



February 2015

**African American/ Black History Month
“A Century of Black Life, History and Culture”**

Each February, the Army honors the remarkable contributions of African American men and women in the building of our great Nation. This year as we recognize “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture,” we celebrate the profound resilience and perseverance of past generations and the realization of dreams shared by many Americans today. African Americans from all walks of life have long served as champions of social and political change and it is the privilege of our Nation to pay tribute to that rich legacy.

The United States Army has long been a model for embracing the strengths of cultural diversity. For countless generations, outstanding African Americans both Soldiers and Civilians have given unselfishly of their time and talent to ensure the success and vibrancy of the Nation.

During African American History Month, we ask our entire Army Family to publically commemorate the significant contributions that help make our Army what is today – the premiere fighting force in the world. Army Strong!

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