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SUBJECT: 2017 Department of Defense Women's History Month Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating March 2017 as Women's History Month. Women of the highest caliber have served in the Nation and DoD for generations and continue to pave the way for the future. Their sacrifices, professionalism, and bravery set and exceed the standard, and illustrate their dedication and willingness to share in service to our Nation.

Throughout our history, women have served our country with valor, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War, to the deserts of Iraq, and mountains of Afghanistan. These women, military and civilian, continue to make great strides and break down barriers within DoD. Women now serve as leaders at every level and can serve in every career field. These achievements make the Department much stronger and add to the advancement of diversity and inclusion.

We are grateful for the foundation that women have established and for their continued efforts to build upon those achievements. We honor them for their contributions and invaluable service. I encourage all to celebrate Women's History Month by acknowledging the diversity and strength women contribute to the Total Force.

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