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Willie Galvan Commander
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Why A Woman's Group? Helen Galvan

As a perfunctory courtesy, I always ask women members of the American GI Forum if they are interested in joining a woman's chapter; or better yet, in starting their own woman's chapter. I usually get the same response, and those of you whom I've asked will recognize it: "Oh, no. We always meet together with the men, and we do everything together." The underlying implication being: "Why would we need (or want) a woman's group?" And, then, I also get another type of question from friends who are not members of the American GI Forum. They want to know how our organization differs from other Veterans' organizations. Especially as it relates to non-Veteran women: "How are you different from the American Legion or VFW? They have Women Auxiliaries too." Their underlying implication being: "Aren't all women's auxiliaries alike?" Perhaps the answer to both questions can be found in the intent that Dr. Hector P. Garcia had for women when he founded the American GI Forum in 1948. A visionary, far ahead of his time, Dr. Hector P. Garcia laid the groundwork for an organization that would make great inroads in the areas of civil rights, education and other issues directly affecting Veterans AND their families.

In 1948, Hispanics were dealing with harsh discrimination, common in their largely segregated communities, but deemed intolerable toward discharged Veterans returning from serving their country honorably. Dr. Garcia saw the need to organize Veterans and their families, in the Senior (Men's) Forum, and a Women's and Youth Forum, so that everyone was involved in learning how to organize, how to work within the institutions that had harbored bias for so long, how to rise above intimidation and achieve success. In short, he set out to prove his motto for the organization: "**Education is our Freedom, and Freedom Should be Everybody's Business.**" This Freedom, Dr. Garcia believed, not only included formal, academic education, but the education learned only through active involvement in an organization that would develop leadership skills and place people in a position to change public policy. Yes, women can participate in the Senior Forum and still be an integral part of change. In fact, most of the women's chapters in California do meet together with the men to plan and implement activities for their chapter. We do this because it's more efficient, and we are all truly working for the same objectives outlined in our By-Laws.

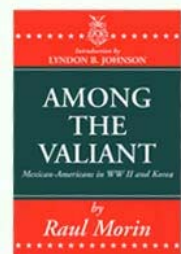
So, why have Women's chapters at all? Until recently, there were very few women Veterans. Since the AGIF's Constitution states that only Veterans can hold most Officers' positions, that excluded most women from holding those positions of leadership. However, in the Women's chapter, women are eligible to hold all positions, and thus develop their leadership skills. Another benefit is that having a women's chapter makes that chapter eligible for HEF matching funds, a huge advantage for increasing a chapter's scholarship funds. But aside from those two reasons, women have always played a pivotal role in the development of the American GI Forum, and in maintaining the mission of the organization, working alongside the Senior Forum. Thus, it can be said that whatever the AGIF has accomplished, it has been accomplished through a joint venture of both men and women members.

It is time to celebrate that joint venture and rededicate our efforts to continuing this partnership. We can do this by recognizing that any one of the Women's chapters are capable and ready to help move this organization forward. And it is also time to recognize all of the women in the local chapters whose names most of us do not know. Those are the women who have been the backbone of the organization, who have worked tirelessly for many decades, and who truly believe that the **Education** they have learned along the way has given them the **Freedom** to act on behalf of their beliefs of how best to help Veterans and their families. As the AGIF/CA moves forward through more collaboration within the organization and with other organizations and corporations that believe in our mission, the Women of California stand proudly to continue the legacy that Dr. Hector P. Garcia left. It IS our Business to advocate for Education to assure and protect our Freedom.

Editor's note: Helen Galvan is a retired educator and a long time member of the American GI Forum. She has served on the state BOD in several capacities and is the current Chairwoman of the American GI Forum California Women.

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Mexican Americans in WWII and Korea

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
By: A.G. Lerma

What a reaffirmation to *America The Beautiful* it would be if we could extend our hospitality to undocumented people now living in the United States. Men, women and children could apply for a five-year Guest Visa, which would allow them to work, go to school and even pay taxes and partake in other legitimate privileges now not within their reach. The program would be much like the local passports issued at border towns but good *from sea to shinning sea*.

After the five-year period and in a way to *mend the law*, applicants would be evaluated to further determine their eligibility for permanent resident status. The criteria would be as it is for new immigrants entering the United States today where, Personas Non-Grata need not apply. Fast track rewards would come to those who *honor their country* with stellar accomplishments, like earning a college degree and those making major contributions to society in the arts, science and humanities. Those volunteering for military with *Patriots Dreams* or other public service could also join the fast track to permanent residence and eventually citizenship.

Legions of people *would shed their grace* on the tired masses by paying into the Social Security and other federal taxing systems. Farmers could harvest their crops legitimately with small business and households also thriving through these *liberating laws*. Corrupt sweat shops would diminish as would hate groups and the hard pressed Minutemen could divert their attention and enlist in other pressing national issues like the war in Iraq. Border patrol agents could feel some relief with an upswing in patriotism and enhanced homeland security. The *nobility* of the cause would not end there, less human beings would be available for drug traffickers to mule their contraband into the U.S. And here is the kicker, US Senators and Congressmen including political aspirants/pundits, would be off the proverbial hook to do whatever it is that they do best. A similar process could be setup for new immigrants applying to work in the U.S. but with additional requirements similar to those imposed on resident status applicants. The time-period for permanent resident application processing could be on an adjusted schedule based on U.S. workforce needs and requirements as well as personal goals and achievements.

This proposed action will probably take a while to filter into the mindsets of our leaders but, what have we got to lose? The stalemate that now exists? Politicians coming out of the tall cotton? Crops rotting in the fields? Criminal labels on good and decent people? Underground systems and classes? Employers with nothing to hide? Unkempt houses in the Palisades? A sagging economy? Scores of children left without parents, an education, a future?

In summary, the promise of *America The Beautiful*, the land of the free, the home of the brave and the place where people come to seek refuge must be kept. Empty promises do not an *America The Beautiful* build. What builds is: closing the educational achievement gap, nutrition and healthiness stewardship, attention to the needs at home, real community and people assistance federal programs, positive world relations where the promise is always kept and above all "LEADING BY EXAMPLE". And as Katherine Lee Bates wrote from atop Pikes Peak in 1893 "*America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood.....*"

LUPE SALDANA BIDS FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER

Dear Fellow Forumeers and Friends:

I wish to let all of you know that I will enthusiastically seek the position of National Commander of the American GI Forum this year, and as your fellow Forumeer and friend, I respectfully ask for your support. My decision to run for the position of National Commander was not a spur-of-the-moment idea. I gave this matter serious consideration since volunteering to be National Commander of the American GI Forum is a demanding commitment. As we all know, it requires a great amount of sacrifice from our family, business, healthcare, and other personal affairs. What encouraged me to seek the Office of National Commander is knowing that the American GI Forum can and should do more for our members, men, women and youth, and the 25 million veterans in this country, including nearly 600,000 veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. I am convinced that we have many members in our organization men, women and youth, with the capacity and passion to meet this challenge together. If elected to be your National Commander, I pledge to be accountable, inclusive, and responsive, and work hard to unify the American GI Forum. I will keep you informed through regular reports, as has been my practice in every role I have served. I will work closely with the Executive Board and others to ensure that every Forumeer is kept informed and has a say in the decisions and business of the Forum at the Local, State and National levels. Working in unity to effect positive changes is the way for a democratic organization, such as ours, to function. Therefore, I will provide you an agenda for change very soon that reflects the issues I believe need to be addressed to make the American GI Forum a better organization for all of us.

For complete letter and biography of Mr. Lupe Saldana, visit the "online newspaper" on the California website <http://www.agif.org/news.htm>



Army Still Lags on Mental Health Help for Soldiers

By: National Journal

02/01/2008

The Army's suicide rate jumped 20 percent in 2007, an apparent indicator that the military's efforts to provide adequate mental health assistance to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are still falling short. According to internal reports, there were 89 confirmed suicides and 32 suspected suicides last year, which was also the deadliest year for U.S. troops in Iraq so far. AP reports that about 34 of the suicides took place in Iraq. The number of suicide attempts and self-inflicted injuries also spiked dramatically. About 2,100 soldiers tried to kill or injure themselves last year, compared with about 350 in 2002, the Washington Post reports. Military health care specialists have openly admitted that they were unprepared for the length and scope of the war in Iraq. The nearly five-year-long war entered a crunch phase last year, when DOD ordered longer deployment schedules with shorter breaks in between. Some soldiers are on their fourth tours in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003. While the current drawdown of troops is expected to continue as planned until force levels are back down to the pre-surge 130,000 this summer, there are strong indications that the reductions will freeze there. The Joint Chiefs will make their recommendations on troop levels to President Bush, and a decision on whether to pull back on the extended Army deployment schedules is also expected by then.

The Bush administration agreed to the drawdown late last year under considerable political pressure. But officials and commanders have expressed concern that reducing ground forces too quickly could put troops in a vulnerable position if sectarian or terrorist violence were to explode across the landscape as it did in 2006. AP reports that in a background-only briefing with reporters, a White House official cautioned that "it really is not determined" if conditions this summer will be amenable to further reductions. Both Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander on the ground, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates have spoken very cautiously about the possibility of reductions this year so that no one will be surprised if they don't happen. The new numbers on soldiers' suicides in 2007 confirm what many in the military already know: that the repeat deployments and reduced time off the battlefield are having a deleterious effect on service members' well-being. Congress included in the FY2008 Defense Authorization Bill expanded mental health care benefits and guaranteed psych evaluations within 30 days upon request. The nuts and bolts reforms will be slow in coming, however. "We're unable to get the mental health specialists that we're able to train and use as part of that care team," then-Acting Army Surgeon General Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock told lawmakers last March. "We have not been able to do the hiring -- even those positions were eliminated -- for a number of the nursing positions because of the national nursing shortage and the challenges that we have in hiring because of the OPM restrictions on how we can hire a nurse." OPM is the Office of Personnel Management. Pollock said that the Army's inability to offer competitive salaries was making it "very, very" difficult to recruit civilian specialists.

According to a report from the Pentagon's Task Force On Mental Health, the Army, Navy and Air Force were well short of their targeted numbers for staff psychologists and psych interns. The armed forces were hiring civilian contractors to help compensate. The task force is making recommendations to Gates on improving mental health services for soldiers and working with Congress to boost funding, a magazine published by the American Psychological Association reported in September. The stigma of seeking help for mental illness and emotional problems persists in the military, and erasing it from military culture will take some time. "There are many people who have difficulty getting access, who have issues with stigma that prevent them from seeking psychological help," Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Donald Arthur told lawmakers in August. "I think the thrust of our activities should be aimed immediately at the identification and treatment of those who are encountering psychological stress and are significantly affected by it." Treatment of Iraq/Afghanistan war vets has been under a microscope since the Walter Reed scandal broke last year. It seems clear that mental health ailments such as PTSD are inevitable for some on the battlefield. Relaxed recruiting standards will probably also boost reports of suicides, violent crimes and mental illness as the war drags on.

The San Jose Veterans Center Advisory Council

The main purpose of this council is to support the San Jose Vet Center and to thank all veterans for their service to our country. The advisory council is comprised of approximately twelve volunteers who support the center throughout the year. A key project of this council is an annual one-day event called the Veterans Resource Fair which provides assistance, information and referrals regarding veteran's benefits, job opportunities, as well as health screening for veterans and their families. The daylong event also provides food, soft drinks and door prizes at no cost to the veterans and their families in a friendly and fun filled setting.

To generate funds for projects there are various efforts throughout the year such as the solicitation of donated electronics, small appliances and computer items for the "Earth Care Recycling Program." This on-going effort helps to keep our landfills free of e-waste, while at the same time helping the organization raise operating funds. Donations and proceeds from this and other fundraising projects are used to stage and carry out the annual Veterans Resource Fair, an outreach project of the San Jose Veterans Center, held during the month of April. (Veterans Resource Fair details on page 4) **Hank Sisneros, Committee Chairman**



AMONG THE VALIANT IN GREAT DEMAND BY LA RAZA STUDENTS
Reprint from The National American GI Forum Forumeer March 1972

AMONG THE VALIANT, the late Raul Morin's excellent work on Mexican American Congressional Medal of Honor winners in World War II and Korea, is one of many books dealing with our Raza in current circulation. It is probably the most inspirational book ever penned by a Mexican American war veteran. The book is in great demand by college students, in particular, as they awaken to the many contributions of their people to the treasured history of their country. Morin's book is, in a sense, a biography, for he himself was a decorated and combat-wounded veteran of the European campaign. AMONG THE VALIANT takes the reader from the barrios of the American southwest and the teeming metropolises of the Midwest and eastern United States, to the training camps of a nation girding for war. It is at tearful farewells by anxious mothers and young sweethearts, at the shearing of "la melena", the Pachuco hairstyle; and it is about the songs that were sung aboard crowded troopships, and about the anxieties and trepidations of Mexican American fighting men as they approached their date with destiny.

*All of the distinguished heroes of our Raza are there: Pvt. Jose P. Martinez of Ault, Colorado, who engraved his name permanently alongside American fabled war heroes on May 26, 1943 and lost his life on an bitter-cold piece of earth called Attu in the Aleutian Islands; PFC Eddie Gomez, the Marine from Omaha, Nebraska, who made the supreme sacrifice and won his nation's highest military honors at Kajo-ri, Republic of Korea, on May 21, 1951; Sgt. Macario Garcia of Sugarland, Texas, who earned his Medal of Honor in the massive assault on Hitler's Germany, at Groshau on November 26, 1944; and all the others. Morin's AMONG THE VALIANT is a vivid account of the exploits of these courageous men. It also serves as an inspiration to those who seek evidence of their Raza's contributions to their nation in time of war. Mexican Americans won more Medals of Honor in World War II and Korea than any other ethnic group. This book graphically documents that fact. **E. David Sierra***

A TRIBUTE TO THEIR COURAGE

*So that the memory of these intrepid men will endure forever, efforts should be made to have public buildings, parks, turnpikes and schools named after them. There is for instance, already a Eugene Obregon Elementary School in Los Angeles, California, and an Eddie Gomez Memorial in the South Omaha Gene Eppley Boys Club in Nebraska. Efforts to have communities perpetuate the memory of these American war heroes should be part of the American GI Forum's community involvement. **E. David Sierra, Editor***

American GI Forum of California Proceeds to Incorporate Chapters

The AGIF/CA set several goals for this year. One of the goals was to incorporate as many chapters as wanted to incorporate. The idea was to make all chapters self-sufficient by incorporating them as non-profit Federal exempt 501(c)3's Corporations. Thereafter, the chapters that incorporate do not have to rely or depend altogether on the AGIF/CA for financial support. They can now write grant proposals to local businesses, companies, and state and national corporations to assist the chapter's local funding needs. A majority of the California chapters are now sponsoring two or three local events yearly to fund their local activities, like scholarship grant awards, Veterans' events, Forum centers, health clinic, and other community activities. By incorporating, chapters can generate additional operating funds.

The AGIF/CA chapters that are now incorporated are: AGIF/CA VOP, San Jose, San Jose East Valley, Modesto, Santa Maria Education Foundation and Northwest Health Clinic, Oceanside. The most recent incorporations are Lompoc, Rudy Escalante, Casillas/Rodriguez and the Sacramento/Capital City Women. The Sacramento and the Los Angeles Larry Amaya chapters have nearly completed their submission papers and will incorporate within a few short months. We have several very capable proposal writers that are assisting various chapters with their grant writing efforts, and all chapters are urged to use these competent services. We are appreciative of Mr. Daniel Morales, our California State Treasurer, for his ability and efforts in incorporating the Southern California Chapters. **Willie Galvan, State Commander**

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**SAN JOSE CINCO DE MAYO PARADE AND FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE
COMMANDER WILLIE GALVAN AS ITS PARADE GRAND MARSHALL**



The San Jose GI Forum's twenty-sixth Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival will feature Mr. Willie Galvan of Santa Maria, California, as its Parade Grand Marshall. Mr. Galvan is the State Commander of the American GI Forum, presiding over a forty-chapter organization spread throughout the state. The American GI Forum is a national veterans organization dedicated to serving veterans and their families. As a very young person, Mr. Galvan became a charter member of the first American GI Forum Chapter in Victoria, Texas, at the behest of the Founder of the organization, Dr. Hector Perez Garcia. It was here that he learned to organize and advocate for Veterans and their families. Mr. Galvan was raised on a cattle ranch and later helped his father and family farm cotton in Texas. He was married and had started a family when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served during the Korean Conflict, and then in the Army Reserves, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received a BA from the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) and earned a vocational teaching credential from the University of California at Berkeley. After graduating from UCSB, he worked in Sacramento for Assemblyman Richard Alatorre in the Prison Reform Committee for one and a half years.

Mr. Galvan is a retired executive having managed a number of successful projects and enterprises. His service to the community has led to appointments and selection to lead various community initiatives. In 1986 he was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission where he organized and implemented a youth boxing program named 'PRIDE GYM' from 1986 through 1994. He was also appointed in 1982 by Governor Jerry Brown to serve on the County Fair Board of Directors. For over 25 years he provided employment for youth at the American GI Forum Fair Food Booths during the week of the fair. He has served on the Board of the American GI Forum Education Foundation and has supervised youth working and doing community projects under Santa Barbara County Schools Summer Youth Programs. A few of his many successes include; anti-graffiti drives, community projects to curb neighborhood violence and securing county funding to provide recreational programs and jobs for youth from low-income families. He also served as the Director of SER-Training Programs in Santa Maria, during which time he implemented additional Community Training Programs. Mr. Galvan is on his second term as commander of this statewide Veterans organization, he and his wife Helen Galvan, retired educator, make their home in Santa Maria, California. The Cinco de Mayo Festivities commemorate the May 5, 1862 Battle of Puebla and are scheduled for May 4, 2008 in downtown San Jose. **Augie Lerma**



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The results of our Defend the Honor survey are in: you have spoken and we heard you. A great thanks to Angelo Falcón, President of the National Institute for Latino Policy, for administering the survey and analyzing the results, which are available at Defendthehonor.org. Based on the overall consensus that the responses showed us, the coalition committee has received a mandate to continue building on the organizing efforts and successes we achieved in challenging PBS and Ken Burns.

The campaign that we waged for most of 2007 brought to light the near invisibility of Latinos in broad areas of U.S. society. Had we not launched the counter-offensive against Burns and PBS, a major product of publicly funded television would have totally wiped out any recognition of the presence of Latinos and Native Peoples in the Second World War for generations to come. We cannot allow this “blind spot” in the American consciousness to persist. We have reviewed the results of the survey and taken note of how many are willing to put some time, energy and funds into our continued effort. As a result, we have arrived at some goals and activities for Defend the Honor.

Goals:

- As a broad goal of Defend the Honor, we will continue to act as a watchdog and advocacy group to ensure that the mass media, particularly television and the movie industry, includes accurate representations of Latinos. When there is a problem in this regard, we will be prepared to immediately voice our concerns at national and local levels.
- We will facilitate coordination among national and local organizations, and individuals, to confront publicly and privately funded projects which minimize, distort or fail to include the role and contribution of Americans of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and other Hispanic/Latino origins.
- We will reach out to broad-based national Latino organizations, political leaders, scholars and artists to commit themselves to joining our educational and informational efforts as they apply to diverse areas of our society.
- If timely and appropriately informed, we intend to make sure that whenever a research project, an educational program, a documentary or history book, or any other major public informational venture is proposed, Latinos/Hispanics will be included, where it is appropriate. Thanks for your great support and we look forward to a great year of raising awareness of the contributions of U.S. Latinos.

The Defend the Honor Coordinating Committee
Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Assoc. Professor, School of Journalism
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San Jose GI Forum Scholarship Foundation
Letetia Rodriguez



The San Jose GI Forum Scholarship Foundation is seeking applications from graduating high school seniors planning on enrolling into an accredited college or university leading to a Associate or Bachelor’s degree. Applicants must graduate this academic year from a high school located in Santa Clara County.

The San Jose GI Forum Scholarship Foundation has been awarding scholarships to deserving students for the past 34 years. We are proud to say that past awardees have included many of San Jose’s community civic leaders, corporate and trade professionals. This annual tradition has been the goal of the Foundation, who established a program of financial assistance to qualified students of Hispanic descent, and reside in the Santa Clara County. Scholarship priorities are given to students of Mexican American descent.

You can help continue this long standing tradition by supporting the Foundation through donations and gifts. Your contribution will help support the educational goals of deserving Latino students which will be our leaders of tomorrow. For additional information, contact Rose Flores, Foundation President or Letetia Rodriguez, Treasurer at (408) 288-9470. Applications are available in the GI Forum office. 765 Story Road, Suite 150, San Jose CA



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General Membership Application

Qualifications to join: Any honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is eligible for membership, as is any person who is approved by the membership. Chapters hold monthly meetings. The Mid-Year Conference is held during the first quarter of the year. The State Conference is held during the second quarter of the year and the National Conference is held in August. Associates: Returning Iraq/Afghanistan veterans are being recruited by the AGIF with first year membership fees waived. Contact your nearest AGIF Chapter.

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