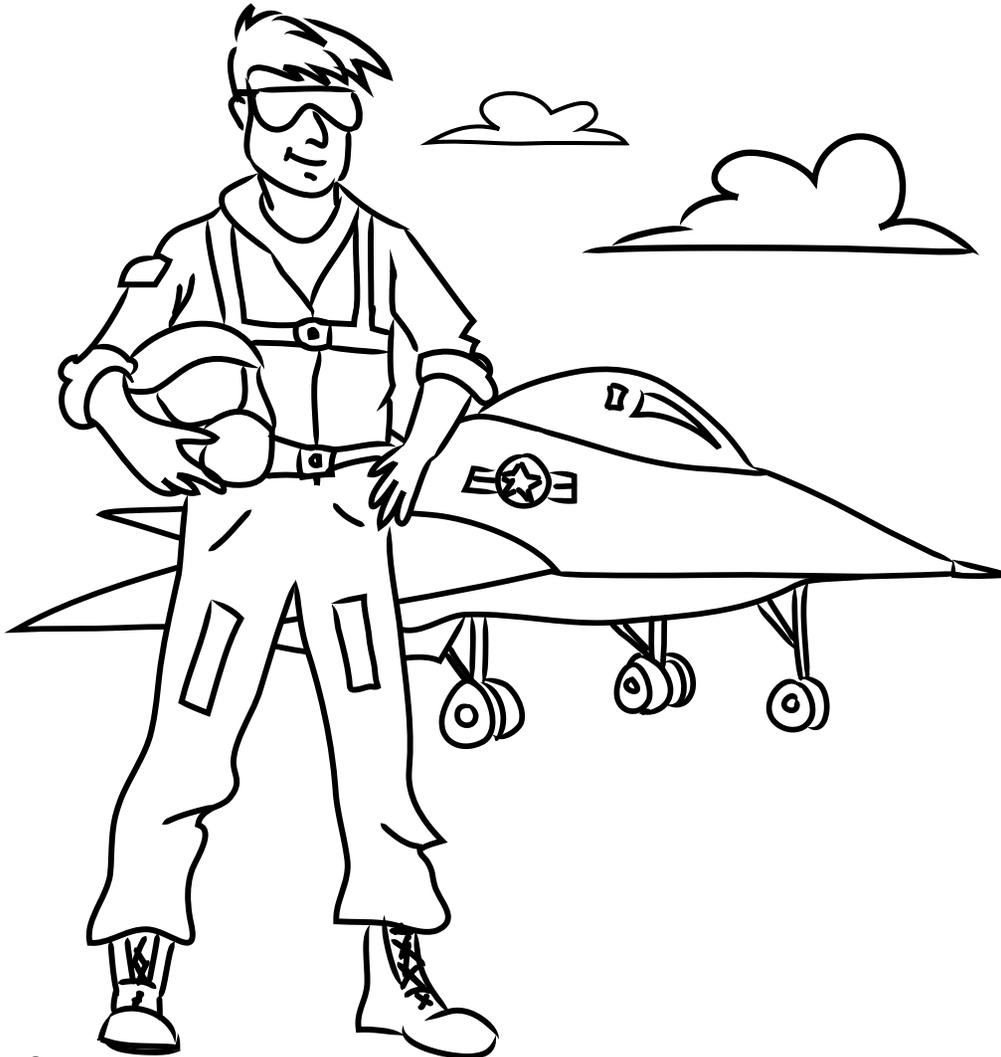


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## Major General Marc Sasseville

On September 11, 2001, he was serving as the 113th Wing vice commander and as an F-16 pilot protecting the nation's capital when the U.S. was attacked. Lt. Colonel Sasseville, and Lt. Heather Penney were launched to track hijacked United Airlines Flight 93. Before they could complete their mission, they learned the plane had gone down in a field in Pennsylvania.



## Word Find

Can you find the Hispanic countries hidden below?

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Find the names of the following countries in this word search. The words appear horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.

Argentina

Dominican Republic

Panama

Belize

Ecuador

Paraguay

Bolivia

El Salvador

Puerto Rico

Chile

Guatemala

Peru

Columbia

Honduras

Spain

Costa Rica

Mexico

Uruguay

Cuba

Nicaragua

Venezuela

# Que tienes en tu mochila?

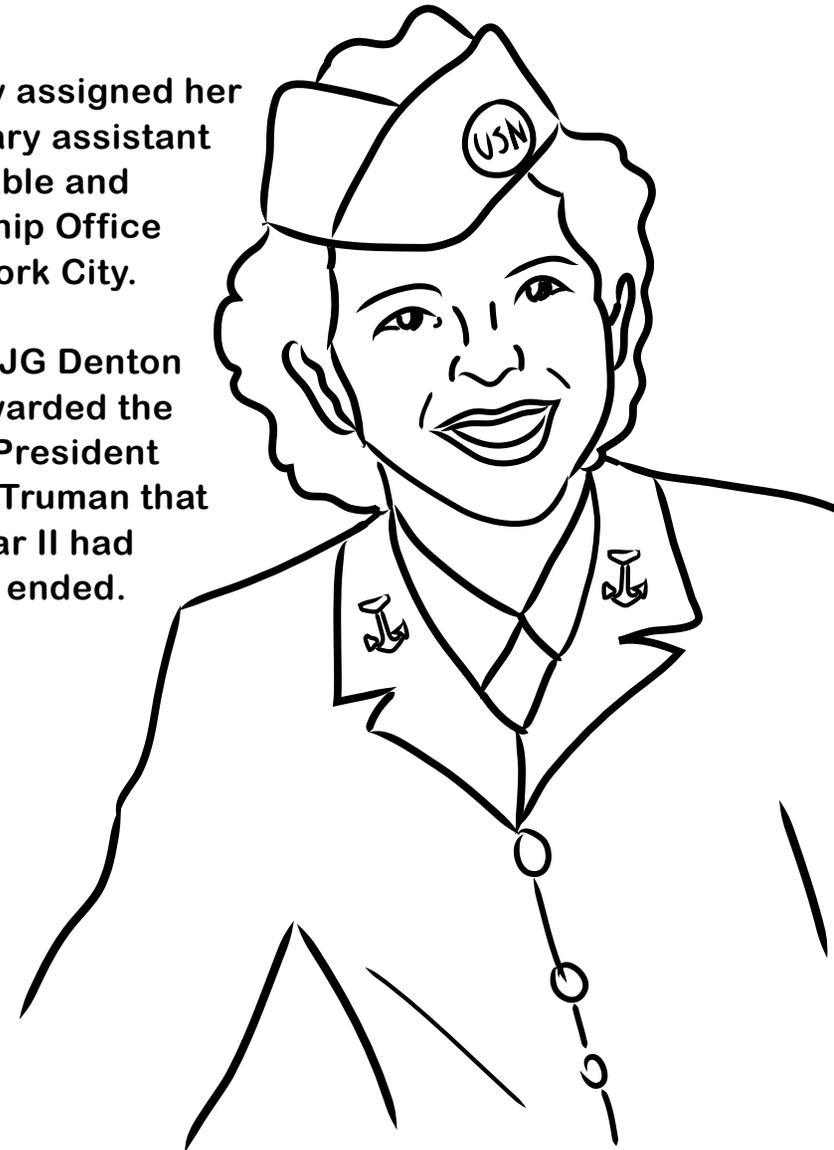
(What's in your backpack?)



Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) Maria Rodriguez Denton was the first woman of Puerto Rican descent to become an officer in the United States Navy. She was a member of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services (WAVES.)

The Navy assigned her as a library assistant at the Cable and Censorship Office in New York City.

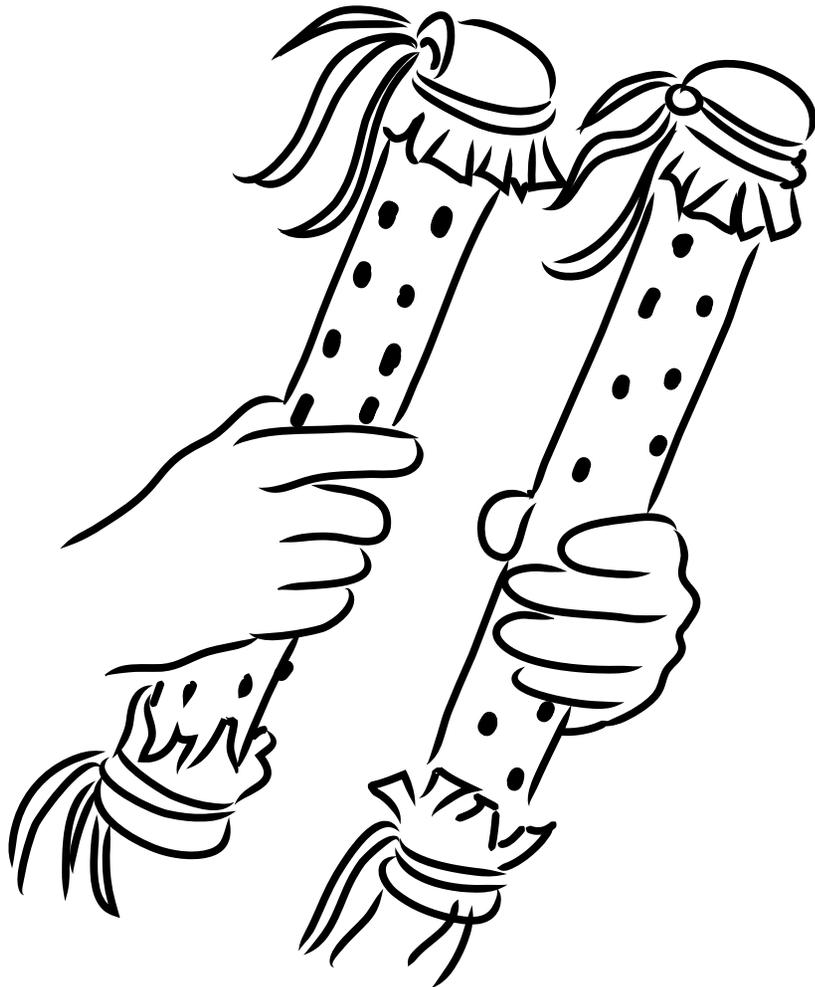
It was LTJG Denton who forwarded the news to President Harry S. Truman that World War II had officially ended.



# How to Make Your Own Rain Stick



Northern Chile is home to Atacama, the world's driest desert, where the rain stick is believed to have originated. Rain sticks are made from long, hollow cactus tubes that are dried in the sun. Then the spines are removed and driven back into the cactus like nails. Small pebbles are then placed inside and the ends sealed. A sound like falling rain is made as the rain stick is turned, making it useful in ceremonies where it is believed to bring rain.



## Materials:

- Cardboard tube (like an empty cardboard tube from an aluminum foil roll)
- Paint/markers and or construction paper (to create a design on outside of the rain stick)
- Large, brown paper grocery bag
- Yarn and/or ribbon
- Rubber bands
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners/aluminum foil and/or craft wire
- Beads, rice, beans, or other materials (be creative!)



## Instructions:

- Start by decorating your cardboard tube.
- Cut out two circles from the paper grocery bag.
- Attach one circle to the end of your cardboard tube using a rubber band.
- Crumple up a long, thin piece of aluminum foil or twisted craft wire or pipe cleaner and insert it inside the tube.
- Pour a handful of beads, rice, or dry beans into the open end of the tube.
- Once you're happy with the sound of your rain stick, rubber band the other paper circle to the opposite end.
- Tie different colored yarn or ribbon to each end.
- Tip back and forth to hear the sweet sound of rainfall!