

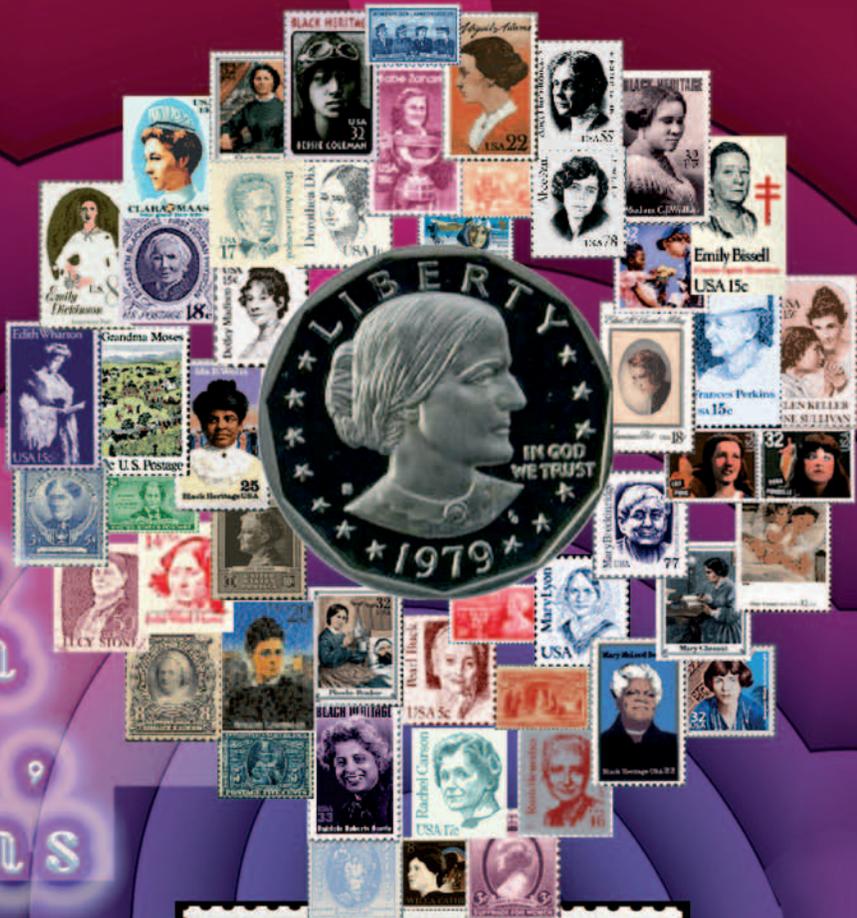
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African-American/Black History February 1-28

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month.” What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied—or even documented—when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Blacks Absent from History Books

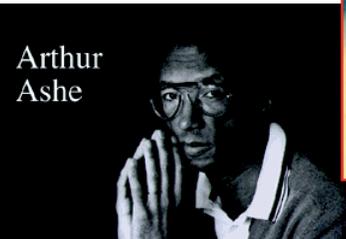
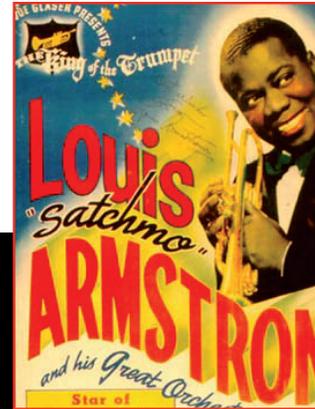
The celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, is due in part to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Established Journal of Negro History

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation’s history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Famous African-American Quotes

Man, if you gotta ask you’ll never know.
Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong
(1900-1971)
reply when asked what jazz is



Arthur Ashe

Racism is not an excuse to not do the best you can. **Arthur Ashe (1943-1993)**
Sports Illustrated, July 1991

I was born in Harlem, raised in the South Bronx, went to public school, got out of public college, went into the Army, and then I just stuck with it. **Colin Powell (1937-)**



Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership. **Colin Powell (1937 -)**



You ask me what I’d like to do that I haven’t done and I say ‘Nothin’! I haven’t any mountains to climb or oceans to swim. I’ve been an extremely blessed individual. I’m not clamorin’ for more trinkets. If I were to die tomorrow, I could say I’ve had a good life. **Ray Charles (1930-2004)**

I never wanted to be famous. I only wanted to be great. **Ray Charles (1918-2004)**

Women's History Month March 1-31

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. We chose the week of March 8 to make International Women's Day the focal point of the observance. The activities that were held met with enthusiastic response, and within a few years dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week, over one-hundred community women participated in the Community Resource Women Project, an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries, and we were staging a marvelous annual parade and program in downtown Santa Rosa, California.

The Entire Month of March

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Each year, programs and activities in schools, workplaces, and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

Growing Interest in Women's History

The popularity of women's history celebrations has sparked a new interest in uncovering women's forgotten heritage. A President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in History in America recently sponsored hearings in many sections of the country. It took reports about effective activities and institutions that are promoting women's history awareness and heard recommendations for programs still needed. The Women's Progress Commission will soon begin hearings to ascertain appropriate methods for identifying and then preserving sites of importance to American women's history. In many areas, state historical societies, women's organizations, and groups such as the Girl Scout of the USA have worked

together to develop joint programs. Under the guidance of the National Women's History Project, educators, workplace program planners, parents and community organizations in thousands of American communities have turned National Women's History Month into a major focal celebration, and a springboard for celebrating women's history all year 'round.

The 2005, Women's History Month theme, "Women Change America," honors and recognizes the role of American women in transforming culture, history and politics as leaders, writers, scientists, educators, politicians, artists, historians, and informed citizens. "Women Change America" also celebrates the myriad ways in which the spirit, courage, and contributions of American women have added to the vitality, richness, and diversity of American life. In 2005, all previous Women's History Week and Month Honorees will be recognized and celebrated as we explore how "Women Change America."

Women Shaping History

Abigail Adams (1744-1818) *Women Rights Advocate*

Susan B. Anthony (1820- 1906) *Women's Rights Activist, Suffragist*

Clara Barton (1821- 1912) *Nurse, American Red Cross Founder*

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) *Pioneering Aviator*

Helen Keller (1880-1968) *Advocate for Disadvantaged*

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) *Humanitarian*

Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994) *Olympic Athlete*

Harriet Tubman (1820-1913) *Fugitive Slave, Rescuer of Slaves*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-) *Supreme Court Justice*

Gertrude B. Elion (1918-1999) *Nobel Prize Biologist*

Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) *Artist*

Juliette Low (1860-1927) *Founder of Girl Scouts USA*

Brigadier General Leonard Visits CEB-QA

On 5 Jan 05, BG Kevin Leonard, visited the Combat Equipment Battalion – Qatar. The purpose of his visit was to meet with the Soldiers, civilians, and contractors and receive an orientation on our mission, capabilities, facilities and most importantly, understand our contributions to the Warfighter in support of OEF, OIF and HOA.

At the onset of his visit, he hosted a promotion ceremony in recognition of CW4(P) Ray Torres, CEB-QA who joined the elite ranks of Chief Warrant Officer Five. This accomplishment recognizes Chief Torres' 29 years of active service and future potential to serve our Nation in the most demanding and challenging assignments. In this new role, he joins a small and select group of warrant officer's responsible for mentoring and teaching our junior warrant officer's and Soldiers as he helps mold the future leaders of this great Army in which we serve.



Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard presents the certificate of promotion to Chief Warrent Officer Ray Torres.

Following the promotion, BG Leonard then received the CEB-QA command brief from LTC Buonerba who

discussed the unit's mission, organization, capabilities, and past/current accomplishments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. "Our primary mission is the receipt, inspection, repair, retrograde, and reissue of Army equipment and supplies to units serving in both OEF and OIF, said SFC (P) Roberts, of CEB-QA." We accomplish this important task through a dedicated workforce of Soldiers, DA civilians and contractors from ITT and Stanley who are all committed to serving the needs of the Warfighter as we continue to fight the war on terrorism.

A tour of CEB-QA's facilities ensued that highlighted our capabilities and achievements in the areas of supply, maintenance, ammunition, medical, TMDE, port operations and tenant unit support. Since Jan 2004, CEB-QA has repaired over two

thousand pieces of equipment that was issued to units directly supporting the war effort. Some of these key items included: wheeled/tracked vehicles, ground support equipment items, trailers, and A/C units, heaters, pumps etc... To accomplish these tasks, we successfully and safely executed numerous SPOD and APOD missions. The "availability and



ITT Track shop supervisor Robert McConell discusses the 6 cyl Turbocharged 275HP engine used on the M113A3 with Brig. Gen. Leonard

close proximity of a viable seaport and airfield are keys to our success" said SFC Shawn Lewis, Supply Supervisor/Transportation Coordinator. "We are dependent upon these key lines of communication to keep supplies and equipment flowing, he said."

The visit concluded with BG Leonard presenting coins to CEB-QA Soldiers thanking them for their



Brig. Gen. Leonard presents commander's coins to (L-R) Sgt. 1st Class (P) Cassman, Staff Sgt. (P) Johnston and Sgt. (P) Davis.

dedication and commitment in support of the Warfighter. He applauded our efforts in the repair and return of M1A1 Tanks,

HMMWV's, M113A3's and M900 series trucks acknowledging that the work we do is vital to the war effort and serves as a combat multiplier in support of theater requirements.

Article by Lt. Col. Jon Buonerba

31K Donated During Combined Federal Campaign 2004

According to the mission statement the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) program is to promote and support philanthropy through an employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective manner providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

CFC is the largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign each year. More than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally help to raise millions of dollars. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season September 1 to December 15 support eligible non-profit organization that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

Community Area Project Officer, 1 Lt. Mark Corn coordinated the CFC project this year at Camp As Sayliyah. Over \$31,000 dollars were raised, nearly triple of last year's donation. Thank you to the following individuals:
HHC: Sgt. Glenda Bush and 1st Sgt. Adrian Hamrick

354th MEDLOG: 1Lt. James Wood and Staff Sgt. Johnny Carrillo

SOCCENT: Master Sgt. Oghogho and Sgt. 1st Class Garrett

336th Finance: Spc. Tyler Nelson

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Community Area Project Officer: 1Lt Mark Corn

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CEB-QA Welcomes New CEA

Combat Equipment Battalion – Qatar (CEB-QA) welcomed its newest member on 23 January 2005 when Mr. Jesse Reyes officially assumed duties as the new Civilian Executive Assistant. In this capacity, Mr. Reyes serves as the commander's executive assistant responsible for managing all functions of the battalion's mission from supply, maintenance, transportation, personnel, budget, equipment, contracting, facilities etc.

Mr. Reyes joins us with a wealth of knowledge in logistics management and over eight years experience working in the Middle East

within Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar. His wife Dorrette, son Jason and daughters Mary, Ashley and Devon reside in the United States.



Mr. Jesse Reyes, Executive Assistant with the Combat Equipment Battalion.

Article by Lt. Col. Jon Buonerba

Quilt Donation to Camp As Sayliyah

A quilt representing a community's commitment to supporting the Armed Forces in Qatar and surrounding area was donated in a presentation 02 February 2005. Mrs. Donna Shore of Tennessee included panels representing each branch of the Armed Forces. The quilt was signed by several members of the community including former military personnel, volunteers and well wishing citizens. The quilt now hangs in the DFAC in tribute to all Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines serving in the Armed Forces.



Photo by Clayton Grusing

(L-R)Command Sgt. Maj. William "Wade" Gunter, Bob Shore, Donna Shore and Commander Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Corbett

Americans / Qataris Square off in Soccer Competition

In the opening match of the soccer championship between the American Armed Forces; comprised of Soldiers from Camp As Sayliyah and and airmen from Al Udied and the Qatari Land Forces, the Qatari Land Forces prevailed 12/0.

The teams kicked off in a local stadium in Doha, Qatar, marking the start of the first of five game series. The Qataris demonstrated their



Photo by Clayton Grusing

skill for the game scoring the first goal within the first minute of the start of the game and went on to score three more goals before the end of the half.

"I Look forward to our upcoming sporting events."

Hani Abukishk,
American Armed Forces Team Captain

Unfortunately the second half of the game was a repeat of the first with the Qatari Land Force scoring eight more times before the final whistle blew.

American Armed Forces Team Captain, Hani



Photo by Clayton Grusing

**American Armed Forces Team,
Doha, Qatar**

Abukishk responded, "This match marked a historical turning point in the US/Qatari military relationship by fostering a spirit of competitive sportsmanship in our first ever official sports event." He went on to say, "I look forward to our upcoming sporting events."

Article by Jamie L. Whipp

Community Services

Catholic Services

Weekdays

Mon-Thur: 1200 hrs at B120

Weekends

Sat: 1700 hrs at B120

Sun: 0900 hrs at B120

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 1530 hrs at B120

Sun: 0800 hrs at B120

AND *by Appointment*

Protestant Services

General Protestant Service: 1030 hrs at Bldg 120

Church of Christ Service: 1900 hrs at Bldg 120

*Chapel fellowship: Joint Protestant & Catholic
1000 hrs at Bldg 120*

Offices & Services

American Embassy	488-4101
APO	432-2256
Chaplin	432-2198
Clinic	432-3508
Finance	432-2824

Hours of Operation

Saturday-Thursday / 0800-1130
1300-1630

Friday 1300-1630

Housing	432-2351
Legal Assistance	432-2409
Operator	432-1110
OTB (overseas travel bureau)	460-8287
Public Affairs	432-2572
Photographer	432-3400
Postal Package Pickup	432-2807

Post Office

Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday / 0800-1200
1300-1730

Sunday 1300-1730

S-1 (Personnel)	432-2251
MWR	432-4337
Transportation	432-2195
(In/Outbound)	
Tricare Rep	460-8330