



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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DE LAS
SOMBRAS*
Out of the
Shadows

**EXAMINE
THE LATINO
EXPERIENCE**

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th to mark the independence of five Latin American nations: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and, Nicaragua. This **Hispanic Heritage Month** pays tribute to the role of Hispanic Americans who helped to shape American history through their contributions in the military.

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CALL TO DUTY

During Hispanic Heritage Month, explore individual sacrifices from the front lines with *Biography in Context*.

DAVID FARRAGUT

First American naval officer to be appointed as admiral in the U.S. Navy; his paternal grandparents were of Spanish descent.

EDWARD HIDALGO

First Hispanic to serve as the Secretary of the U.S. Navy.

IRENE MILLER ZOPPI

First Puerto Rican woman promoted to the rank of general in U.S. Army Reserve.

JOSEPH V. MEDINA

First Marine to take command of a naval flotilla and one of four Hispanic officers who attained a rank of Brigadier General in the United States Marine Corps.

JUAN SEBASTIÀN RESTREPO

U.S. Army Private, a Colombian-American soldier whose service was commemorated in an award-winning documentary film, which covered the heroic fighting done by him and his platoon during the War on Terror.

LEROY ARTHUR PETRY

Second living recipient of the Medal of Honor (highest military honor) for his heroic service in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Petry is an Army Ranger of Hispanic descent.

PETE FERNANDEZ

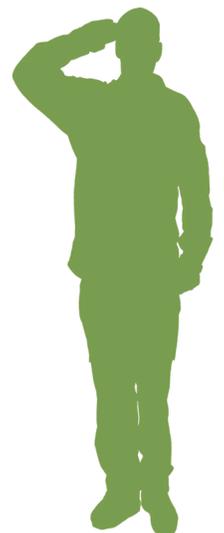
One of the top fighter pilots of the Korean War, he was the only Hispanic pilot to be regarded as an ace, rated third overall among U.S. flyers during the Korean conflict.

MARCELINO SERNA

First Hispanic to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his single-handed capture of 24 enemy soldiers.

MARCO MARTINEZ

First Hispanic American since the Vietnam War to be awarded the Navy Cross. First Marine to receive that honor in the War on Terror.



GO INSIDE THE TRENCHES

This Hispanic Heritage Month, dig into the following topics with *U.S. History in Context*.

THE U.S. CIVIL WAR

Hispanics were divided and fought in both the Union and Confederate armies.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Thousands of Hispanic volunteers fought in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War.

WORLD WAR I

This was the first time that individuals born in Puerto Rico were legally able to go to war. A unit of volunteer Hispanic soldiers was authorized to help during WWI.

WORLD WAR II

Thousands of Hispanic American service members fought in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII.

KOREAN WAR

Many of the thousands of Hispanic service members fought in Korea as a segregated unit until 1952 during the Korean War.

65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

All-Hispanic U.S. Army unit who fought in every major campaign of the Korean War, which was nicknamed “The Borinqueneers.”

VIETNAM WAR

Thousands of Hispanic Americans served with distinction during the Vietnam War.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Thousands of men and women of Hispanic-American heritage fought in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the War Against Terrorism.

HISPANIC-AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

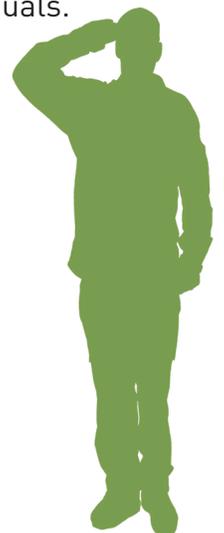
The essay covers a wide range of Hispanic-American women who served in the U.S. military throughout history.

HERO STREET, U.S.A.

Landmark commemorating Hispanic-American military service in Silvis, Illinois.

HISPANIC-AMERICAN VETERANS

The essay includes coverage of issues related to veterans of Hispanic-American descent and details about the postwar service of select individuals.





“While Americans of Hispanic descent trace their roots to various origins in the United States and around the world, one thing is certain: The Hispanic presence has added to America’s diversity and contributed to America’s economic, social and political success.”

- John M. Robinson Office of Civil Rights

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