

## Process Paper

The moment we learned the NHD theme, our group researched different possible topics and presented preliminary information on each to group members. After viewing multiple choices, Oveta Culp Hobby caught the most attention and brought the most to the table, with great variety of local information that was easily accessible, and most relatable to the theme. Mrs. Hobby seemed the most promising with her unforgettable leadership and legacy fitting perfectly to the NHD theme.

After finalizing the topic, we began by searching for the initial basic overview of her life and contributions. During the progression of research, we learned her personal papers were located at the Woodson Research Center in the Fondren Library at Rice University. With special permission, our group examined files Oveta Culp Hobby herself touched and had in her hands. In those files, our group found valuable information and documents vital to our website. The gathering of this material improved the number and quality of our primary sources. Following this, our group went to the Museum of Fine Arts to view art which was bought and donated by Mrs. Hobby and family in hopes of improving our knowledge of her leadership and legacy. Also, to enhance our knowledge about Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, we interviewed her son, Mr. Bill Hobby and her grandson, Paul Hobby at the Hobby Communications Offices in Houston. We corresponded with Laura Beckworth, Ms. Hobby's granddaughter. We also spoke with Debra Winegarten, author of *Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist* by phone and once again reexamined additional files at the Woodson Research Center.

Experience played a key role in choosing a website for this year. Each group member was familiar with how to construct a website and navigate shared Google Documents. This provided the ability to advance and build the contents in our website. Easy access to the project was an essential part in choosing a website for this year since having all group members able to cooperate on the construction of the website without a moment's hesitation is so important.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby is appropriate to this year's theme because of her ability to lead her ideas into action, a leader at heart. Setting her mind on things and trying her best to accomplish what she believed in. As articulated by Winegarten, "*She [Hobby] had this marvelous ability to take an idea and to be able to translate it into practical action and that skill is marvelous. And because she was able to do that she was very successful in almost everything she attempted.*" Whether being a newspaper publisher, leading the Women's Army Corps with honor, or being in the high placement as Secretary of the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Mrs. Hobby always did her best at completing her tasks. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby served in honor, and in her glory she left a profound legacy in creating a way for women to be in

the army today, getting the polio vaccine to sick people that needed it, and bringing better education to children today. Mrs. Hobby couldn't fit any better to the theme.