



## NEWS RELEASE

**DEOMI RELEASES 2016 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH POSTER  
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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of National Women's History Month, celebrated each year during the month of March; the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website at [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org).



National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate historic achievements of women. By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme.

This year's theme, ***“Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government,”*** highlights 16 women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership.

Each year, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) selects a theme that highlights achievements by distinguished women.

This presentation features 2016 Honoree, Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, a pioneering military leader who helped define women's initial role in the U.S. Army during World War II.

By 1941, as the United States edged closer to entering World War II, men were being drafted for military service—the first peacetime draft in American history.

During that time, as many as 10,000 letters a day poured into the capital from women seeking to support the war effort by whatever means they could.

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. All DEOMI special observance poster images are high-resolution and may be used to print posters up to 30 X 40 inches. DEOMI does not have the capability to print posters and mail them out to customers upon request. All DEOMI observance month poster files are in the public domain unless otherwise indicated.

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.

- Several of them are templates which can be easier tailored by the user to meet their specific organizational needs.
- Themed Mini-poster with facts.
- Themed Mini-poster templates.
- 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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