



VFW Honors National Black History Month

The VFW takes the opportunity to celebrate Black Americans' legacy of valor and contributions to the nation

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to join the nation in honoring the profound contributions, resiliency and patriotism of Black American service members, veterans and their families during the month of February, National Black History Month.

While initially observed as a weeklong commemoration, it was President Gerald Ford who, in 1976, issued the first official observance and the establishment of Black History Month.

Dating back to the birth of our nation, Black Americans have served in every conflict, often defending freedoms that they were not fully afforded at home. From the courageous Buffalo Soldiers and the pioneering Tuskegee Airmen to the men and women currently serving today, their fight for democracy has helped fundamentally shape the strength of the U.S. Armed Forces.

This February, we encourage all citizens to move beyond simple observation by learning the stories of heroes like Doris Miller, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and the countless unsung Black service members who have stood the watch. The more than 1.3 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary salute the indelible legacy of Black Americans in uniform, and we honor their bravery and continued service which helps to secure our way of life.

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