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FEBRUARY 5, 2016

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EQUALITY OF TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE ARMED SERVICES

WHEREAS it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense:



9981: Ending military segregation

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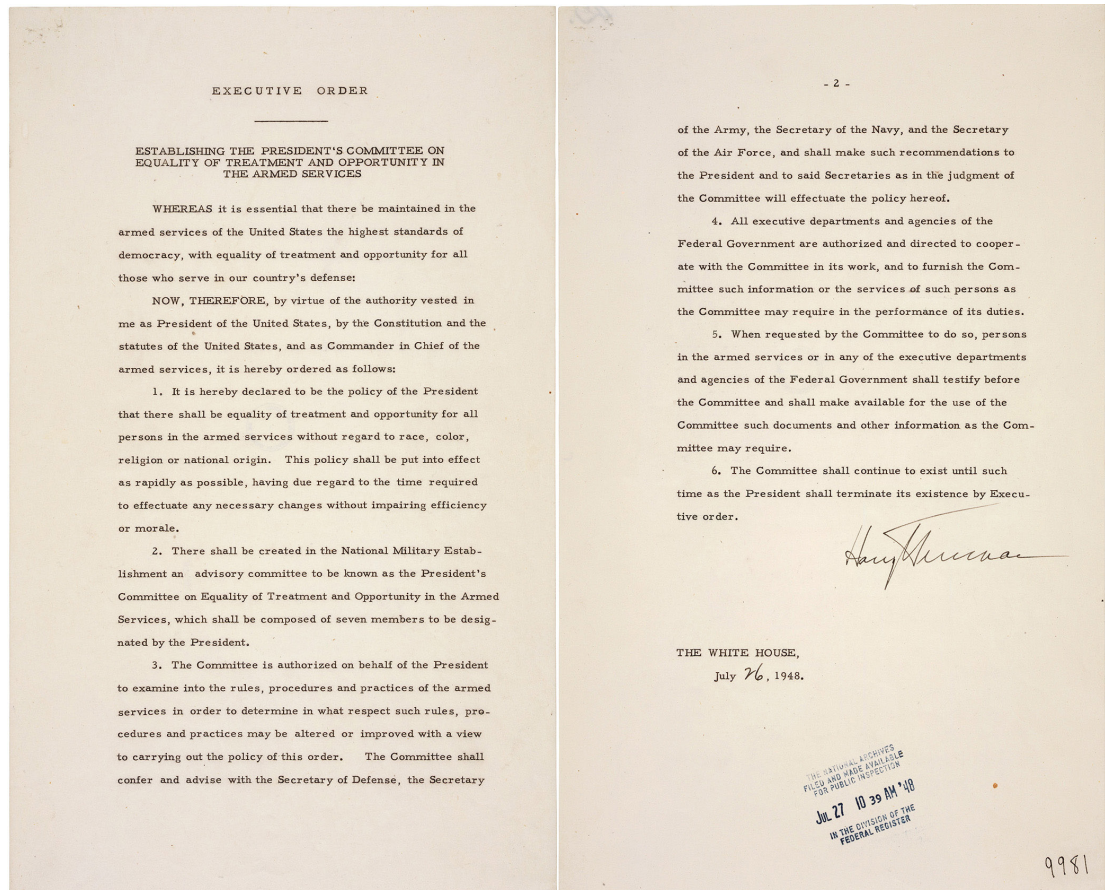
Revolution is both a process and an event.

The process for the desegregating the military can be seen in the successes of the Tuskegee Airmen, the 78th Tank Battalion – the first black armor unit and the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion – the only all black Women Army Corps unit to serve in Europe during World War II.

The event came almost three years after the war ended.

In the beginning of 1948, White House memos showed that President Harry S. Truman wanted to put an end to segregation in the military.

On Jan. 28, 1948, Marx Leva, who served as the Special Assistant and General Counsel to the Secretary of Defense from 1947-49, dictated these changes for Truman's message on civil rights:



The two pages of Executive Order 9981 had a far-reaching effect on both the United States Armed Forces, as well as American society. (U.S. Air National Guard graphic by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

93.B
747 Syracuse
University City 5, Missouri
June 15, 1948

Dear President Truman:

As white residents of a city which is seething with Negro resentment at the possibility of having to serve in a Jim Crowed military force again, we wish to ask you to use all the power you have to abolish such undemocratic segregation of ANY kind in all of the branches of the armed services.

We feel that one of the most effective, firm, and noticeable ways in which we can show the rest of the world we believe in Democracy is to practice such a virtue in all possible places at home. We believe that this will still Russian propaganda against us for this gross injustice in our country.

We commend you for your Civil Rights Report. And we ask you further to use your Presidential Power to declare that emergency exists and to hand down an Executive Order which will abolish such practices immediately and completely.

Sincerely yours,

Myrtle and Irvin Dagen

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dagen

Copy of a letter to President Harry S. Truman from a couple in Missouri to "to ask you to abolish such undemocratic segregation of ANY kind in all of the branches of the armed services." The original is in the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. You can click on the image to see this and other documents about Truman's decision to desegregate the United States Armed Forces. (Harry S. Truman Library and Museum document)

"During the recent war and in the years since its close we have made much progress toward equality of opportunity in our armed services without regard to race color, and religion or national origin. I have instructed the Secretary of Defense to take steps to have the remaining instances of discrimination in the armed services eliminated as rapidly as possible. The personnel policies and practices of all the services in this regard will be made consistent."

Cover: 9981

Executive Order 9981, July 26, 1948; General Records of the United States Government; Record Group 11; National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. (Online version, www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=84, Feb. 3, 2016). (U.S. Air National Guard graphic by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Executive order changes the face of the American military

Leva stated that these suggestions were tentative pending the comments of James Forrestal, the Secretary of Defense.

Forrestal concurred and in a special message to Congress on Feb. 2, 1948, Truman instructed the Secretary of Defense to take those steps.

In February, after Truman's request to Congress to act on the Commission on Civil Rights recommendations, which included anti-lynching laws, anti-poll tax laws and bolstering the Department of Justice's civil rights division, was met with the threat of filibuster from Southern senators, Truman turned to his executive powers.

On July 26, 1948, he issued Executive Order 9981, effectively ending segregation and ordering the full integration of all the United States Armed Forces.

To ensure that the executive order was carried out, the order specifically created the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

The executive order was met with resistance from the military, Secretary of the Army, Kenneth C. Royall, was forced to retire in 1949 for refusing to desegregate the army. Yet, by the end of the Korean war, almost all the military was integrated and in September 1954, the last all-black unit was eliminated.

The United States military was finally beginning to reflect what American society looked like.

With the signing of 9981, Truman became the first president to use an executive order to enforce a civil rights issue.

He would not be the last, Presidents' Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson all signed executive orders to deal with civil rights issues that the legislature was reluctant to take action on.

But it was Truman who set the precedent that presidents could use the presidential executive order to ensure that all citizens of the United States would be treated equally.

Right: The full text of Executive order 9981 "Establishing the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces."

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WHEREAS it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense:

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the armed services, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. This policy shall be put into effect as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the time required to effectuate any necessary changes without impairing efficiency or morale.

2. There shall be created in the National Military Establishment an advisory committee to be known as the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, which shall be composed of seven members to be designated by the President.

3. The Committee is authorized on behalf of the President to examine into the rules, procedures and practices of the Armed Services in order to determine in what respect such rules, procedures and practices may be altered or improved with a view to carrying out the policy of this order. The Committee shall confer and advise the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, and shall make such recommendations to the President and to said Secretaries as in the judgment of the Committee will effectuate the policy hereof.

4. All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Committee in its work, and to furnish the Committee such information or the services of such persons as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.

5. When requested by the Committee to do so, persons in the armed services or in any of the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government shall testify before the Committee and shall make available for use of the Committee such documents and other information as the Committee may require.

6. The Committee shall continue to exist until such time as the President shall terminate its existence by Executive order.

**Harry Truman
THE WHITE HOUSE
July 26, 1948**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



HALLOWED GROUNDS: Sites of African American Memories



Designed by James Ladner for the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute



Veterans outreach campaign

Veterans Outreach Campaign Feb. 17 – 18 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., daily Monmouth Mall 180 Route 35 South Eatontown, N.J. 07724 “Housing Our Heroes” Veterans Housing Forum IV March 30 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. All Wars Memorial Building 1510 Adriatic Avenue Atlantic City, N.J. 08401 Veterans Outreach Campaign & Medal	Ceremony March *30 - 31 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., daily NJDMAVA medal ceremony on March 30 at 11 a.m., at Center Court Deptford Mall 1750 Deptford Center Road Deptford, N.J. 08096 NJ Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day May 7 11 a.m. New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial PNC Bank Arts Center Garden State Parkway Exit 116	Holmdel, N.J. 07777 Veterans Information and Outreach Fair May 7 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fair Lawn Health & Human Services Department 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave. Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410 “Spirit of the Jerseys” May 14 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. State History Fair Monmouth Battlefield State Park 16 Business Route #33, Manalapan, N.J. 07726	June convention outreach Elks Convention June 2-3 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., daily American Legion State Convention June 8-10 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., daily Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention June 15-17 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., daily Wildwood Convention Center 4501 Boardwalk Wildwood, N.J. 08260
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March 5	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 8	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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