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Hispanic
Heritage
Month



DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. Hispanic population now stands at more than 54.1 million, making them the nation's second-largest racial or ethnic group. Today Hispanics make up 17 percent of the U.S. population, up from 5 percent in 1970.

United States Army Garrison-Ansbach, Equal Opportunity Advisor Office



Equal Opportunity News

Energizing Our Nation's Community

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 to celebrate the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

America's diversity has always been one of our nation's greatest strengths. Hispanic Americans have long played an integral role in America's rich culture, proud heritage, and the building of this great nation. This year's theme invites us to reflect on Hispanic Americans' vitality and meaningful legacy in our Nation's cultural framework.

As World War II set in, many Latinos enlisted in the U.S. military – proportionately the largest ethnic group serving in the war.

Dr. Albert Baez, together with Paul Kirkpatrick, develops the first X-ray microscope to observe living cells. Baez's daughter, Joan Baez, became a world-famous writer, singer, and a human rights activist.

Dr. Héctor P. García, a physician and decorated World War II veteran, founded the American G.I. Forum, an organization created to ensure that Hispanic veterans receive benefits provided under the G.I. Bill of Rights of 1944.

Macario García becomes the first Mexican national to receive a U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor, yet was refused service at the Oasis Café near his home in Texas.

For more information on this article, stay tuned for next week's newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Heritage
Observance

Date: 14 Oct.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Location: Katterbach
Fitness Center

Keynote Speaker: Ms.
Yanna Rodriguez

There will be lots of
cultural entertainment
and food. This event is
free to the community!

Visit your local library,
located on Bleidorn
Kaserne or Storck Bar-
racks, to check out the vast
selection of books and
movies and learn more
about those individuals and
groups who had a large
impact in the Hispanic-
American Culture!

Hispanic Pioneers: Dr. Héctor P. García

Dr. Hector Garcia Perez (Jan. 17, 1914 – July 26, 1996) was a Mexican-American physician, surgeon, World War II veteran, civil rights advocate, and founder of the American G.I. Forum. As a result of the national prominence he earned through his work on behalf of Hispanic Americans, he was instrumental in the appointment of Mexican American and American G.I. Forum charter member Vicente T. Ximenes to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 1966, was named alternate representative to the United Nations in 1967, was appointed to the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 1968, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1984, and was named to the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II in 1990. In 1998 he was posthumously awarded the Aguila Azteca, Mexico's highest award for foreigners, in a ceremony in Corpus Christi Texas.

