Black History Month Scramble

The 2018 Black History Month theme commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and the roles of African Americans in every American war, from the Revolutionary War Era to that of the present "War Against Terrorism." The theme suggests that contemporary conditions, past and present, give us cause for critical pause to consider the specific and unique issues faced by African Americans in times of war. It also provides the framework for many stories related to African American soldiers and sailors, nurses, veterans, and civilians. These diverse stories reveal war's impact not only on men and women in uniform but on the larger African American community. When you are finished answering the clues, unscramble the circled letters to find the 2018 theme for Black History Month. (Answers at the bottom.)



The first African American woman to enlist in the U.S. military, she posed as a man during the Civil War. Who was she? Find out below.

 In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed this document that officially allowed Black soldiers to participate in war.
2. In 1866, she was the first African American woman to enlist, and the only one documented to serve in the United States Army posing as a man.
3. The Navy dropped its color ban on January 25, 1945, and on March 9, she became the first black commissioned Navy nurse.
4. In 1948, this U.S. President issued Executive Order 9881 which required "Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services," to eliminate issues of segregation, quotas and discrimination in armed forces.
5. In 1964, she became the first black nurse promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Nurse Corps and would later become the first black colonel.

a coura	gh the Tuskegee Airmen of the 477th fighter group never saw combat duty overseas, they initiated ageous stand against segregation at this field that rang loud and clear across the U.S. The incident ribed by many as the first pro-active step to integrate the armed services.
•	ration Desert Storm, he led U.S. Armed Forces to one of the most impressive victories in military , and in 1989, became the first African American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
8. In 1979	9, Hazel W. Johnson-Brown became the first female general in this U.S. military branch.
9. He was	s the first African-American Marine Corps aviator and the first African-American Marine Corps
10. She se	rved in Operation Iraqi Freedom and became the first African American female combat pilot.
Unscramb	ple the circled letters to fine the theme for Black History Month 2018:
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	5. Margaret E. Bailey 10. Vernice Armour
	4. President Harry Truman 9. Frank E. Petersen
	3. Phyllis Mae Dailey 8. Army
	2. Cathay Williams 7. Colin L. Powell
	l Emancipation Proclamation 6. Freeman Field
	Scramble Answer: African Americans in Times of War