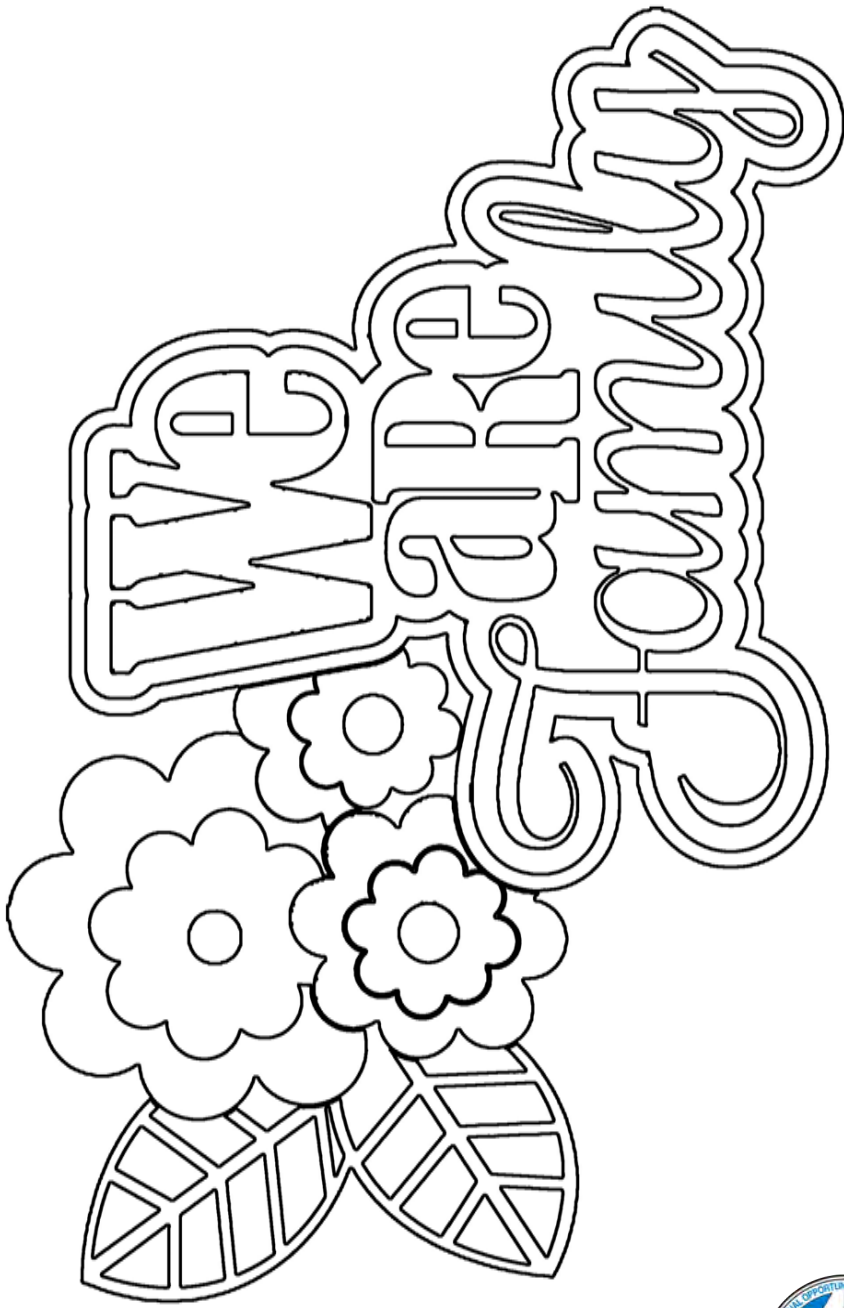


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The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity.

Each February, we honor the contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history with African American History/ Black History Month.



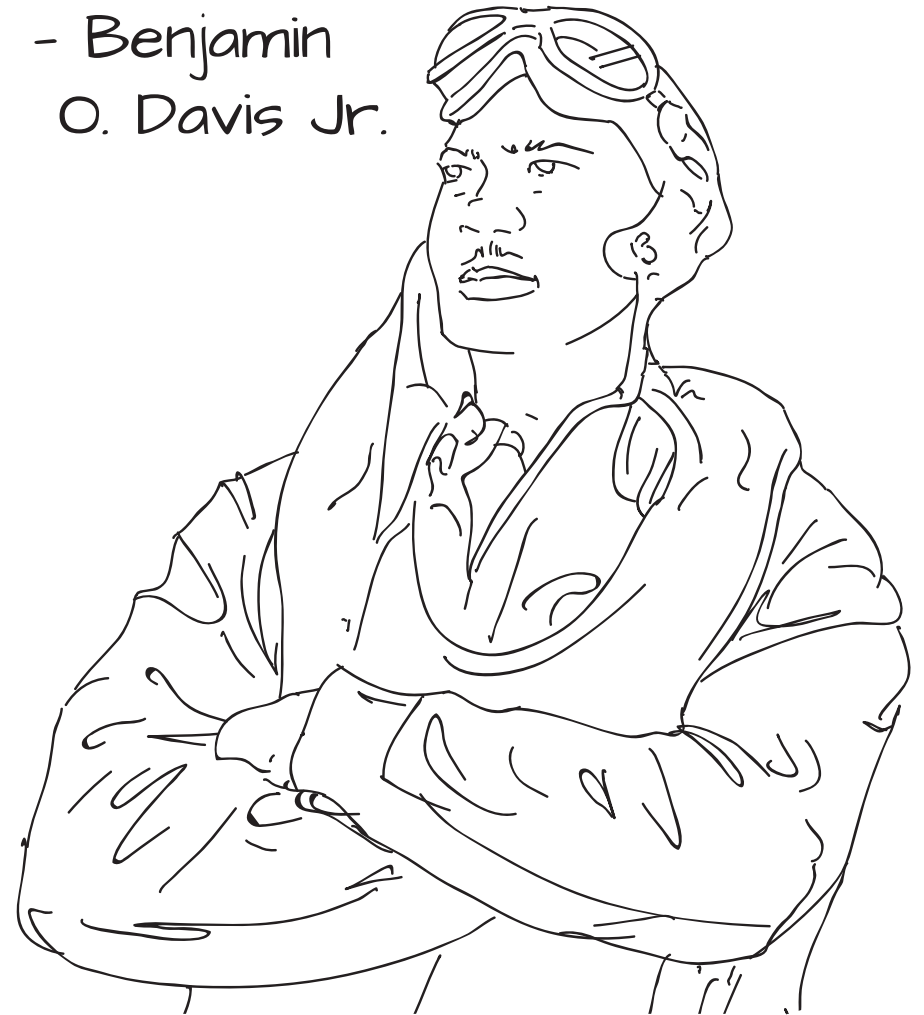
The annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans is associated with **Dr. Carter G. Woodson**.

In 1915, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

In 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated the celebration of Negro History Week, which encompassed the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

"The privileges of being an American belong to those brave enough to fight for them."

- Benjamin
O. Davis Jr.



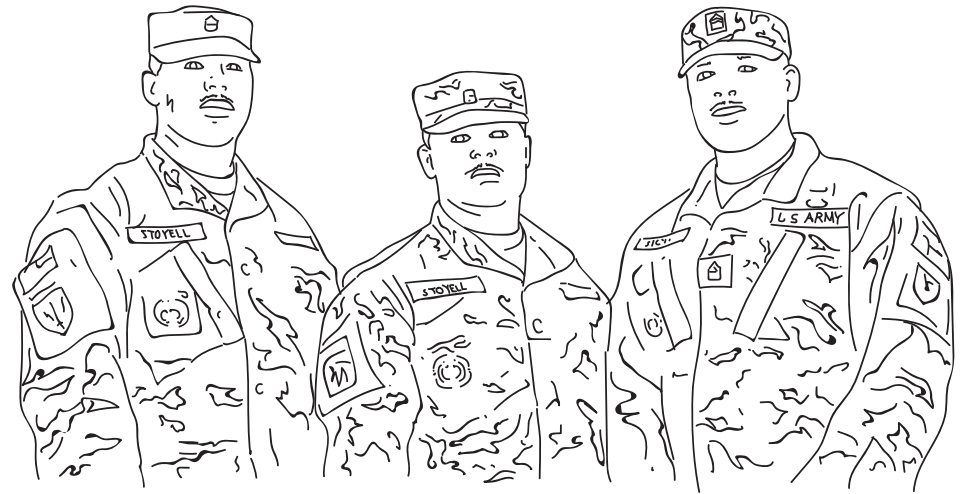


Emily Perez, a 23-year-old, born to a military family, was part of the ‘Class of 9/11’: the class that entered the U.S. Military Academy almost simultaneously with the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

As Brigade Command Sergeant Major, she held the distinction of being the highest-ranking minority woman in the history of the Academy.

After her commissioning, Perez, a platoon leader, was killed while patrolling southern Iraq near Najaf in 2006 when a roadside bomb exploded under her Humvee.

She was the first female graduate of West Point to die in Iraq.



Sgt. 1st Class Davin Stovell saw a job posted on the Army’s Tour of Duty website, Wanted: Military instructors within a Training and Advising Detachment for a Security Cooperation Organization working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He knew it was a perfect fit, not only for himself, but also for his brothers, Staff Sergeants Daryl and Daniel.

Five generations of the Stovell family have served in the Army, starting with their great-grandfather. Altogether, the family has completed nine combat tours

“Right now we have four sons, a daughter and a grandson in the Army,” said Donell Sr. “We also have a daughter that is a teacher, so all our kids serve their country. It’s our family’s ultimate sacrifice. I don’t brag about it or boast about it, but I am really proud of them all.”

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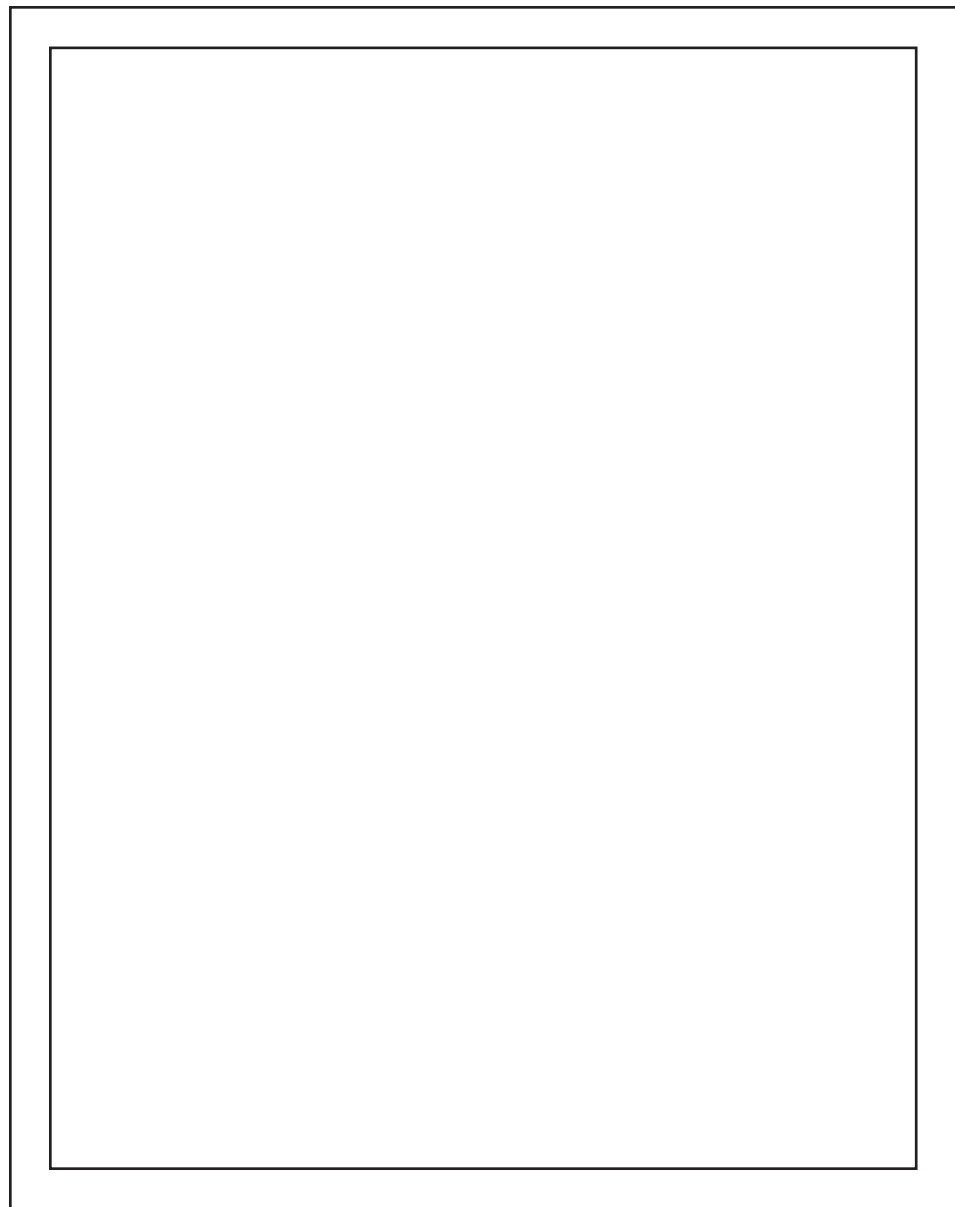
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Your favorite family memory:



“My Family”