

Portrait of Asian American and Pacific Islander Service Members



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1984

2013



In 1942, Susan Anh Cuddy became the first Asian American woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy. She served as a member of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or WAVES. Later, she became the Navy's first female gunnery officer.



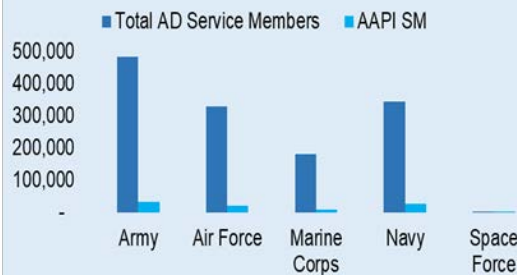
Major General John Liu Fugh became the first Chinese American general officer in the U.S. Army and served for 32 years as a military lawyer. He created the Army's first environmental law division and the procurement fraud division. He retired as The Judge Advocate General, the top lawyer for the Army.



Admiral Harry B. Harris Jr. is the first Asian American to achieve 4-star rank in the U.S. Navy. After retiring from the Navy, Harris served as U.S. Ambassador to South Korea.

About 6 in every 100 Active Duty (AD) Service Members (SM) are Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI)

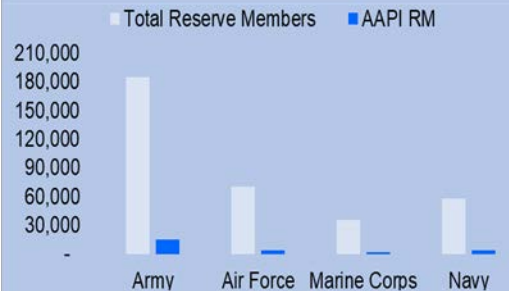
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	Army	Air Force	Marine Corps	Navy	Space Force	Total
Total AD SM	482,007	328,888	179,678	343,223	1,643	1,335,439
AAPI SM	30,569	18,499	7,780	24,480	131	81,459

About 7 in every 100 Reserve Members (RM) are AAPI

7%



	Army	Air Force	Marine Corps	Navy	Total
Total RM	185,125	70,447	35,845	57,689	349,106
AAPI RM	15,155	4,153	1,931	4,181	25,420

About 4 in every 100 National Guard (NG) Members are AAPI

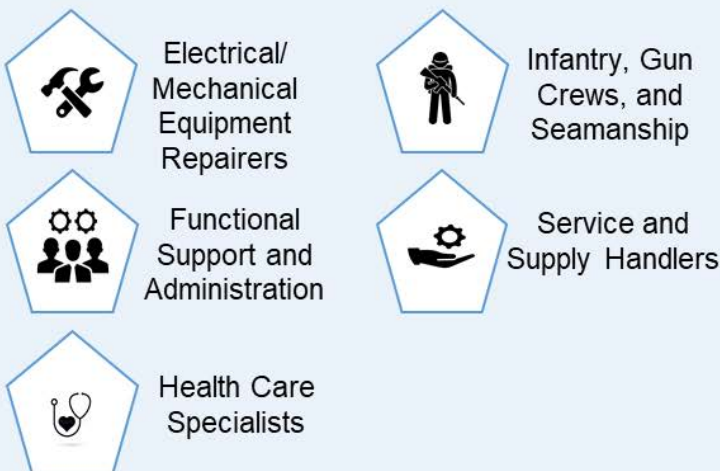
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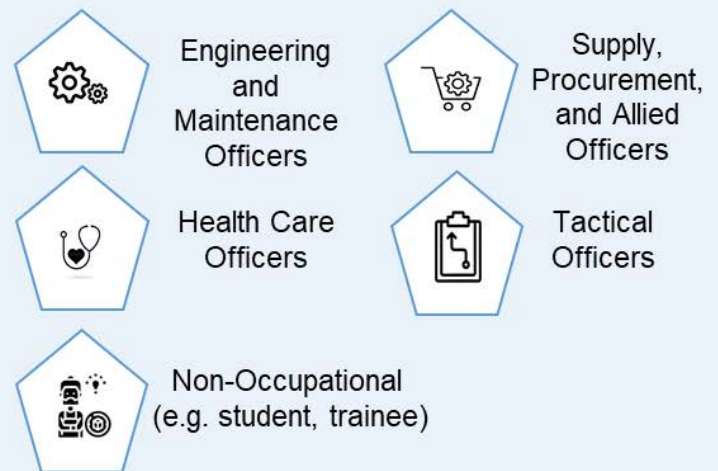
	Army	Air Force	Total
Total NG Members	337,171	108,147	445,318
AAPI NG Members	14,667	4,818	19,485

Top Five Career Fields of AAPI in the Services

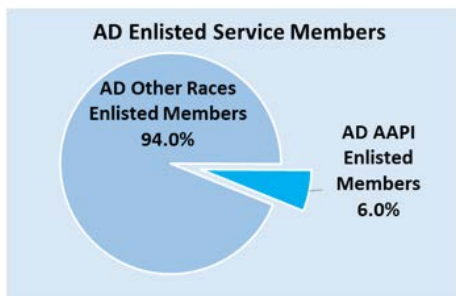
AAPI Enlisted Members



AAPI Commissioned Officers



AD Enlisted Service Members



AD Warrant Officers



AD Commissioned Officers



2022

Portrait of Asian American and Pacific Islander DoD/Other Government Civilians



1973



Antonio Borja Won Pat, the son of an immigrant from Hong Kong, became the first Territorial Delegate from Guam. He played an essential role in the passage of the Organic Act of Guam, which granted the people of Guam U.S. citizenship.

2012



In 2012, Mazie K. Hirono became the first Asian American woman elected to the U.S. Senate and the first woman to represent the state of Hawaii. Hirono is also the first Japanese-born U.S. Senator and continues to serve today.

2021



On April 27, 2021, Heidi Shyu was nominated by President Biden to serve as the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. She is the highest ranking Asian American civilian at the Pentagon.

About 8 in every 100 DoD Civilians are AAPI

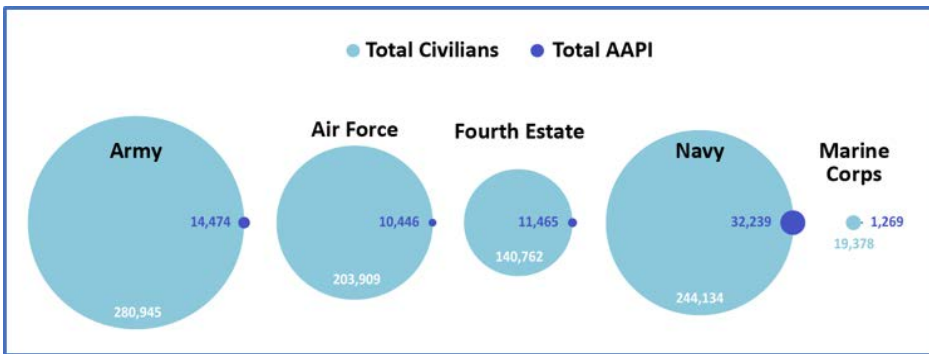
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About 7 in every 100 DoD Civilians in General Schedule (GS)-1 to GS-15 grades are AAPI

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About 3 in every 100 Senior Executive Service (SES) Members are AAPI

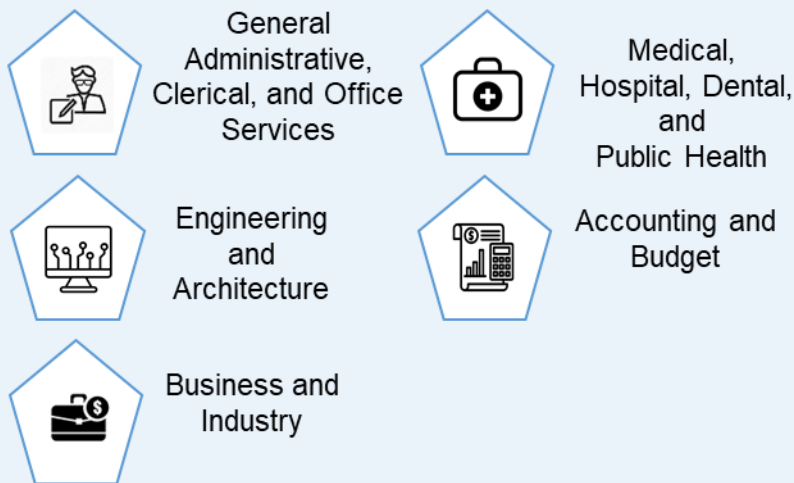
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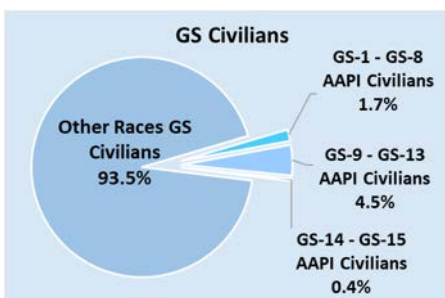
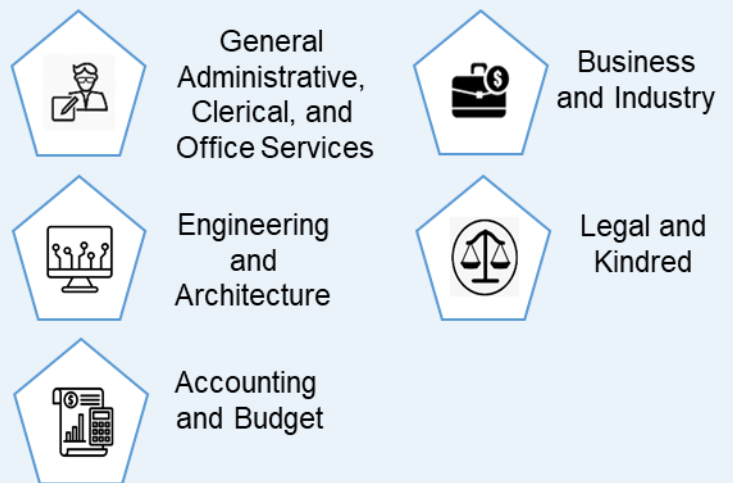
	Total Civilians	Total AAPI
Army	280,945	14,474
Air Force	203,909	10,446
Fourth Estate	140,762	11,465
Navy	244,134	32,239
Marine Corps	19,378	1,269

Top Five Career Fields of DoD AAPI Civilians

GS-1 – GS-15 Civilians

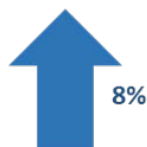


SES Members



AAPI GS Civilians

Fiscal Year 2021 (31,425)



Fiscal Year 2017 (29,148)

