

Note from AFA President -- Black History Month

AFA Members, Congressional staffers, Civic leaders, and DOCA members, in February every year, the nation celebrates Black History month. For this year, I asked Dr. Alan Gropman, Distinguished Professor of National Security Policy at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces ... and arguably this country's foremost expert on Blacks in the military, to write a piece to give us a better understanding of why we recognize this subject throughout the month.

His piece is remarkable by a number of measures ... first, he brings to the forefront the many contributions of Blacks to our military history. Secondly, he points to the heroism of the many individuals in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the World Wars I and II – heroism that most Americans [me included] did not know. Finally he highlights the many contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen to our war effort in World War II. Their extraordinary achievements were but one reason why the Air Force Association recognized the Tuskegee Airmen for a Lifetime Achievement Award – the first ever awarded to a group (rather than an individual) this past year.

Read the piece and tell me what you think. You can find it on our website at:
http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2010/AFA_Black_History_Month_2010.asp

For your consideration.

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