



Marine Corps Logistics Command Equal Opportunity Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

**Hispanic Heritage
Month
Sept 15th - Oct 15th**

Senior Leaders Workshop:

October 22-23

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Hispanic Heritage Month

IN HONOR OF THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY TO THE UNITED STATES, THE NATION OBSERVES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH FROM 15 SEPTEMBER TO 15 OCTOBER. HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ORIGINALLY BEGAN IN 1968 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK UNDER PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AND WAS LATER EXPANDED TO A FULL MONTH BY PRESIDENT REAGAN WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF FIVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON 15 SEPTEMBER - COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, AND NICARAGUA. ALONG WITH THOSE COUNTRIES, MEXICO DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE ON 16 SEPTEMBER AND CHILE ON 18 SEPTEMBER. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, HISPANIC AMERICANS HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THE MARINE CORPS AND CONTINUE TO DO SO TODAY. THIS YEAR'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH THEME IS "OUR TIME: A STRONG AMERICA."

2. THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF 13 HISPANIC MARINE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS. ONE OF THE FIRST MARINES OF HISPANIC PUERTO RICAN DESCENT TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR EFFORTS IN THE KOREAN WAR WAS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FERNANDO L. GARCIA. ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1952, WHILE WITH COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES, FIRST MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED), PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GARCIA, SUFFERING PAINFUL WOUNDS, MOVED THROUGH THE INTENSE HAIL OF HOSTILE FIRE TO A SUPPLY POINT TO SECURE MORE HAND GRENADES. QUICK TO ACT TO A HOSTILE GRENADE THAT LANDED NEARBY AND, WITHOUT HESITATION, PFC GARCIA CHOSE TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF AND IMMEDIATELY THREW HIS BODY UPON THE DEADLY MISSILE, RECEIVING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE EXPLOSION. HIS GREAT PERSONAL VALOR AND DECISION IN THE FACE OF ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. HE GALLANTLY GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY.

3. THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR CORPS, HISPANIC MARINES HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN COMBAT FROM THE BOXER REBELLION TO THE MOST RECENT MILITARY CAMPAIGNS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, MANY RECEIVING COMBAT DECORATIONS FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS.
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Did you know??

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of Hispanics or Latinos 18 and older who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces was 1.2 million as of 2011.

Memorable Quote

*"Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
-Eleanor Roosevelt*

"The lifeblood of our Corps is Marines, and without Marines, there can be no Corps." - LtGen R. S. Coleman (ret.)