

REPRESENTATION • IDENTITY • DIVERSITY



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- Dorothy Height

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The BLACK FAMILY

THE BLACK FAMILY OF THE FUTURE WILL FOSTER
OUR LIBERATION, ENHANCE OUR SELF-ESTEEM,
AND SHAPE OUR IDEAS AND GOALS.

FEBRUARY



Department of Defense 2021 Black History Month Poster

Poster Description: The Department of Defense 2021 Black History Month theme is, The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity. The 2021 Black History Month poster consists of light blue-grey background. The poster's center consists of five overlapping circles of various sizes. Three of the circles are large and contain either graphics or text, and two are smaller solid colored, empty circles underlain beneath them. A slight blue-grey border background color outlines each circle.

At the top left is a large circle. Arced above the upper left of the large top circle in capitalized white text are three words from the observance theme. Each word is separated from the others by a solid white dot. The text reads, REPRESENTATION • IDENTITY • DIVERSITY.

Below and slightly imposed upon the large top circle is another large circle. Within these two large circles are the drawings of nine people. The top large circle contains the drawings of five people. The bottom circle contains four people. The lower torso from the people in the top circle also appear at the top of the bottom circle.

The people in the top circle include a middle-aged woman, a teenage boy, an older man, an older woman, and a middle-aged man. The middle-aged woman has long black hair and wears a lavender blouse and a blue undershirt. Her right hand is grasping the boy's upper right arm. The teenage boy has short brown hair and wears a light blue shirt; his arms are crossed. The older man has grey hair and beard and is wearing a black suit with a white shirt and a dark blue tie. The older woman has grey curly hair and is wearing a light blue shirt. The middle-aged man is wearing a Navy-styled uniform with a white and blue service cap with gold insignia, navy jacket with gold buttons, a white shirt, and a black tie.

The people in the bottom circle consist of a young woman, a young man holding a baby, and a young girl. The young woman has short black hair and is wearing a blue Air Force-styled overseas cap, blue uniform, white shirt, and a female blue tie. The young man has short black hair and is wearing a Marines/Army-style camouflage utility uniform and cap. He is holding a baby wearing a light blue cap and outfit. The young girl has long brown hair tied up in pigtails and is wearing a yellow-beige shirt and black shorts. She is clasping her hands at her waist. Towards the right and behind the middle two large circles is another dark blue-grey filled circle. Within this circle is the following quote in blue-grey colored text spread across 17 lines: "I think of my life as a unity of circles. Some are concentric, others overlap, but they all connect in some way. Sometimes the connections don't happen for years. But when they do, I marvel. As a shimmering kaleidoscope, familiar patterns keep unfolding." - Dorothy Height

Arced at the bottom right beneath this circle in white capitalized text is the observance month, BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

To the right of the top large circle is a smaller, solid, yellow-beige filled accent circle. Below the three large circles is a smaller, solid, pink-grey filled accent circle.

Centered below in large dark gray capitalized text is the beginning of the observance theme, THE BLACK FAMILY. Beneath the theme in smaller, white capitalized text is the phrase spread across three lines, THE BLACK FAMILY OF THE FUTURE WILL FOSTER OUR LIBERATION, ENHANCE OUR SELF-ESTEEM, AND SHAPE OUR IDEAS AND GOALS.

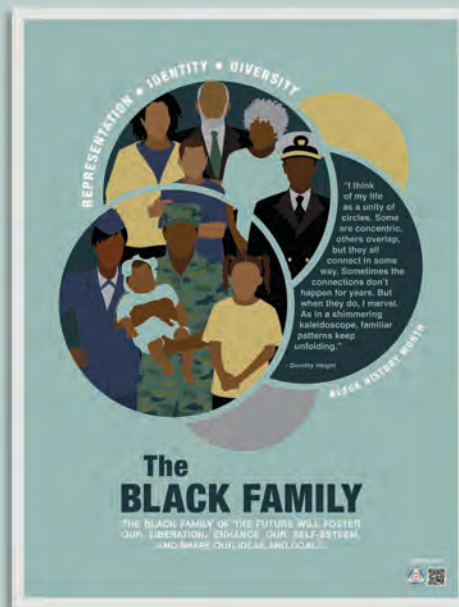
At the bottom right corner of the poster is the observance month in white capitalized text, FEBRUARY. Beneath the observance month is the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) seal and a quick response code (QRC) seal which links to the DEOMI website, www.defenseculture.mil.

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FACTS

Each February, we recognize African American/Black History Month to honor the contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history through times of peace and conflict.

The observance is mandated by Public Law 99-244.

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 (ASALH).

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

President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Over the years, the ASALH themes have reflected changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the Black community.

The 2021 theme is: The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity. The Black family has been a topic of study in many disciplines—history, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy.

On military installations around the world, the Department of Defense joins in paying tribute to African Americans' contributions to protecting the nation and enriching our culture.