



Celebrating Martin Luther King Day
“Remember, Celebrate, Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!”

January 21, 2013

“All of us can find a way to give back to our communities, to gain new skills, and to pull together, even when times are hard. That’s what Dr. King believed in, and that’s what will make our country stronger.”

~ President Barack Obama, January 16, 2012


On January 21, 2013, we observe Martin Luther King Day. Dr. King was one of the driving forces behind the American Civil Rights Movement and together with other noble and courageous leaders from his day, he remains an iconic figure in the world and stands as the representative of a national movement that changed America. When we celebrate Dr. King’s dream, we celebrate the American Dream.

As we celebrate, we have the opportunity to honor Dr. King’s legacy of service by reaching out and taking each other’s hands to work together to empower individuals, to strengthen communities, and to inspire the nations of our world. On this day of national community service, Americans of every age and background continue the work of our greatest civil rights leaders by contributing to projects that move us closer to the bright vision in which all Americans enjoy the riches that come from freedom and the security that is borne of justice.

Today’s Army carries on the fight for all Americans to be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness when we do our daily work to protect our homeland and defend our freedom. Let us keep our men and women in uniform in our thoughts, that our Army community may continue to strengthen and remain resilient. We ask our entire Army Family, our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families, to lift each other up at home and around the world. We also encourage our Army Family to commemorate this occasion by joining in community activities to help those in need and by planning events that celebrate the hard work of Dr. King and our resulting national fulfillment of the promise of the American Dream.


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