

Celebrating Diversity In The Uniformed Services



DEOMI 2000 Calendar Cover Images

The images on the cover of the year 2000 DEOMI calendar are meant to capture the theme of the calendar, which is a celebration of diversity and multiculturalism in the uniformed services. These images from left to right and top to bottom are:

U.S. Navy Chaplain Thomas W. Falkenthal gives communion to a Marine during a Catholic mass held in the snow at Silver Creek, Calif., on Feb. 2, 1997. Marines from the 2nd Marine Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C., are at the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., to train in cold weather survival and arctic warfare. *Photo courtesy Department of Defense, Defense Link, Lance Cpl. E.J. Young, U.S. Marine Corps. (970202-M-8708Y-001)*

Private First Class Carla Campbell, of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., ready to jump onto the Sicily Drop Zone as part of Joint Task Force Exercise, January, 1998. *Photo courtesy Defense Visual Information, Joint Combat Camera Center. (980129-F-0697K-048)*

Two color guards and color bearers of the Japanese-American 442d Combat Team stand at attention while their citations are read. They are standing on ground in the Bruyeres area, France, where many of their comrades fell. Photo taken November 11, 1944. *Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo #20365 (Musser).*

Two unidentified women Marine Corps reservists in training. *Photo courtesy Defense Visual Information, Joint Combat Camera.*

The helmsman aboard *USS Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75), the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, minds his course carefully as he steers his ship, which is the size of four and a half football fields. *Truman* was conducting Carrier Qualifications off the U.S. Atlantic coast. Photo taken December 10, 1999. *U.S. Navy Photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Aaron J. Lebsack. (991210-N-9630L-502)*

Corporal Hiroshi H. Miyamura, U.S. Army. Medal of Honor recipient for conspicuous gallantry against the enemy in Korea on April 24 and 25, 1951. *Photo courtesy Still Pictures Branch, National Archives, College Park, Maryland. (SC-445917, Box 267)*

Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez, U.S. Army. Medal of Honor recipient for a series of daring and extremely valorous actions in Vietnam on May 2, 1968, where he was credited for saving the lives of at least eight men. *Photo courtesy Congressional Medal of Honor Society.*

The first Air Force all-female flight crew to fly an overseas mission included: from left to right, Capt Guiliana Sangiorgio, aircraft commander; Capt Barbara Akin, 1st pilot; 1Lt Terri Ollinger, copilot; Tech Sgt Donna Wertz, flight engineer; Staff Sgt Denise Meunier, flight engineer; Sgt Mary Eiche, load master; and Airman 1st Class Bernadette Botti. *Photo courtesy Defense Visual Information, Joint Combat Camera Center. (DF-ST-84-01734)*

Ensign Matice Wright, the Navy's first black female naval flight officer, poses for a photograph. Wright is assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3 (VQ-3). *Photo courtesy Defense Visual Information, Joint Combat Camera Center. (DN-SC-93-04639)*

One hundred and seventeen recruits receive last orders before boarding the Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle* (WIX 327) for five weeks of boot camp. The *Eagle*, a 295-foot, three-masted tall ship, traditionally trains only cadets from the Coast Guard Academy in New London. *USCG photo by PA1 Rob Wyman. (980225-L-5543W-0010)*

Navajo code talkers shown on Bouganville in Solomon Islands. *Photo courtesy of the U.S. Marines photo archive.*

Henry O. Flipper, the first Black to graduate from West Point (1877). *Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army photo archive.*

General Colin Powell, U.S. Army

Born in 1937, General Colin Powell, U.S. Army, was the highest ranking African-American officer in United States history and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993. He served two tours of duty (1962–63, 1968–69) during the Vietnam War and later served in two command posts (commander, 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, 1976–77; commander, V Corps, Europe, 1986) and staff assignments (military assistant to the Deputy Defense Secretary, 1979–81, and to the Defense Secretary 1983–86). From 1987 to 1989 he was President Reagan's National Security Adviser. In 1989, he was made a four-star General and appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Powell played a crucial role in the planning of U.S. strategy during the Persian Gulf War (1991).

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January 2000
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 1969: Staff Sgt. Rodney James Takashi Yano earns Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam. New Year's Day
2 1952: COL Irene O. Galloway appointed Women's Army Corps (WAC) Director.	3 1957: COL Mary Louise Milligan appointed Director, WAC.	4 1913: Yonosuke Enouye, first Japanese graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, class of 1891, dies.	5 1994: MSG Nell Hubbard, first enlisted woman to retire from service after 20 consecutive years, dies.	6 1943: 1LT Masao Yamada becomes first Japanese - American Army chaplain. Epiphany	7 1973: New 11-week WAC officer/officer cadet course inaugurated. Graduates then attend male branch officer course.	8 1965: Four Navy nurses injured during Vietcong bombing; become first women awarded Purple Heart in Vietnam.
9 1943: Eight, African - American Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) officers received OCS commissions.	10 1912: MAJ Della H. Raney, first African - American nurse to be commissioned LT in Army Nurse Corps, WWII, born.	11 1959: Mary M. Roberts, Army Nurse Corps, WWI, writer, historian, and editor of <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> , died.	12 1918: Training begins for women recruited into Army Signal Corps.	13 1994: Secretary of Defense announces new less restrictive ground combat policy for women, rescinding 1988 "risk rule."	14 1995: Stimson Library, Ft. Sam Houston, TX, dedicated in memory of COL Julia C. Stimson, fifth Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps.	15 1965: First women advisors assigned to Women's Armed Forces Corps, Vietnam. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
16 1942: Jose Calugas, Philippine Scout, U.S. Army, awarded Medal of Honor for bravery under attack against Japanese in Philippines.	17 1943: 2LT Elsie Ott, becomes first nurse to receive Air Medal for Meritorious Service. Martin Luther King's Birthday (observed)	18 1964: COL Barbara J. Bishop this month became the fifth Director, Women Marines.	19 1905: Oveta Culp Hobby, founder of WAAC, U.S. Army, born.	20 1920: Marcario Garcia, Army SSG (WWII), Medal of Honor recipient, born.	21 1915: Fireman 2 nd Class Telesforo Trinidad, USN, earns Medal of Honor for heroism during a fire aboard <i>USS San Diego</i> .	22 1943: Ruth Cheney Streeter becomes first Director, Women Marines, with rank of colonel this month.
23 Alene B. Duerk appointed ENS in Navy Nurse Corps (1943), became Navy's first woman RADM in 1972.	24 1985: Maj Ellison S. Onizuka, USAF, serves as mission specialist on first DOD space shuttle mission.	25 1991: Melissa Rathburn-Nealy, first U.S. enlisted female POW (Gulf War) & first since WWII, is repatriated.	26 1943: BG Sherian Grace Cadoria, first woman African - American general officer, U.S. Army, born.	27 1933: Leo Márequez, Lt Gen, USAF, is born in Paralta, NM.	28 1926: Harold Gonsalves, Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps PFC (WWII), born.	29 1932: Máximo Yabes, Medal of Honor recipient and Army 1SG (Vietnam War), is born in Lodi, CA.
30 This month in 1945, the Navy dropped the color bar against African - American nurses.	31 1929: Richard Cavazos, first Hispanic four-star general, is born in King Ranch, TX.					



Three commanding four-star officers

Pictured, clockwise, are three four-star officers; General Johnnie E. Wilson, U.S. Army; Admiral J. Paul Reason, U.S. Navy; and General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, U.S. Air Force. As of September 1998, with General Wilson's appointment as commander of the Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va., this marks the first time that the three military departments have had African Americans as (major command) commanders at the same time. General Newton is commander of the Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; and Admiral Reason is commander of the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Va., and the first African-American four-star admiral. Photos Courtesy of the Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs and the Defense Technical Information Center.

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African-American History Month		1 1978: Women enlisting in the Armed Forces have a 6-year reserve obligation starting today.	2 1943: Japanese American 44 nd Regimental Combat Team is activated. Groundhog Day	3 1942: Willibald C. Bianchi, U.S. Army, earned Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity, Bataan, Philippines.	4 1976: First two women USCG Academy cadets offered appointments.	5 1941: Chief Nurse Marion B. Olds and Nurse Leona Jackson, USN, arrives in Guam.
6 1943: War Department sets goal of graduating 750 pilots from Women's Flying Training Detachment.	7 1944: LTs Carrie Sheetz and Marjorie Morrow, Army Nurse Corps, killed in bombing of 95 th Evacuation Hospital, Anzio, Italy.	8 1972: Navy authorizes Pilot Program Scholarships for women who commit to serving four years active duty.	9 1930: Angelo D. Juárez, MG, U.S. Army Reserve, is born in Chicago, IL.	10 1970: John P. Baca, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity for action in Vietnam.	11 1920: Gen Daniel "Chappie" James, born. Promoted to four-star rank in 1974, thus becoming highest-ranking black officer in USAF.	12 1945: WAC African - American 688 th Postal Directory Battalion returns from Europe; only Afr.- Amer. WAC unit to serve overseas. Lincoln's Birthday
13 1945: Manuel Perez, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for courage and heroism, Philippine Islands.	14 1988: Secretary of Defense reaffirms policy against sexual harassment during Armed Forces Personnel Council meeting. Valentine's Day	15 1994: 1Lt Jeannie Flynn completes training on F-15E fighters, becoming first USAF female combat pilot.	16 1988: This month a DOD directive (1300.170) entitled, "Accommodation of Religious Practice within Military Service," issued.	17 1942: 1LT Mary Ann Sullivan earns the Legion of Merit for valor behind German lines in North Africa.	18 1943: First class of Army flight nurses graduates.	19 1942: U.S. War Department authorizes first Filipino infantry battalion from among Filipino Americans.
20 1943: 1,200 Filipinos serving in the U.S. Armed Forces granted citizenship.	21 1913: Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick tests new parachute called "life boat" for U.S. Army. Washington's Birthday (observed)	22 1944: Jack C. Montgomery, a Cherokee Indian and 1LT with the 45 th Infantry, earns Medal of Honor for action in Padiglione, Italy.	23 1945: Ira Hamilton Hayes, a Pima Native American, plays a major role in fighting at Iwo Jima, becomes one of the famous main flag raisers.	24 1992: Bertha Dworsky Henderson, POW in Corregidor during WWII, dies.	25 1944: 24 Members of Squadron 10, the first all African - American navigators, are commissioned.	26 1958: USAF Lt Col Susan J. Helms born; to serve in second crew on NASA's first space station launch.
27 1991: MAJ Rhonda Cornum, Army Flight Surgeon, shot down over Iraq, captured as POW in Gulf War.	28 1954: First WAC Officer Advanced Course opened at WAC School, Ft. Lee, VA this month.	29 1998: Harvey C. Russell, first African American commissioned in USCG, died this month. Served in WWII.				

Signing of Public Law 90-130



President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Public Law 90-130, November 8, 1967. The law opened promotions for women to general and flag ranks, lifted ceilings on other ranks, and removed the two percent ceiling on the number of women allowed on active duty.

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Women's History Month			1 1991: Army MAJ Marie T. Rossi, flying a CH-47D Chinook cargo helicopter in Desert Storm, killed in a crash.	2 1973: Women begin pilot training for the U.S. Navy.	3 1994: Secretary of Defense enacts the Perry Mandate, further refining equal opportunity throughout the DOD.	4 1977: Janna Lambine, USCG, receives her wings and begins flying helicopters as first woman USCG pilot.
5 1998: Lt Col Eileen Marie Collins, USAF, named first woman space shuttle commander.	6 1991: PVT Adrienne Mitchell killed in a SCUD attack, Desert Storm, is buried with full honors, Riverside National Cemetery.	7 1942: First five African - American cadets commissioned as U.S. Army Air Corps pilots. Shrove Tuesday	8 1945: Phyllis Daley becomes the first African - American ENS, Navy Nurse Corps. Inter. Women's Day Ash Wednesday	9 1976: 119 women accepted for admission to the U.S. Military Academy as class of 1980, of which 61 graduate.	10 1945: Navy and civilian nurses interned at Los Banos, Philippines, flown back to U.S.; awarded Bronze Star medals.	11 1901: Dita H. Kinney officially appointed first Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, this month.
12 1991: Army MAJ Marie T. Rossi, the only woman pilot killed in Gulf War, interred at Arlington National Cemetery.	13 1991: SPC Melissa Rathburn-Nealy & MAJ Rhonda Cornum, U.S. Army, decorated with Purple Heart, POW, and National Defense medals in Desert Storm.	14 1917: Henry Johnson, U.S. Army, awarded Croix de Guerre from French government for single-handedly fighting an entire German patrol.	15 1947: John Lee becomes first African - American commissioned officer in the regular Navy.	16 1996: Jewish War Veterans of the United States, oldest active national veterans' service organization in America, celebrates centennial.	17 1969: Sgt Barbara J. Dulinsky, first Woman Marine ordered into combat, arrives in Vietnam. St. Patrick's Day Festival of Sacrifice	18 1994: Bruce L. Yamashita commissioned as a Capt after a 5-year ground breaking legal battle against USMC for discrimination.
19 1945: Silvestres Herrera, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for courage and heroism in France.	20 1969: Teruo Terry Kawamura, U.S. Army Medal of Honor recipient, killed in action, South Vietnam.	21 1983: LT Elizabeth Toedt completes first operational all-female crew carrier landing in a C-1A. Purim	22 1917: Loretta Walsh becomes first woman to enlist in U.S. Navy.	23 1996: SGT Heather Johnson becomes first woman to stand watch at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.	24 1997: President Clinton nominates MG Claudia J. Kennedy, DCS/Intelligence, Army's first woman 3-star general.	25 1944: The last 2 of 13 Army Flight Nurses on a Nov. 1943 evacuation flight from Sicily to Bari, with emergency landing in Albania, escape.
26 1930: DACOWITS member and Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, born.	27 1964: Army nurses begin participating in relief operations to aid victims of a violent earthquake in Alaska.	28 1962: Troy Devine, first woman captain in USAF U-2 program, born.	29 1973: Last of more than 5,000 nurses leave Vietnam two months after cease-fire.	30 1968: SGM Yzetta Nelson becomes first woman promoted to Command SGM.	31 1963: Capt Edward Dwight, Jr., USAF, first African American chosen for astronaut training.	



MCPO Vincent W. Patton III

USCG

Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent W. Patton is the United States Coast Guard's top enlisted member and the first African American in this position. Patton is the principal advisor to the Coast Guard commandant on quality-of-life issues, career development, work environment, and other personnel functions associated with the service's 36,000 enlisted active duty members. Patton joined the USCG in 1972 and holds multiple degrees, including a Master's and Doctorate, and is a graduate of the USCG Chief Petty Officer's Academy, the U.S. Sergeants Major Academy (with distinction), and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. He was principal developer of the USCG enlistment evaluation system in 1984, and co-authored the 1991 *Women in the Coast Guard* study.

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						1 1991: 1LT Susan E. Meckfessel becomes the first U.S. Military Academy graduate appointed to Army Nurse Corps.
2 1980: Secretary of Defense announces WAAC service will be considered active military service with all Veterans Administration laws applicable.	3 1992: Naval Training Center graduates first five mixed-gender recruit companies, Orlando, FL.	4 1975: Capt Mary Klinker killed in Operation Babylift; posthumously awarded Airman's Medal for Heroism and Meritorious Service.	5 1991: PO Shirley Marie Cross, Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield, dies in combat.	6 1945: PFC Sadao S. Munemori, 442 nd , earns Medal of Honor for supreme heroism in combat, Italy. Islamic New Year	7 1992: This month Carol D. Keehner becomes Navy's first woman Seabee Master Chief.	8 1971: Susanne M. Ocobok becomes first woman industrial-civil engineer in USAF, Kelley AFB, TX.
9 1972: LTC Gero Iwai, U.S. Army (Ret.) earliest and most senior Japanese American to serve in military intelligence, dies.	10 1987: NY State Legislature adopts resolution designating week of June 1 Women Veteran's Benefits Week.	11 1968: 312 th Army Nurses Evacuation Hospital deployed, Vietnam.	12 1943: Chinese American Dorothy Yang receives diploma and wings; becomes first WASP pilot this month.	13 1917: As U.S. enters WWI, 200 women enlist as Navy yeomen, and 403 Army nurses were on active duty to date.	14 1973: Supreme Court rules it unconstitutional for the DOD to require women to provide proof that claims of dependents are valid.	15 1986: Maj Fernando L. Ribas-Dominici, USAF pilot, is shot down and killed by hostile fire near Libya.
16 1979: Beverly Kelley becomes first woman commander of a USCG ship. Palm Sunday	17 1943: Edith Greenwood becomes first woman to receive the Soldiers Medal.	18 1979: LTJG Beverly Kelly, USCG, took command of the CGC <i>Cape Newagen</i> , one of the first women to do so.	19 1945: David M. Gonzales, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor in the Philippines for exceptional bravery.	20 1994: Maj Jackie Parker, becomes first Air National Guard combat pilot. First Day of Passover	21 1966: PFC Milton L. Oliver is first Af. Amer. to receive the Medal of Honor in Vietnam War. Good Friday	22 1942: First Filipino infantry battalion, U.S. Army, activated, Camp San Luis Obispo, CA.
23 1995: Geraldine Pratt, first woman Director, WAF turned 100 this month. Easter Sunday	24 1951: CPL Hiroshi H. Miyamura, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor in Korea.	25 1998: John B. Herrington, USAF, first Native American to graduate from NASA training program.	26 1923: Cleto Rodríguez, Medal of Honor recipient and U.S. Army sergeant (WWII), born in Texas.	27 1957: Naomi McCracken becomes first woman USAF Academy staff member as Assistant Director, Cadet Records.	28 1945: PFC Alejandro R. Renteria Ruiz, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor in Okinawa.	29 1956: First three Army nurses arrive in Vietnam.
30 1975: Marine Master Sgt Juan J. Valdéz is last to leave U.S. Embassy in Vietnam as war ends.						

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis (1877-1970) was the first African-American general in the United States Army, having risen from the rank of private. His son, Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., (born 1912) was the first African-American Air Force general (1954-65), and lieutenant general (1965-70).

Although success came late in his military career, Davis was nonetheless a tireless proponent of desegregation and equal civil rights despite professional and personal hardships, and is considered a significant force in shaping the future achievements of African Americans.

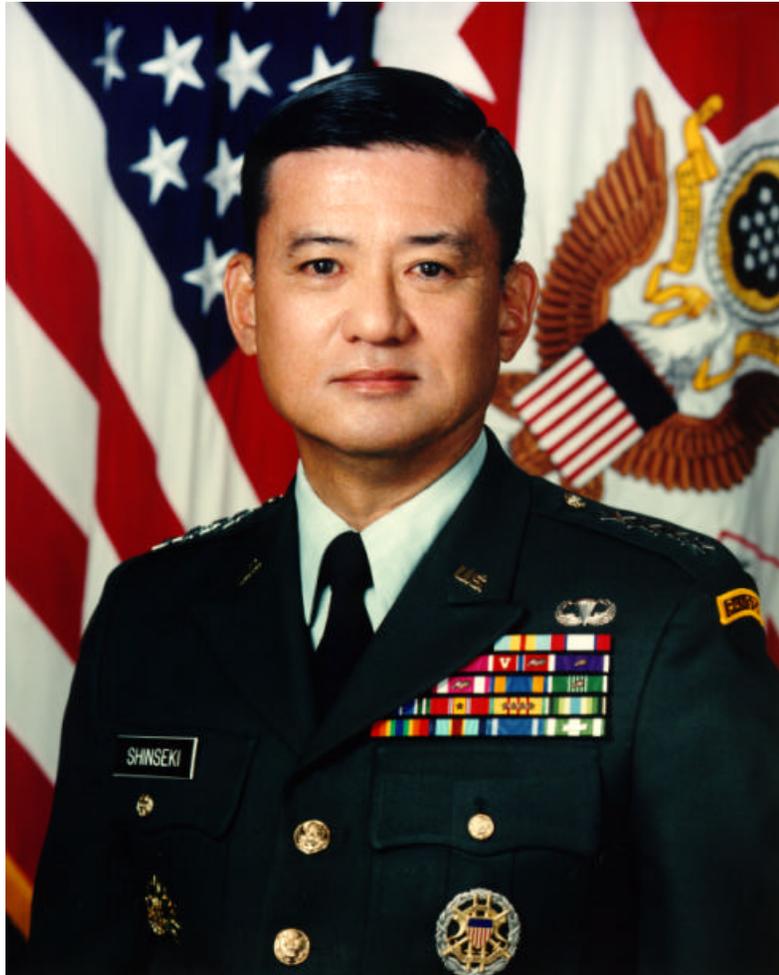
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Asian – Pacific Heritage Month	1 1950: First direct Army commissions offered to women college graduates.	2 1968: Roy P. Benavidez, Special Forces, earns Medal of Honor for daring and extremely valorous action in Vietnam.	3 As of May 1999, 46,995 Asian - Pacific Americans are on active-duty.	4 1977: Army Board for Correction of Military Records restores Medal of Honor to Dr. Mary E. Walker – first female recipient of award (1864).	5 1995: Col Betty L. Mullis becomes first woman to command a USAF flying wing – the 940 th Air Refueling Wing. Cinco de Mayo	6 1999: RADM Evelyn Fields becomes first woman to take command of a U.S. government ship for NOAA.
7 1947: CPT Mary Hallaren appointed WAC director.	8 1991: House Armed Services Committee votes to allow women to serve in combat military aircraft.	9 1993: USAF this month declares all aircraft assignments open to women.	10 1983: First all-female C-141 USAF aircrew makes overseas flight.	11 1978: Margaret A. Brewer is appointed first USMC general.	12 1940: Benjamin O. Davis becomes the first African-American general in U.S. Armed Forces.	13 1981: Elizabeth Anne Rowe becomes first woman graduate, U.S. Naval Academy, this month.
14 1973: Supreme court rules women must be treated equally with men in all matters of dependency and entitlements; DOD authorizes back pay. Mother's Day	15 1987: Hoang Nhu Tran, a former Vietnamese boat person, graduates first in his class, USAF Academy.	16 1983: LT Leslie E. Provow, Naval Aviator, becomes first woman designated Landing Signal Officer this month.	17 1978: First women – one from each of the five Armed Services – debut as members of White House Honor Guard.	18 1953: Jacqueline Cochran becomes first woman to pilot an aircraft supersonically.	19 1908: U.S. Navy Nurse Corps established this month.	20 1953: USCG Academy graduate and USCG Commander, Clyde Kazuto Watabe, born.
21 1951: SGT Joseph C. Rodriguez, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for risking his life while under attack, Korea.	22 1943: First African - American WAC unit assigned to 5 th Service Command, arrives at Camp Atterbury, IN.	23 1944: Van Barefoot, a Choctaw Indian and 2LT earns a Medal of Honor in Anzio, Italy, for action above and beyond the call of duty.	24 1970: WO Louis R. Rocco, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for distinguishing himself during evacuation maneuvers, Vietnam.	25 1977: USCG Academy announces women will be assigned permanent duty afloat for first time in USCG history.	26 1943: PVT Joe P. Martinez, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity in action on Attu, Aleutians. Awarded posthumously.	27 1942: PVT Dorie Miller awarded Navy Cross for courage for shooting down at least two Japanese airplanes during Pearl Harbor attack.
28 1941: Congresswoman Edith Nurse Rogers introduces bill HR 4906 to establish WAAC.	29 1997: Capt Amy Lynn Svoboda, first woman pilot fatality in USAF, dies after A-10 Thunderbolt crashes during training. Memorial Day	30 1974: Congress reduces minimum enlistment age for women to coincide with men.	31 1951: CPL Rodolfo P. Hernandez, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for bravery under fire, Korea.			

General Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff United States Army



General Shinseki assumed duties as the 34th Chief of Staff, United States Army, on 22 June 1999.

General Shinseki graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in English Literature from Duke University. General Shinseki's military education includes the Armor Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

Since his commissioning, General Shinseki has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the Continental United States and overseas, to include two combat tours with the 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions in the Republic of Vietnam as an Artillery Forward Observer and as Commander of Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry. He has served in Hawaii at Schofield Barracks with Headquarters, United States Army Hawaii, and Fort Shafter with Headquarters, United States Army Pacific. He has taught at the United States Military Academy's Department of English.

During duty with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas, he served as the Regimental Adjutant and as the Executive Officer of its 1st Squadron. General Shinseki's ten-plus years of service in Europe included assignments as the Commander, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry (Schweinfurt); the Commander, 2nd Brigade, (Kitzingen); the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 (Operations, Plans and Training) (Wuerzburg); and the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver (Schweinfurt), all with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). He served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3 (Operations, Plans and Training), VII Corps (Stuttgart). General Shinseki served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, Allied Land Forces Southern Europe (Verona, Italy), an element of the Allied Command Europe. From March 1994 to July 1995, General Shinseki commanded the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

In July 1996, he was promoted to lieutenant general and became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army. In June 1997, General Shinseki was appointed to the rank of general before assuming duties as the Commanding General, United States Army Europe; Commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe; and Commander, NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. General Shinseki assumed duties as the 28th Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army on 24 November 1998.

General Shinseki has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (with 2 Oak

Leaf Clusters), Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. *Photo Courtesy of Department of Defense.*

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				1 1912: José M. López, Medal of Honor recipient and Army Sergeant (WWII), is born in Mission, TX. Ascension Day	2 1948: Congress passes PL 625, the Women's Armed Services Act, establishing a permanent place for women in Armed Forces.	3 1949: Wesley A. Brown becomes first African American to graduate from U.S. Naval Academy.
4 1920: Army Reorganization Act authorizes relative rank for Army women.	5 1943: 11 African - American WAC officers commissioned after graduating from 31 st OCS class.	6 1999: USMC Brig Gen Frances C. Wilson assumes command of the 3 rd Force Service Support Group; only female general officer in USMC.	7 1904: Kiro Kunitomo, one of the first Japanese graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, dies.	8 1990: CDR Rosemary Mariner becomes first Navy woman to command a fleet jet squadron. Ascension Day (Orthodox)	9 1994: Navy's Annual Aviation Command Screening Board reports the highest number of women ever selected. (5/17) 1st Day of Shavuot	10 1983: LT Colleen Nevius becomes first woman naval aviator to graduate from USN Test Pilot School and be designated Navy Test Pilot.
11 1970: COLs Elizabeth P. Hoisington, WAC Dir., and Anna Mae Hays, Army Nurse Corps, become first women to obtain BG rank. Pentecost	12 1995: Rebecca Marier becomes first female to graduate from U.S. Military Academy as first in class.	13 1980: Donna Maller graduates and is commissioned, U.S. Military Academy, one of 13 Jewish cadets, this month.	14 1945: COL Florence A. Blanchfield, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, awarded distinguished Service Medal for leadership in WWII. Flag Day	15 1955: LTC Ruby G. Bradley awarded Florence Nightingale Medal while a Japanese POW in WWII, and for service in Korea. Mohammed's Birthday	16 1927: Theodore Kalakuka becomes first Ukranian American to graduate from U.S. Military Academy. Eventually attains rank of colonel.	17 1993: Lt Col Patricia Fornes becomes first woman to command a combat squadron upon taking over 740 th Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
18 1991: Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel hold first hearing on lifting combat restriction for women. Father's Day Pentecost (Orthodox)	19 1947: COL Florence A. Blanchfield, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, becomes first woman with permanent commission.	20 1997: USCG announces it will name a cutter to honor Alex Haley, the first USCG Chief Journalist and author of <i>Roots</i> .	21 1968: SPC Hector Santiago-Colon, U.S. Army, posthumously awarded Medal of Honor for action above and beyond the call of duty in Vietnam.	22 1944: House of Representatives rejects legislation that would militarize the WASP.	23 1949: Emilio A. de la Garza, Jr., Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps lance corporal, born in Chicago, IL.	24 1922: Alejandro R. Rentería-Ruiz, Medal of Honor recipient and Army private first class (WWII), is born, Loving, NM.
25 1941: Fair Employment Practices Commission established under executive order to prohibit racial discrimination in defense industry.	26 1944: All Japanese American 442d Regimental Combat Team begins first of five major European campaigns.	27 1950: 13 platoons of Marine Corps Women's Reserve mobilized for 'involuntary service' in Korean War, this month.	28 1998: This month Rabbi Aaron Landes honored for 36 years as Navy chaplain. Only rabbi to hold rank of rear admiral.	29 1943: USCG Academy becomes first of service academies to accept women for auxiliary training.	30 1975: Secretary of Defense ends involuntary discharge of pregnant women and mothers.	



**Three Native American Marine Corps
women reservists, during WWII**

**Photographed at Camp Lejune, North
Carolina, are (left to right) Minnie Spotted
Wolf, a Blackfoot Native American; Celia Mix,
a Potawatomi Native American; and Viola
Eastman, a Chippewa Native American.
Minnie Spotted Wolf was the first Native-
American woman enlisted as a Marine Corps
Reservist, July 1941. [US Marine Corps
Photograph. October 16, 1943]**

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July 2000
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						1 1949: Air Force Nurse Corps established.
2 1964: This month Margaret E. Bailey becomes first African - American nurse promoted to lieutenant colonel, and later colonel.	3 1990: Women Marines Association celebrates 30 th anniversary.	4 1994: Maj Gen Carol Mutter becomes then highest-ranking woman in US military, receiving 2-star rank from Marine Corps. Independence Day	5 1943: Oveta Culp Hobby appointed Director, WAC commissioned as colonel, U.S. Army.	6 1918: Women Nurse Corps redesignated Army Nurse Corps by Army Reorganization Act this month.	7 1976: First class of women admitted to U.S. Military Academy enrolled.	8 1974: Rev. Alice M. Henderson commissioned captain in Army Chaplains Corps, the first African American to do so since the Civil War.
9 1965: Army SFC Issac Camacho, escapes after 20 months as POW in Vietnam.	10 1942: First enlistments for WAAC.	11 1943: Minnie Spotted Wolf, Native American Blackfoot, becomes first Native American in Women's Marine Corps.	12 1990: CDR Rosemary Bryant Mariner, USN, becomes first woman selected to command an operational aviation squadron.	13 1982: LCDR Barbara Allen, first woman to be designated a Naval Aviator, killed in a training flight.	14 1944: WAC contingent arrives in Norway.	15 1950: PFC Ralph E. Días, USMC, Medal of Honor recipient (Vietnam), born.
16 1971: Jeanne M. Holm becomes first woman USAF general.	17 1917: Army PFC Silvestre S. Herrera, Medal of Honor recipient (WWII), born in El Paso, TX.	18 1918: Austrian-born Louis Cukela, Sgt, USMC, becomes Medal of Honor recipient for extraordinary heroism, France.	19 1993: WWII hero SGT Roy H. Matsumoto inducted into U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame.	20 1942: First class of female officers in history of U.S. Armed Forces begin, Ft. Des Moines, IA.	21 1953: U.S. NOAA geophysicist Ngar-Chueng Lau born.	22 1988: Mary-Agnes Brown, Veterans Administration lawyer who headed WAC in South Pacific during WWII, dies.
23 1993: 2Lt Sarah Deal becomes first Woman Marine selected for naval aviation training.	24 1953: Ambrosio Guillen, USMC, earns Medal of Honor for risking his life, Korea.	25 1996: Marine Corps Lt Gen Carol A. Mutter becomes first woman 3-star general in history.	26 1948: Executive order #9981 signed by President Truman integrated the Armed Services.	27 1920: Joe P. Martínez, Medal of Honor recipient and Army private (WWII), born in Taos, NM.	28 1944: Naval Secretary Forrestal recommends that African-American women be admitted equally with white women.	29 1940: Cpt Jay R. Vargas, USMC, Medal of Honor recipient (Vietnam), born.
30 1982: ENS Jannine Weiss becomes first enlisted woman to receive wings under new Limited Duty Program.	31 1948: Vietta Bates this month becomes first enlisted woman sworn into the regular U. S. Army.					

Members of the all-Hispanic 65th Infantry Division, Puerto Rico



By August 1950 the Korean War was less than two months old, and Puerto Rico's 65th Infantry Regiment was on its way to the combat zone. The regiment landed at the port city of Pusan on the Korean Peninsula's southern tip, where U.S. forces had been holding a perimeter against the Communist North Korean invaders. Sent into action immediately, the Puerto Ricans took part in the U.S. breakout and drive to the north. Late January 1951 found them south of the Korean capital of Seoul, under orders to take two hills being held by the Chinese 149th Division. The assault began on January 31st, and took three days. On the morning of the third day the top of the hills were within reach, and two battalions of the 65th fixed bayonets and charged straight at the enemy positions. The Chinese fled.

During its service in Korea, the men of the 65th Infantry won four Distinguished Service Crosses and 125 Silver Stars. The "The Borinqueneers" were also awarded the Presidential and Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Korean Presidential Unit Citations and the Greek Gold Medal for Bravery. The 65th Infantry Regiment's gallant service in a difficult war is best represented by its regimental motto, "Honor and Fidelity," and the regiment itself exemplifies the National Guard's leading role in our nation's military history.

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August 2000
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		1 1984: MG John Fugh becomes first Chinese American promoted to general officer in U.S. Army.	2 1990: United Nations forces begin to form for Operation Desert Storm: 26,000 women participate, 13 die.	3 1942: Mildred H. McAfee becomes first woman officer sworn into Naval Reserve.	4 1997: First 10 female officers graduate from the USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training Program.	5 1985: BG Wilma L. Vaught, U. S. Army, Commander of U.S. Military Entrance Processing, retires.
6 1942: First official WAAC parades and review, Ft. Des Moines, IA., held this month.	7 1956: First foreign women officers (6 from Burma) entered WAC Officer Basic Class.	8 1996: The Navy's first Muslim chaplain is sworn in by Secretary of the Navy.	9 1989: Kristen Baker becomes first woman Brigadier Commander and First Captain, Corps of Cadets, U.S. Military Academy.	10 1942: This month 120 women officers are commissioned directly as ENS or LTJG and report for indoctrination at the Midship School, Smith College.	11 1951: DACOWITS established to interpret the public role of women in Armed Services and promote service careers.	12 1918: Opha Mae Johnson becomes first of 305 women accepted for duty in Marine Corps Reserve.
13 1932: Edward Gómez, Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private (Korean War), born in Omaha, NE.	14 1997: President Clinton issues new guidelines clarifying and reinforcing the right of religious expression within the DOD.	15 1942: WAAC receives official approval from War Department.	16 1995: Oveta Culp Hobby, Director, WAC, during WWII, dies.	17 1917: Army nurses Beatrice M. MacDonald and Helen McClelland receive Distinguished Service Cross for service in Belgium.	18 1908: Ester Voorhees Hasson becomes first Superintendent, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.	19 1944: WAC advance party arrives in Paris this month.
20 1945: This month, 2½ years after founding, the Marine Corps Women's Reserve has 17,640 women and 820 officers on duty.	21 1950: Army begins voluntary recall of WAC enlisted reservists and company grade WAC Organized Reserve Corps officers.	22 1998: Carol C. Elliott, U.S. Army, promoted to BG – Vice Director for Intelligence, J2.	23 1944: Antonia Novello, the first woman and first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General (1990-1993), with 3-star rank (VADM), born.	24 1973: Army authorizes WAC enlistees to enter parachute rigger training.	25 1950: All-Hispanic 65 th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Borinqueneers," embark for Korea from Puerto Rico.	26 1959: Kathryn P. Hire, CDR, USNR, and NASA astronaut, born. First woman aviator to serve with a combat squadron.
27 1978: Margaret Brewer becomes first to achieve rank of brigadier general, USMC, this month.	28 1969: Lance Cpl. Jose Francisco Jimenez, USMC, posthumously awarded Medal of Honor for gallantry and service, Vietnam.	29 1942: First WAAC OCS class graduates 434 women as 3 rd Officers (equivalent to a 2LT).	30 1983: Lt Col Guion Bluford Jr. becomes the first African American in space.	31 Today: Women Marines Association celebrate 40 th anniversary.		



Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers, U.S. Army

A Creek Native American Indian, Lieutenant Ernest Childers is shown being congratulated by General Jacob L. Devers after receiving the Medal of Honor in Italy. Lieutenant Childers distinguished himself during an attack on an enemy machinegun nest by single-handedly wiping out two enemy snipers and taking two of the enemy nests. He served with the United States Army 45th Infantry Division during World War II.

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September 2000
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Hispanic Heritage Month (15 Sep – 15 Oct)					1 1979: Hazel W. Johnson becomes first African - American woman general officer upon becoming Chief, Army Nurse Corps.	2 1993: William Shao Chang Chen, U.S. Army, the first Chinese - American major general, retires this month.
3 1982: Roscoe Robinson, Jr. becomes first African American to be promoted to 4 - star general in US Army.	4 1943: 442 ^d Regimental Combat Team lands in Italy. Over a thousand Purple Hearts were earned by the battalion. Labor Day	5 1956: Army Special Forces member and military physician Paul Steven Chang born.	6 1946: Army PFC Carlos James Lozada, Medal of Honor recipient (Vietnam War), is born in Caguas, PR.	7 1977: During NATO exercises in Germany, 1,500 U.S. Armed Forces women participate for the first time.	8 1939: U. S. declares state of limited emergency in response to war in Europe; 625 Army and 430 Navy nurses activated.	9 1942: Nancy Harknes Love organizes 25 women pilots into WAFS this month.
10 1932: SGT Leroy A. Mendonca, U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient during Korean War, born.	11 1952: Ceremony at the White House commemorates the first issue of U.S. Postal Service stamp honoring women in the military. Rosh Hashanah	12 1979: LT Megan C. Jans becomes Pilot in Command for Army's first all-woman flight crew flying the Huey helicopter in support of NATO exercise <i>Reforger</i> .	13 1957: MAJ Kathleen W. Phillips assigned consultant, Nursing Audio-Visual Education, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC.	14 1942: Army Air Force approves WFTD program to train women to serve as ferrying pilots.	15 1950: 1Lt Baldomero Lopez, USMC, awarded Medal of Honor posthumously for bravery in action, Korea.	16 1989: PVT David Barkley recognized as the Army's first Hispanic Medal of Honor recipient. His heritage came to light 71 years after giving his life in WWI.
17 1951: PFC Herbert K. Pililaau, U.S. Army, awarded Medal of Honor for service beyond the call of duty in Korea.	18 1951: First meeting of DACOWITS held.	19 1950: 11 Navy nurses en route to assignment at Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, die in plane crash upon takeoff, Kwajalein Island.	20 1914: Dora E. Thompson appointed Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, first regular Army nurse to be so designated.	21 1989: General Colin Powell confirmed by U.S. Senate as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and first African American to be so designated.	22 1943: 2LT Ernest Childers, a Native American Creek Indian, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for extreme bravery in Italy.	23 1977: USCG <i>Morganthau</i> becomes first cutter to operate with women assigned as permanent crew.
24 1911: PVT José Nisperos becomes first Asian - Pacific American awarded a Medal of Honor for valor in action, Philippines.	25 1996: White House National Summit on Women Veteran's Issues held.	26 1948: New regular Army enlistments accepted for WAC for the first time.	27 1944: Legislative approval given permitting USCG SPARS (Semper Paratus/Always Ready) to serve overseas.	28 1977: Last WAC Officers Orientation Course graduates, Ft. McClellan, AL.	29 1985: House of Representatives approve HR 1378, granting Federal land for a memorial to women in military service.	30 1993: Polish-born General John M. D. Shalikashvili, appointed Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Rosh Hashanah



Lieutenant Colonel Carlos I. Noriega U.S. Marine Corps

Carlos Noriega, born October 8, 1959, immigrated from Lima, Peru to Santa Clara, California when he was five years old. Although he spoke no English when he arrived, he graduated from Wilcox High School, Santa Clara, California, in 1977. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the University of Southern California, 1981. He holds dual Master's degrees in computer science and space systems operations from the Naval Postgraduate School. Noriega holds the following special honors: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, Air Medal (Strike Flight Award), Navy Achievement Medal, and NASA Space Flight Medal. Selected by NASA in December 1994, Noriega reported to the Johnson Space Center in March, 1995.

He completed a year of training and evaluation and was qualified for assignment as a mission specialist in May 1996. He has had technical assignments in the Astronaut Office EVA/Robotics and Operations Planning Branches. He flew on STS-84 in 1997 and has logged over 221 hours in space. Lt. Col. Noriega will serve on the crew of STS-97, the fifth Space Shuttle mission dedicated to the assembly of the International Space Station. He is scheduled to conduct two space walks on this mission. Launch is targeted for March 2000.

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October 2000
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 1981: Mary Clark, first woman named to rank of MG, U.S. Army, retires after 36 years, the longest tenure of any woman in Army.	2 1951: Associate WAC Company Grade Officer Course initiated to obtain more women officers for Korean War this month.	3 1977: First combined male/female Army Signal Corps Class begins training, Ft. Gordon, GA.	4 1976: Early this month WAC OCS deactivated; women to attend OCS at Ft. Benning, GA.	5 1948: First WAC OCS class since end of WWII.	6 1997: NASA mission STS-86, <i>Atlantis</i> , ends successfully with CDR Wendy B. Lawrence, USN, in command.	7 1975: President Ford signs PL 94-16 mandating that women be admitted into military academies.
8 1918: 1SG Johannes S. Anderson, Finnish American in U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for combat action under fire.	9 1973: Army authorizes expansion of WAC from 23,000 to 50,000 by 1979. Yom Kippur	10 1998: USAF museum honors LTC (Ret.) Dora Doroughty Strother, WASP pilot of more than 23 types of aircraft.	11 1994: Frederick Pang sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy.	12 1966: WAC detachment established for duty in Vietnam.	13 1979: Army orders same enlistment qualifications for both women and men.	14 1929: PFC Fernando Luis Garcia, USMC, Medal of Honor recipient, born, Utuado, Puerto Rico. Sukkot
15 1948: First eight women officers on active duty sworn in as commissioned officers in the regular U.S. Navy.	16 1946: 800 th WAC Detachment arrives for service in occupied Japan.	17 1997: BG Lillian Dunlap becomes first Army woman to serve as President, Officer Promotion Board.	18 Women's Memorial 3 rd Anniversary celebrated today, Arlington National Cemetery.	19 1944: Ban on African - American women in WAVES abolished.	20 1944: USCG SPARS opened to African - American women.	21 1978: President Carter signs bill abolishing WAC this month.
22 1944: SSG Lucian Adams, U.S. Army, this month earned Medal of Honor for bravery, St. Die, France. Sinchat Torah	23 1973: BG Lillian Dunlap becomes first Army woman to serve as President, Officer Promotion Board.	24 1961: LCDR Susan Leigh Still, USN and NASA astronaut, is born.	25 1994: LT Kara Hultgreen, first woman to qualify in combat-ready F-14, and third in pilot crash, killed on approach to landing deck of USS <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> .	26 1943: First Women Marines report for duty at Camp Pendleton and El Centro, CA, this month.	27 1954: Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes first African - American general, USAF, this month.	28 1987: RADM Mary A. Fields becomes Director, Navy Nurse Corps and Deputy Commander, Personnel Management Naval Medical Command, this month.
29 1984: Congress grants Federal charter to WAC Veterans Association under PL 98-584 this month.	30 1917: Rabbi David Goldberg, first Jewish Navy chaplain, appointed LT.	31 1996: Lt Gen Carol A. Mutter becomes the first Woman Marine, and only second woman in history of Armed Forces, to wear 3 stars.	National Disability Month			



Private First Class Ira H. Hayes, USMC, Pima Native American

Ira Hayes, shown here in 1943 at age nineteen at Marine Corps Paratroop School, earned fame for being the only Native American and one of six Marine flag-raisers at Iwo Jima, later memorialized in the famous Marine Corps bronze memorial near Arlington National Cemetery. Three of those six Marines subsequently lost their lives, and Hayes remained a reluctant and modest hero because the surviving Marines did not receive the same recognition.

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November 2000
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Native-American History Month			1 1978: BG Mary E. Clark, U.S. Army, promoted to major general, the first woman to achieve this rank. All Saint's Day	2 1988: First meeting of Minority Officers Association, an organization dedicated to improving minority and female officer recruiting and status.	3 1948: Col Katherine A. Towle appointed first Director, Women Marines.	4 1977: PL 95-202 passes this month giving WASPs veteran status.	
	5 1950: Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a Winnebago Indian and corporal, earns Medal of Honor for defending his company in Korea, until fatally wounded. Awarded posthumously.	6 1978: This month men and women began joint basic training.	7 1942: Commandant of Marine Corps approves inclusion of women in Marine Corps Reserve, and to be called Marines.	8 1967: President Johnson signs PL 90-130, opening positions for women to general and flag ranks, and removes the 2 percent ceiling on women on active duty.	9 1995: Cheryl Stearns, first woman member, U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, breaks 3 world records; completes 24 hours of continuous skydiving.	10 1988: ENS Joy D. Warner becomes first woman to earn her Wings of Gold through the newly reinstated NAVCAD program. Veterans Day (observed)	11 1986: First national memorial honoring Native American veterans dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery by the Vietnam Era Veterans. Veterans Day
	12 1930: Pvt Eugene Arnold Obregón, USMC, Medal of Honor recipient (Korean War), born in Los Angeles, CA.	13 1933: USAF Major General and surgeon Vernon Chong born.	14 1988: Army announces women eligible to fill additional 31,287 jobs in active forces, 6,274 in National Guard, and 1,736 in Reserves.	15 1917: The first Regimental Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Elkan Cohen, commissioned as Army Chaplain 1LT .	16 1983: "Women in Military" corridor at the Pentagon dedicated.	17 1945: 60 th and last WAC OCS class graduates, Ft. Des Moines, IA.	18 1943: WAC members become eligible for GI insurance this month.
	19 1956: Lt Col Eileen Marie Collins, USAF and NASA astronaut born.	20 1967: PFC Carlos James Lozada, U. S. Army, posthumously awarded Medal of Honor for action during heavy assault, Vietnam.	21 1977: This month PL 95-773 establishes USCG Reserve (SPARS).	22 1994: Company at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, becomes first group to complete mixed-gender basic training under gender integrated policy.	23 1942: President Roosevelt signs PL 772 creating the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard. Thanksgiving Day	24 1946: 825 th WAC Battalion arrives for service with Far East Command, Tokyo Japan.	25 1954: Army PFC Charles George, a Cherokee Indian, posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for covering a grenade with his body, thus saving his comrades in Korea.
	26 1944: This month Japanese - American 442 ^d undertook the historic "lost battalion" mission in France; 200 killed, 600 wounded.	27 1991: COL Nancy R. Adams promoted to brigadier general, and sworn in as nineteenth Chief, Army Nurse Corps.	28 1944: SSG Marcio Garcia, U.S. Army, earns Medal of Honor for action as a squad leader, Germany. Ramadan begins	29 1977: Evelyn P. Foote becomes Commander, 2 nd Basic Training Battalion, Fort McClellan, AL, this month.	30 1999: DOD honors Comanche Indian Charles Chibitty, last surviving member of elite Comanche 'Code Talkers' in WWII.		

First African American WAVES

Lieutenant (junior grade) Harriet Ida Pickens and Ensign Frances Willes, became the first two African-American WAVES to be commissioned in December, 1944. They were members of the first graduating class at the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Northampton, Massachusetts.

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December 2000
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					1 1991: BG Nancy R. Adams appointed Chief, Army Nurse Corps.	2 1942: First two African - American WAAC companies complete basic training.
3 1948: Mary Agnes Hallaren becomes first woman to be a regular Army officer. 1st Sunday of Advent	4 1943: Executive Order 45 issued exempting Koreans from alien status, thus granting them the right to serve in the U.S. military.	5 1968: COL Maxine B. Hichle becomes first WAC Center and WAC School Commander to hold rank of colonel.	6 1945: Ruth Cheney Streeter resigns as Director, Marine Corps Women's Reserve.	7 1973: Congress passes legislation permitting women to serve on active duty in USCG.	8 1967: Congress passes PL 90-130; equal promotion and retirement rules for men and women officers.	9 1906: RADM Grace Hopper, U.S. Navy, born.
10 1943: "Molly Marine," first statue of a woman in uniformed service, USMC, dedicated, New Orleans, LA.	11 1990: SGT Marie Elliott, becomes one of the first members of a National Guard unit called to active duty in the Gulf War.	12 1980: Defense Officer Personnel Management Act signed; women officers in all service branches on same pay schedule as men.	13 1944: Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances E. Willis become first African - American women sworn into the Navy as WAVEs.	14 1950: Anna M. Rosenberg confirmed as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel.	15 1943: First Chinese - American officer in U.S. Marine Corps, Wilbur Carl Sze, commissioned as 2Lt.	16 1995: USS <i>Benfold</i> delivered earlier this month; it is the first Navy ship built to fully accommodate the integration of women.
17 1943: President Roosevelt signs repeal of Chinese Exclusion Act, resulting in the draft of 14,000 Chinese Americans.	18 1948: 199 WAC officers appointed to regular Army – the first such increment since women were integrated into regular service.	19 1997: RADM Marsha J. Evans, first female Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School, relinquishes command.	20 1941: Congressional resolution allows almost unlimited enlistment and employment of Filipino Americans in war effort.	21 1952: Pamela Davis Dorman, first woman Navy chaplain to serve with Marines, born.	22 1976: WAC Center and School, Ft. McClellan, AL, closed after 22 years this month. Chanukkah begins	23 1941: Army nurses ordered to evacuate Manila.
24 1975: Army authorizes admission of women to Army OCS training, Ft. Benning, GA.	25 1941: Five Navy nurses on Guam become Japanese POWs this month; repatriated in August, 1942. Christmas Day	26 1967: First two WAC officers selected for Army War College this month. Kwanzaa begins	27 1991: Presidential Commission on Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces established this month. Ramadan ends	28 1990: LCDR Darlene M. Iskra, Navy, installed as Commander of the USS <i>Opportune</i> salvage vessel. Chanukkah ends	29 1958: MAJ Nancy Currie, U.S. Army and space shuttle astronaut, born.	30 1977: Army Combat Exclusion Policy keeps women out of specialties or units that involve direct combat.
31 1933: LTG Akin Ono born in Honolulu, HI; later becomes highest ranking Asian American in U.S. Army.						

Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute: Year 2000 Calendar Celebrating Diversity in the Uniformed Services

This calendar highlights the diversity and multiculturalism of the United States uniformed services in the twentieth century. The calendar identifies significant instances in which minorities, including women and other under-represented groups, have advanced pluralism and democracy in America through their dedication and service. Every attempt has been made to include the widest possible spectrum of these groups, all of whom have contributed substantially to the development of, and excellence in, all branches of the uniformed services.

In many ways, this calendar serves as a historical narrative of the involvement and contributions made by America's diverse population to the defense and progress of the nation. One hope for this calendar is to provide a continuum and a way of thinking about how diversity and multiculturalism informs and reflects society in the United States. In this regard, the individuals mentioned herein have helped shape what the military was in the twentieth century, and will be in the twenty-first century. It should be noted that some individuals are mentioned more than once because their career achievements have been multiple and are defined by continual development. Other individuals or groups are distinguished by single, although no less significant, acts. For example, Native American and Hispanic Medal of Honor winners have been included, as are major "firsts," such as the first African-American brigadier general, the first all-female flight crew, or the first Chinese-American major general. Religious minorities, such as Muslims and Jews are also represented. Other dates mark milestones in policy, such as the integration of the Armed Services. Because of space limitations, the calendar is representative rather than inclusive, and thus may not mention many worthy individuals and groups. It is hoped that the calendar will encourage readers to examine their own experiences with cultural diversity over time and in this year.

According to March 1999 figures from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, racial-ethnic minorities (defined as African American, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American/Alaskan Natives) and women, account for almost 44 percent of the total active duty forces, a figure which will increase substantially over the next several decades, and one that makes recognizing a shared history in the uniformed services all the more important.

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