



National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15, 2014

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize Hispanic Americans for their many contributions in helping to shape our national character and strengthen our communities.

Hispanic Americans have enriched our Nation through contributions in many professions and fields, including education, law, government, business, science, sports and the arts. Today, Hispanic Americans continue to answer the call to duty in our Armed Forces and preserve a proud legacy as they stand watch on the front lines of freedom.

Since the founding of this great Nation, Hispanic Americans have served bravely in the U.S. Armed Forces, earning more than three dozen Medals of Honor and numerous distinguished military decorations for their leadership, courage and patriotism. Hispanic Americans have sacrificed in defense of our Nation's freedom, serving proudly in every major American conflict.

As the U.S. Army continues to protect our nation and advance freedom abroad, we are grateful to all of the brave men and women who serve our Nation and to their families who support their efforts.

America's greatest asset is its people and its diversity of thought and deed. The U.S. Army is a mosaic of the world's many cultures and we must take the time to honor and respect the rich heritage and outstanding contributions that help make our Nation great.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month we recognize the vibrant Hispanic influences in so much of our Nation's culture and overall way of life. Please join me in honoring the service and sacrifices of Hispanic Americans by celebrating the recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

APG Strong, Army Strong!

Bruce T. Crawford

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Commanding