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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Women's History Month - March 2007

The National Women's History Project (NWHF), an educational nonprofit organization, named Women's History Month's theme for 2007, *Generations of Women Moving History Forward*. The 2007 Honorees represent many generations of women who with their amazing intelligence, talent, courage and tenacity testify to the myriad ways that generations of women have moved history forward.

Among those honorees are military leaders, attorneys, lawmakers, and advocates for women's rights, civil rights, and rights of the underprivileged. This group represents the many generations of women whose intelligence, talent, courage, and tenacity evidences the innumerable ways in which women have moved this nation forward.

We honor the diversity of great women who have made incredible strides in the fields of education, medicine, technology, science, music, public and community service and space exploration. We give special recognition to those women who have devoted themselves to educating our military dependents and those in our military service who have dedicated themselves to the defense of our nation security.

The 2007 Honorees of Nation Women's History Month are:

- Lupe Anguiano, protector of the earth and activist for the poor;
- Virginia Foster Durr, civil rights activist and author;
- Matilda Joselyn Gage, activist, theorist, and historian);
- Martha Wright Griffiths, Congresswoman who successfully added sex as a protected class in the 1964 Civil Rights Act;
- **Rebecca S. Halstead, Commanding General, 3rd Corps Support Command, Wiesbaden, Germany;**
- Barbara Haney Irvine, founding President, Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc.;
- Brownie Ledbetter, civil rights advocate and activist working for equal opportunity for all people;
- Suzanne Lewis, first woman Superintendent in the History of Yellowstone National Park;

- Monique Mehta, Executive Director of the Third Wave Foundation;
- Constance Baker Motley, first African-American woman appointed to the Federal Judiciary;
- Toshi Reagon, singer songwriter, blending every American style of music;
- Joanelle Romero, launched Red Nation Media internet and television channel;
- Mary Ruthsdotter, co-founder of the NWHP; and
- Minnijean Brown Trickey, civil rights activist who integrated Central High School in 1957.

To learn more about this year's nominees, visit the National Women's History Project site at <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/honorees.php>.

Please join me in celebrating National Women's History Month by participating in planned events that are taking place in your area. I encourage all DoD schools in Europe to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to remember throughout the year the many voices and stories of courageous women who have made our nation strong.

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