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Portrait of Black / African American Service Members



WWI

1970

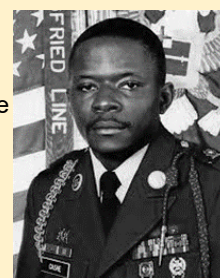
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During World War I, the 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the “Harlem Hellfighters,” served on the front lines for 191 days, which was longer than any other American unit.

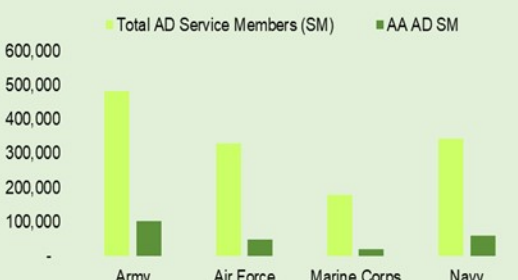


General Benjamin O. Davis Jr., founder and commander of the Tuskegee Army Airfield, was the first Black / African American general in the Air Force. General Davis Jr. retired as a lieutenant general.



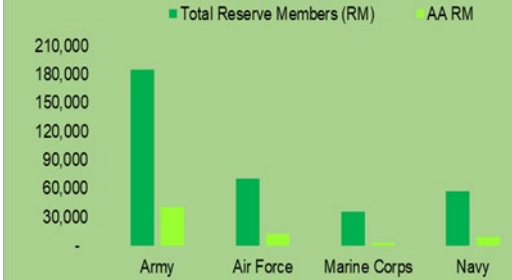
Sergeant First Class Alwyn C. Cashe was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, becoming the first Black recipient of the award since 9/11.

About 1 in every 6 Active Duty (AD) Service Members is Black / African American (AA)



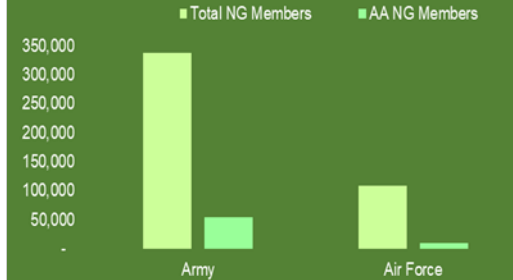
	Army	Air Force	Marine Corps	Navy	Total
Total AD SM	482,007	328,888	179,678	343,223	1,333,796
AA AD SM	102,130	48,753	18,746	60,224	229,853

About 1 in every 5 Reservist is Black / African American



	Army	Air Force	Marine Corps	Navy	Total
Total RM	185,125	70,447	35,845	57,689	349,106
AA RM	40,629	12,203	3,479	9,102	65,413

About 1 in every 7 National Guard (NG) Members is Black / African American



	Army	Air Force	Total
Total NG Members	337,171	108,147	445,318
AA NG Members	53,747	9,916	63,663

Top Five Career Fields for AD Black/African American Service Members

AA Enlisted Members



Functional Support and Administration



Infantry, Gun Crews, and Seamanship



Electrical/Mechanical Equipment Repairers



Communication and Intelligence Specialists



Service and Supply Handlers

AA Commissioned Officers



Tactical Officers



Engineering and Maintenance Officers



Health Care Officers



Administrators



Supply, Procurement, and Allied Officers

AD Enlisted Service Members



AD Warrant Officers



AD Commissioned Officers



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Portrait of Black / African American DoD / Other Government Civilians

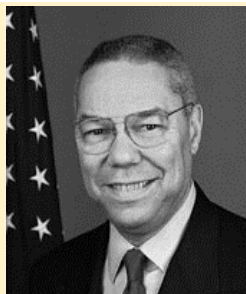


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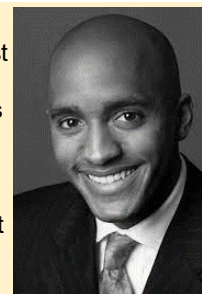
Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm became the first African American Congresswoman (1968) and the first African American female to seek the presidential nomination (1972).

2001



Colin Luther Powell, retired four-star general and the first Black / African American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was appointed the 65th Secretary of State by President George W. Bush in 2001 and became the first Black / African American person to hold the position.

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Damian Williams is the first African American U.S. Attorney to hold the position in the 232-year history of the Southern District of New York, which is the Federal district court for New York State.

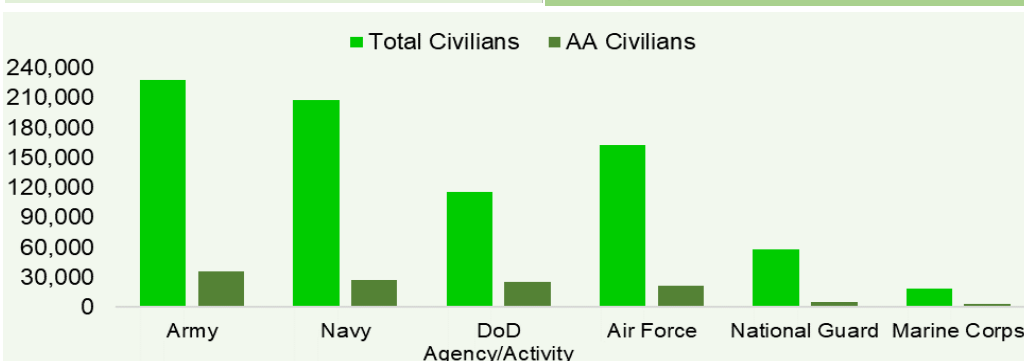
About 1 in every 7 DoD Civilians is Black / African American



About 1 in every 6 DoD Civilians in Grades General Schedule (GS)-1 to GS-15 is Black / African American



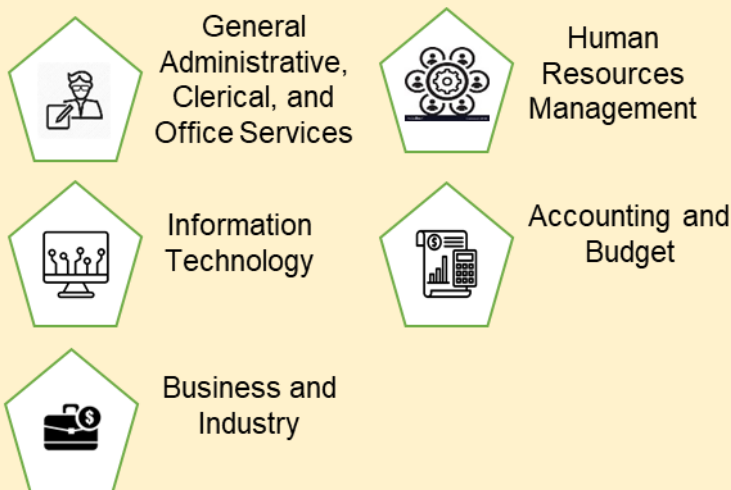
About 1 in every 17 Senior Executive Service (SES) Members is Black / African American



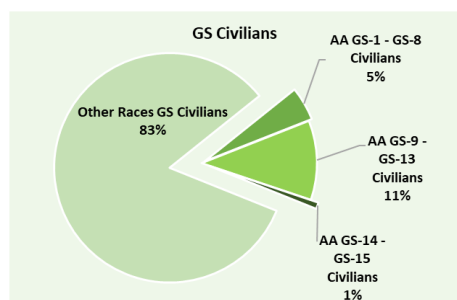
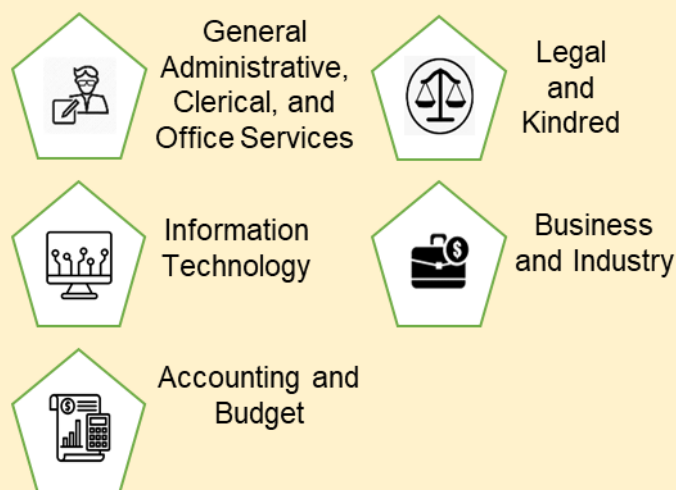
Component	Total Civilians	AA Civilians
Army	227,866	36,394
Navy	207,830	26,843
DoD Agency/Activity	115,343	24,907
Air Force	162,414	21,163
National Guard	57,836	5,528
Marine Corps	19,024	3,426
Total	790,313	118,261

Top Five Career Fields for Black / African American DoD Civilians

AA GS-1 – GS-15 Civilians



AA SES Members



AA GS-14 – GS-15 Civilians

Fiscal Year 2021



13.5%

Fiscal Year 2017

