NATIONAL

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Established in 1926 as Negro History Week, President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration in 1976 to include the entire month of February. This year, Navy commands are encouraged to celebrate and reflect on the theme "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture."

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SAILORS



fought on every every kind of Union warship, accounting for

of each ship's crew

and included

MEDAL OF HONOR

CIVIL WAR 1861 - 1865

THE GOLDEN THIRTEEN



2 prior-enlisted black servicemen were commissioned as ensigns

- AND A -

QTH was made a warrant officer

ST group of black servicemen to complete officer training in the Navy and led the way for future African-Americans.

BY THE END OF THE WAR African-Americans had become Tofficers in the Navy

WORLD WAR II 1939 - 1945

DORIS MILLER



to receive the

for his act of bravery during Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941)



EDNA

- to enlist in the regular Navy to achieve the rank of
- petty officer

WESLEY A. BROWN

The FIRST Black Graduate

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY



CLASS OF 1949



1942

1948

1949

ADMIRAL J. PAUL REASON

ST Black Naval to 4 Stars



AND

assumed command of the

Atlantic Fleet

- ★ 200 warships
 - ★ 1,500 aircraft
- ★ 122,000 men & women based at 18 major shore facilities



CARL BRASHEAR

The FIRST African American

to become a





1970



to command a —

NAVY SHIP USS Theodore E. Chandler (DD 717)

NAVY WARSHIP USS Falgout (DE 324)

NAVY WARSHIP UNDER

COMBAT CONDITIONS USS Taussig (DD 746)

NAVY MAJOR COMMAND WARSHIP USS Jouett (CG29)

NUMBERED NAVY FLEET (Third Fleet)

VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVELY JR.

34 YEARS OF SERVICE (1965 - 1999)

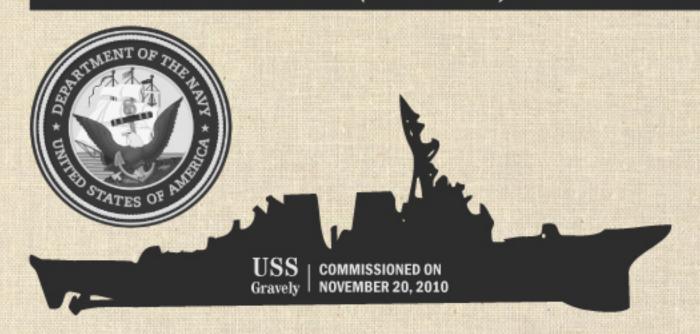
ADMIRAL MICHELLE HOWARD

FIRST African American
Woman

- to command a U.S. Navy ship
- promoted to two-star and three-star admiral
- ★ to serve as Vice Chief of Naval Operations
- to be a four-star admiral



1982 - PRESENT



AFRICAN AMERICANS

continue to serve with distinction

now comprising more than

of our active duty Navy total force end-strength