



National Commanders Update

September 3, 2009

American GI Forum of the United States
National Board of Directors and National Executive Board of Directors

Since our respective elections, we have been working diligently to restore the integrity and credibility of the American GI Forum. There is a considerable amount of work to be done, but we will do what is right for the American GI Forum and move forward with the intentions of good will.

1. We have an excellent National Board of Directors who is willing to work cooperatively and diligently for you and the American GI Forum of the United States.
2. We will be working with the Veterans Administration and other governmental agencies to ensure that our Hispanic veterans and their families receive their entitled benefits.
3. We are working to resolve all pending lawsuits related to all individuals and the American GI Forum of the United States.
4. We need to learn what role the (MOU) Vet-Hire program plays within the framework of the American GI Forum of the United States.
5. We need to learn what role the (MOU) VA-AGIF-LULAC Community Prosperity Partnership Program plays within the framework of the American GI Forum of the United States.
6. We are still negotiating options with Mr. JR Gonzalez and the Website for the American GI Forum of the United States.
7. The Mid Year Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Dates to be announced.
8. The National Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dates to be announced.
9. National Office, Denver, Colorado: I have spoken with Ms. Frankie Gallegos, who is still displeased and unsatisfied in being "forced" out from her managerial position, but she does support Ms. Dottie Bruton, who now manages our National Office. You may contact Ms. Bruton at: 303-458-1700 or me at: 206-364-5948.

Let us be proud of our Founder, Dr. H.P. Garcia and proud of who we are and what we do for the American GI Forum of the United States, our veterans and their families. I want to thank you for what you do within your state and local chapters and I ask that you keep recruiting new members. Thank you for supporting the American GI Forum of the United States. **Please circulate this information with your state chapters and membership. Gracias**