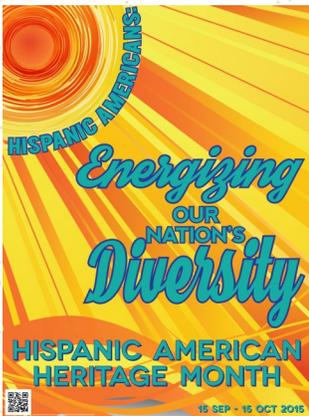




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Hispanic
Heritage
Month



DID YOU KNOW?

There is diversity among Latino origin groups in major metropolitan areas. Mexicans make up 78 percent of Latinos in the Los Angeles area, but in the New York City area Puerto Ricans (28 percent) and Dominicans (21 percent) are the largest groups. Salvadorans (32 percent) are the largest group in the Washington, D.C., area, and Cubans (54 percent) are the largest group in Miami.

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Equal Opportunity News

Energizing Our Nation's Community

Generations of Hispanics have shaped and strengthened the fabric of the United States since its inception. Hispanics have enriched every facet of our national identity with traditions that stretch across centuries and reflect the many ancestries that comprise the Hispanic/Latino community. They have exerted a profound influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and public service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old tradition.

Recently, President Barack Obama corrected a historical act of discrimination when he awarded the Medal of Honor to 24 Hispanic, Jewish and African-American veterans who were passed over because of their racial

or ethnic backgrounds. It is one of the largest Medal of Honor ceremonies in history.

Notable and influential Hispanics include Captain Manuel J. Fernandez Jr., who flew 125 combat missions during the Korean War. His 14.5 victories placed him among the top U.S. Air Force aces of the two world wars and the Korean War combined.

Richard E. Cavazos, a Korean War recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross made military history as he is appointed the U.S. Army's first Hispanic four-star general.

To learn more about the contributions of the Hispanic / Latino communities, look for next week's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Heritage
Observance

Date: Oct. 14

Time: noon to 1 p.m.

Location: Katterbach
Fitness Center

Keynote Speaker: Yanna
Rodriguez

There will be lots of
cultural food and enter-
tainment!! Free to the
community!!

Visit your local library
at Bleidorn Kaserne or
Storck Barracks, to check
out a vast selection of books
and movies and learn more
about those individuals and
groups who had a large im-
pact in the Hispanic-
American Culture!

Everett Alvarez Jr. Prisoner of War

Everett Alvarez Jr. (born December 23, 1937) is a former U.S. Navy commander endured one of the longest periods as a prisoner of war (POW) in American military history. Alvarez was the first U.S. pilot to be downed and detained during the Vietnam War and spent more than eight years in captivity; making him the second longest-held American POW after Army Col. Floyd James Thompson. Alvarez is the recipient of the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Purple Heart Medals. Alvarez has co-authored two books, writing of his prisoner of war experiences in *Chained Eagle* and *Code Of Conduct*. Everett Alvarez High School in his native Salinas, California, is named after him. There is also a park named in his honor in Santa Clara, California, and a post office named in his honor in Montgomery County, Maryland. Alvarez retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of commander in 1980.

