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DEOMI RELEASES 2016 HOLOCAUST 'DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE' POSTER

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), proudly announces original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website, www.deomi.org.

This year, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance week will be observed from May 1 – 8, 2016. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Thursday, May 5, 2016. This is observed each year during the week of Remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday,

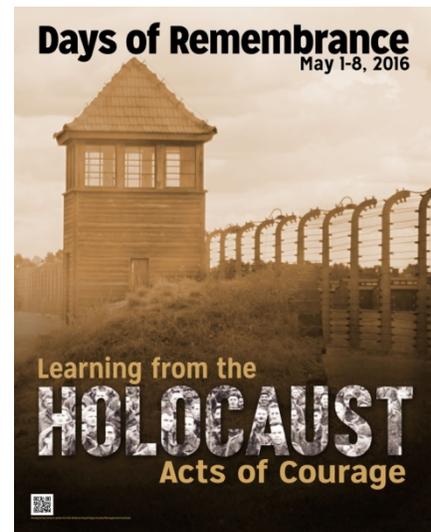
The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, (USHMM) (<http://www.ushmm.org>), as a permanent, living memorial to those victims.

According to the USHMM, the Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire."

The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were "racially superior" and that the Jews, deemed "inferior," were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community.

In 1980, Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the Museum. The Council, which succeeded the President's Commission on the Holocaust, was charged with carrying out the following recommendations:

- That a living memorial be established to honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust will be taught in perpetuity.
- That an educational foundation be established to stimulate and support research in the teaching of the Holocaust.
- That a Committee on Conscience be established to collect information on and alert the national conscience regarding reports of actual or potential outbreaks of genocide throughout the world.
- That a national day of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust be established in perpetuity and be held annually.



Ms. Dawn Smith, a member of the DEOMI Observance Month Team, described this year's Days of Remembrance poster, saying "The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum provides a wide-selection of materials covering many themes allowing communities to choose a focus for a commemoration for their specific needs. DEOMI, as a teaching institute, decided on the theme: "Learning from the Holocaust: Acts of Courage," to showcase the impact just one individual can have.

The guard tower is reflective of not only the concentrations camp used to kill millions of Jews and others but also detention and forced labor camps for allied prisoners of war (POWs). Depicted in the word Holocaust are images of U.S. soldiers held in Stalag IX-A which included Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds who through his individual act of courage, saved over 200 U.S. Jewish POWs. Despite trying times and at their own personal risk, there were people during the Holocaust who still chose to do what was right. For additional information on Master Sergeant Edmonds story, see the DEOMI Days of Remembrance PowerPoint presentation."

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Please note that you may take the hi-resolution poster image file accompanying this news release to your preferred printing facility for display in your organization or use during your special observance program.

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In addition, please check out our website for a wide variety of new products we've prepared to help our EO/EEO professionals in the field with their support of the special observance and awareness months, in addition to the standard poster, PowerPoint, and Facts of the Day items previously used.

Here are just a few of the upgrades we are working on at the present time.

- Templates which can be easily tailored to meet specific organizational needs.
- Themed Mini-poster with facts.
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- Information Database (facts, quotes, photos, etc.) which can be used in a variety of ways.
- Themed Invitation / Thank You card template.
- Generic Thank You card template
- Themed Activity Book
- Themed Book Mark

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