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LULAC 2008 Veterans Summit

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National President Welcome Message

The League of United Latin American Citizens welcomes you to the 2008 LULAC Veterans Summit in San Antonio, Texas.



Photo by Lilli Natio Brisnes

As the leading summit addressing the needs of Hispanic veterans, the LULAC Veterans Summit brings together top government, business, military and community leaders.

The third annual Community Prosperity Partnership (CPP) summit is a LULAC initiative that through our community based centers serves our nation's veterans and the local community in which they live.

Issues of critical importance to U.S. veterans and their families in a state with over 3.5 million Latino residents will be addressed. In attendance will be

cabinet secretaries, political leaders, government experts, local elected officials, and respected business and community leaders.

Seminars and workshops will feature expert panelists addressing the issues that affect our veterans the most, including access to benefits, education and employment opportunities, entrepreneurship and health care. In addition, the summit will feature workshops for students seeking information about civilian and military career opportunities.

We thank our partners for supporting the summit through event sponsorships and participation in the veterans opportunity expo, the veteran business enterprise fair, advertisements in the event program, and the support of local Iraq and Afghanistan heroes at the gala, breakfast and luncheons.

We look forward to hosting you in the military city in what promises to be our most successful summit ever!

Sincerely,

Rosa Rosales
LULAC National President
Summit Co-Chair

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LULAC greatly appreciates your participation and sponsorship for making the Community Prosperity Partnership Veterans Summit a reality in our communities.



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2008 LULAC Veterans Exhibitor List

CORPORATE EXHIBITS:

- PhRMA..... Booth # 411
- HMHSW (Humana)..... Booth # 412
- Family Services Association..... Booth # 311

FEDERAL AGENCIES EXHIBITS:

► Coronado Ballroom

- US Coast Guard..... Booth # 409
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs-Administration.....Booth # 400 & 402
- Dept. of Veteran Affairs Enterprise-Cntr Booth # 404
- Veterans Benefits Administration Education Svcs Booth # 406
- Veterans Administration-Greg Allyene Booth # 408
- STVHCS-Audie Murphy DivisionBooth # 303 & 305
- STVHCS-HRMS Booth # 307
- DOT/Federal Aviation Administration..... Booth # 313
- Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Booth # 301
- Social Security Administration Booth # 410
- Department of Housing and Urban Development Booth # 309
- Department of Homeland Security (TSA) Booth # 401
- Department of Homeland Security (I&A) Booth # 403
- Department of Homeland Security-Secret Service..... Booth # 405
- Department of Homeland Security (OIG)..... Booth # 407

LULAC thanks our exhibitor for their participation and support.

EDUCATION FAIR ► Mangos Terrace Foyer

Alamo Community College District

HEALTH FAIR IN ► La Habana

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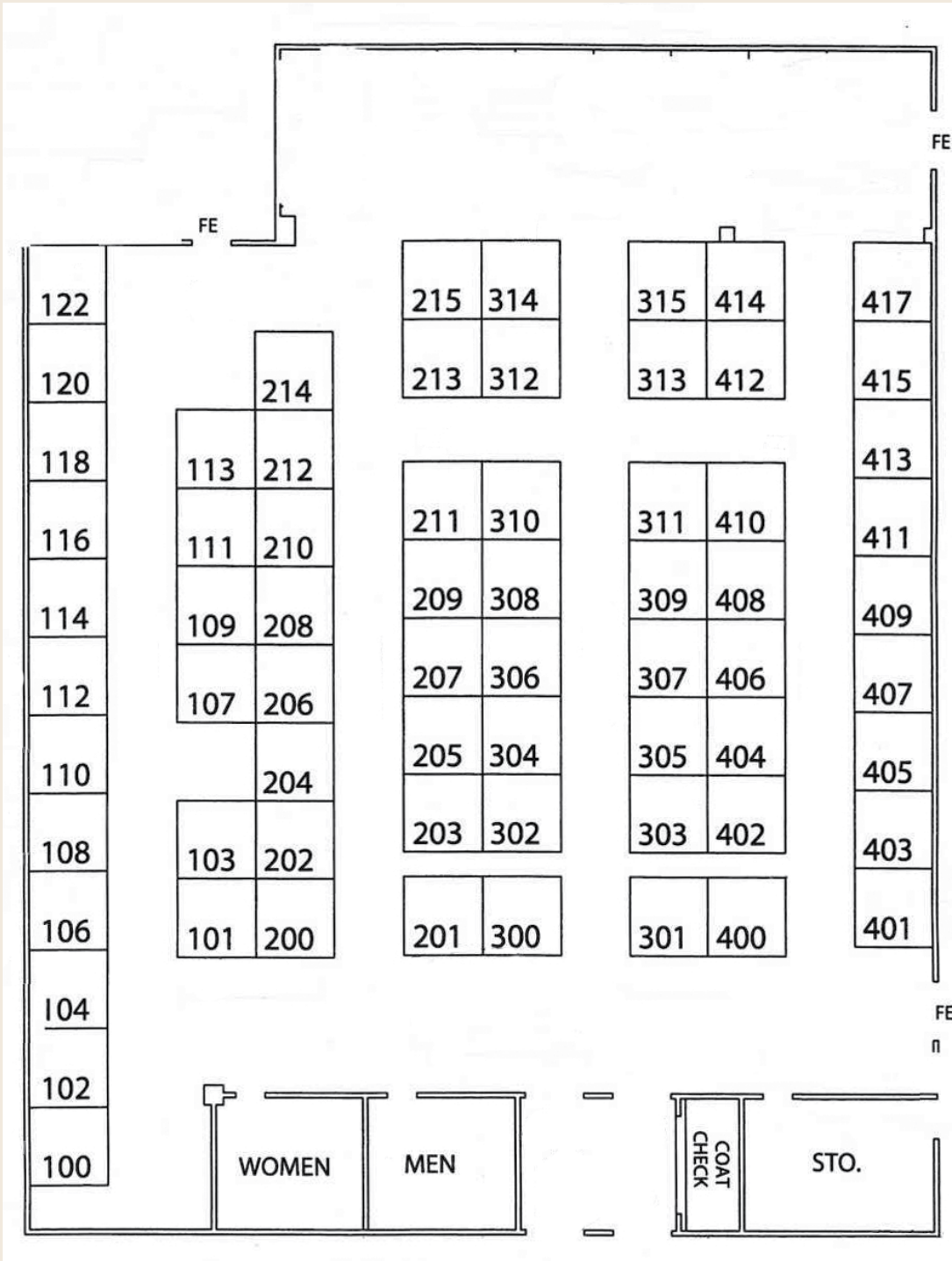


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2008 Veterans Summit Opportunity Expo

Coronado Ballroom

SER Jobs For Progress Employment Job Fair



- AAFES - Army Air Force Exchange
- Accenture
- All Care Home Health
- All Medical Personnel
- Allied Barton Security Services
- Austin Fire Department
- AVIS Rent a Car
- Barden Circulation, Inc.
- Bexar County Sheriffs Dept
- Burger King
- Capital Group
- Cintas
- Compass Bank
- Cummins Southern Plains
- Embassy Suites - SA Airport
- Federal Express Ground
- Girling Health Care
- Government Support Services, Inc
- Harlan Clarke
- HEB
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- Primerican a CITI Company
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- Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research
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- VIA Metropolitan Transit
- West Corporation
- WIS International
- Zachry



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR



Dear Friends,

The City of San Antonio welcomes participants to the Third annual Veterans Summit being hosted by the LULAC National Organization and the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The objective of this summit is to offer services for veterans and their families in the areas of education, business opportunities, employment and health services.

On behalf of Military City USA, we congratulate LULAC for their vision to honor America's Heroes who have courageously served in the Armed Forces, and to their families who have sacrificed much so we may continue to enjoy our freedoms.

Sincerely,

Phil Hardberger
Mayor



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I am proud to welcome you all to this important conference.

First, I must thank each of you for your service to our country. As a member of the Veteran's Affairs Committee, I believe we must fulfill our promise to you because you so willingly sacrificed for us. That is why I was proud to have been part of passing the largest VA funding increase in history, and why I am working to increase mental health resources for veterans and families of veterans dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Second, I want to applaud the League of United Latin American Citizens for its service. For more than half a century, LULAC has also been fighting -- fighting for equal rights and against discrimination.

LULAC and the veterans here today are to be applauded for all that you do. Your love of liberty and willingness to protect it are the cornerstones of our American democracy.

Over the next few days, you will have an opportunity to learn about the resources available to veterans like yourself. I encourage you to take advantage of these services and encourage you to contact my office if I can ever be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Ciro D. Rodriguez
Member of Congress

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2008 Veterans Summit

El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

January 24-26, 2008



PROGRAM AGENDA

Wednesday 23

10:00 a.m.

Press Conference – El Tropicano Hotel

LULAC, City, County, Community, Military Leaders, VA Representatives



Friday 25

9:30 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting Opportunity Mall Coronado Ballroom

Rosa Rosales, LULAC National President; Ms. Fanny Rivera, Assistant Administrator Employment and Civil Rights Federal Aviation Administration; Whitney I. LeBlanc, Jr., Assistant Director for Human Resources Management, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Opportunity Mall Coronado Ballroom

Health Fair and Community Outreach - La Habana Ballroom



10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS Monte Cristo Room A

This session offers health care opportunities and discusses ways of improving the accessibility for veterans, their families and individuals who have experienced difficulties in or who may not be aware of other options. Social Security benefits not commonly known will be discussed as well as emerging prescription medication options available today that were not present recently.

Moderator

Lupe Torres, Center for Health Care Services

Presenter

Dr. Robert Jimenez, Center for Health Care Services, “The Soul and Trauma of War”

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

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Jaime Martinez, LULAC National Health Commission

Presenters

Oscar H. Garcia, Social Security Administration; Albert Collazo, PhRMA; Sal Alvarez, LULAC National Health Commission; John Sanchez, Audie Murphy VA Hospital; Tony Jasso, Audie Murphy VA Hospital Carl-Martin Ruiz, Director, Office of Outreach and Diversity, Department of Agriculture; R. Craig Erickson, Veterans Service Officer, Bexar County Veterans Service Office





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Office of the National Vice President for Women
San Antonio, Texas



Bienvenidos to our Third Annual Veterans Summit!

We are honored to host this event in the beautiful city of San Antonio to offer America's Heroes the very best of service and opportunities available.

Take time to attend our seminars, health fair and Opportunity Mall to visit with local, state and federal agencies that will provide information on opportunities for employment, education, business, and health benefits.

I am honored to acknowledge the San Antonio Planning committee for their support and volunteer efforts in our mission to offer the best to our Heroes and their families for their sacrifice.

A big salute goes to our presenters and distinguished speakers who have taken time from their busy schedules to join us in our efforts to address the issues of the day and offer support and opportunities to all participants. God Bless the women and men recovering from the scars of battle and those around the world serving our country

Sincerely,

Margaret Moran
Vice-President for Women and
Chair, Women's Commission



Office of the Texas State Director

January 25, 2007



Greetings to all,

Welcome everyone to the great State of Texas and to the wonderful city of San Antonio!

On behalf of the members of Texas LULAC, I congratulate our National Office for the vision of addressing the needs of our Veterans through this National Veterans Summit. San Antonio is rich in military history and tradition. It is home to our country's most important military installations i.e. Randolph AFB, Lackland AFB, home of Wilford Hall Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, the country's most critical medical and training facility and home of Intrepid, the National Armed Forces Rehabilitation Center at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Veterans Hospital, the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie L. Murphy Division. Let us not forget the very foundation of San Antonio, and a symbol of Texas, the Alamo.

The Summit agenda is filled with a bevy of informational workshops and seminars that will assist in educating everyone on the needs of our Veterans. Enjoy what San Antonio has to offer and let us know what we can do to make a difference in the life of every Veteran.

Thank you and best wishes on a successful outcome,

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.
State Director – Texas LULAC

"Maybe I did well and maybe I led the battle but nobody ever said we were going to win this thing at any point in time. Eternal vigilance is required and there have to be people who step up to the plate, who believe in liberty, and who are willing to fight for it." -- Milton Friedman



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PROGRAM AGENDA

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **VETERANS HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS**

Moderator

Jaime Martinez, LULAC National Health Commission

Presenters

Oscar H. Garcia, Social Security Administration; Albert Collazo, PhRMA, Sal Alvarez, National Health Commission; John Sanchez, Audie Murphy VA Hospital, Tony Jasso, Audie Murphy VA Hospital; R. Craig Erickson, Veterans Service Officer, Bexar County Veterans Service Office

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **VETERANS HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS**

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **VETERANS AND FAMILY RE-INTEGRATION Monte Cristo Room B**

This seminar looks at the new challenges and realities facing returning veterans and families and society as they try to reintegrate into their former lifestyles – issues such as PTSD Physical and mental wellness, family stability, workplace adjustments and effective listening and communication will be discussed and analyzed by laypeople, professionals and clinicians who treat and work with affected individuals on an everyday basis.

Moderators

Gloria Almaraz

Presenters

Dr. Issac Martinez, Center for Health Care Services; David Blegen, Family Services Association; Tina Mason, “Family Strong”; Robert Thomas Frame, DMD, MS, FACHE, National OEF/OIF Returning Warriors Liaison, Readjustment Counseling Services, Department of Veteran Affairs.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

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3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **VETERANS AND FAMILY RE-INTEGRATION**

Moderator

Lupe Torres

Presenter

Dr. Robert Jimenez, “Re-integrating a Combat Veteran into the Community and the Family”

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **VETERANS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES Bolivar Room A**

This session brings together experts and professionals who present solutions and “how to” methodology at a layperson’s level for individuals who are interested in starting or expanding a business. Effective management and resource acquisition techniques will also be explored during this session. This is a must for any veteran, minority or small business person who is looking to move their financial status to the next level.

Moderators

Cindy Solano, Small Business Administration

Melissa Aguillon, South Texas Business Women’s Center

Presenters

Bill Elmore, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; Ernest Martinez, Financial Planner; Roman Palomares, LULAC Housing Commission and Irma Iris Duran, South Texas Women’s Business Center.

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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **VETERANS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** **Trinidad Room**

This session will explore and discuss the different paths available for veterans, their families and individuals who are seeking better employment, scholarships, certification, re-training and life skills enhancement through our educational institutions and workforce development entities.

Moderator

Lidia Martinez, Alamo Community College District

Presenters

Will Jackson, Augie Ciriello and Wendy Foster, Texas Veterans Commission; Greg Alleyne, Veterans Administration; Rita Cortez, UTSA, Andrea Watts, UTSA; George Norton and Daniel Escobar, UTSA; Rey De Los Santos, Executive Director, LULAC National Educational Service Centers-Dallas; Dr. Federico Zaragoza-Dallas; Dr. Federico Zaragoza, ACCD.

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Office of the National Vice President
for the South West



Esteemed Members of the
Community,

It is with great pleasure that I
welcome you to the South West
Region of LULAC for the 2008
Veterans Summit. We not only have
an opportunity to enjoy the beauty
and warmth of San Antonio but
also the chance to educate ourselves

on issues affecting the daily lives of our veterans.

We choose to lead our lives in a certain manner and enjoy
the freedoms we have because of the immense sacrifices
of our brothers and sisters in the armed forces. For this,
we not only applaud them but also offer them comfort to
know that the organization known as LULAC values their
efforts and will stand by them to make sure they receive
the recognition and support so deserving of their labors.

Knowledge continues to be the great equalizer in this
great country. The partnership established between
veterans and LULAC offers an avenue to gain services and
awareness for those in need. We must also look to the ideal
of having people help themselves and provide necessary
employment and business opportunities for veterans.

LULAC will always be on the side of those who have
helped shape this great nation and defend the rights of
veterans and the oppressed. We, as a country, cannot
afford to forget the people who have so valiantly defended
this country, and we must continue to press for easier
access to services. Moreover, we ought to continue
pressuring legislators for benefits above and beyond what
is considered adequate. Health issues for veterans seem to
be debated endlessly with little fruitful results. This must
change.

We trust you will enjoy the ambience and magnificent
surroundings. Our hope is for you to gain significantly
from this year's conference.

Very Truly Yours,

Adrian Rodriguez
LULAC Regional V.P. for the South West



LULAC National Legislative Awards Gala and Policy Briefing:

February 27, 2008

J.W. Marriott Hotel

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Highlights critical legislative issues affecting Hispanic Americans
and recognizes key leaders who have served the Hispanic
community well. The partner program includes four levels of gala
sponsorship, which are detailed in our gala information package.

Agenda:

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Issue Panels

12:00 pm Diversity and Leadership Luncheon

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Congressional Visits

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Awards

8:00 pm Dinner

For additional information, please contact Javier Dominguez
at 202-833-6130 ext. 12 or jdominguez@lulac.org.

LULAC National Women's Conference:

March 14 - March 15, 2008

San Antonio, Texas

Women from across the country come together to develop
leadership and employment programs for Hispanic women.

The conference features workshops on conducting a job search,
opportunities in higher education, advocacy training and Hispanic
women's health issues.

For conference information and registration, contact the LULAC
Women's Commission at (210) 422-2812.

LULAC National Convention & Exposition:

July 7 - July 12, 2008

Washington, DC

One of the premier Hispanic conventions held in the United
States, the LULAC National Convention draws over 10,000 people
each year including the top leaders from government, business,
and the Hispanic community. Seminars and workshops will
feature expert panelists addressing the issues that affect our
communities the most, from immigration reform and education
to women's health and civil rights. The LULAC Youth and Young
Adults will conduct their own workshops and also elect their
leadership.



For more information on these and other LULAC events go to:
www.LULAC.org



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PROGRAM AGENDA

Saturday 26

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OPPORTUNITY MALL Coronado Ballroom

Health Fair and Community Outreach - **La Habana Room**



10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. VETERANS HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS Monte Cristo Room A

Moderator

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Carl-Martin Ruiz, Director, Office of Outreach and Diversity, Department of Agriculture; Albert Collazo, PhRMA; Sal Alvarez, LULAC National Health Commission; John Sanchez and Tony Jasso, Audie Murphy VA Hospital; Ron Drach, Director, Governmental and Legislative Affairs, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.; R. Craig Erickson, Veterans Service Officer, Bexar County Veterans Service Office

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Albert Collazo, PhRMA; Sal Alvarez, National Health Commission; John Sanchez and Tony Jasso, Audie Murphy VA Hospital; R. Craig Erickson, Veterans Service Officer, Bexar County Veterans Service Office.



10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. VETERANS AND FAMILY RE-INTEGRATION Monte Cristo Room B

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Moderators

Cindy Solano, Small Business Administration

Melissa Aguillon, South Texas Business Women’s Center

Presenters

A. J. Rodriguez, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Roman Palomares, LULAC Housing Commission; Ernest Martinez, Financial Planner; Irma Iris Duran, South Texas Business Women’s Center; Fernando Reyes, President Reyes Industries; Kelsey Mortimer II, Center for Veterans Enterprise, Department of Veteran Affairs.



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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **VETERANS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES Partagas Room**

Moderators

Lidia Martinez, ACCD
Rita Cortez, UTSA

Presenters

Will Jackson, Augie Ciriello and Wendy Foster, Texas Veterans Commission
Greg Alleyne, Veterans Administration; Andrea Watts, George Norton and Daniel Escobar, UTSA; Dr. Federico Zaragoza, ACCD; Richard Roybal, Executive Director, LULAC National Educational Service Centers -Washington, D.C., Orlando Blancas, LULAC National Educational Service Centers-San Antonio



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Conclusion

Senator
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-Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair
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LULAC/VA CPP SUMMIT



Wednesday 23

10:00 a.m.

Press Conference – El Tropicano Hotel
LULAC, City, County, Community, Military Leaders, VA Representatives

Thursday 24

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Summit Pre-Registration – Mangos Terrace

Thursday 24

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception – R&J Ballroom

Mistress of Ceremonies: Elia Mendoza, Texas District XV Director

Welcome Remarks: Rosa Rosales, LULAC National President,
Community Leaders – City of San Antonio Mayor Pro-Tem

Remarks: Carolyn Wong, Director, Special Initiatives &
Communications, Diversity Management & EEO, Department of
Veterans Affairs

Remarks: The Hon. Michael Hager, Assistant Secretary Human Resources Administration, Department of
Veteran Affairs

Remarks: Ms. Vicki Kendrick, Acting Associate Director of The South Texas Veterans Health Care System



Friday 25

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration – Mangos Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Breakfast– R&J Ballroom “Saluting our Military & Community Leaders”

Master of Ceremonies: Brent Wilkes, Executive Director, LULAC

Color Guard: Posting of the Colors: Alamo Silver Wings Airborne
Association

Welcome Remarks: Hon. Charles C. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary,
Veterans Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor

Keynote Speaker: Richard Perez, President & CEO of The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Guest Speaker: Major General Alfred Valenzuela (USA Ret.)

Honoree: Dr. C.P. Garcia





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9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting – Coronado Ballroom

12:00 noon Luncheon – R&J Ballroom “Salute to Veteran Heroes”

Master of Ceremonies: David Cruz, WOAI-TV

Welcome Remarks: Brent Wilkes, Executive Director, LULAC

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, (USA Ret.)

Special Speaker: The Honorable Secretary, Alphonso Jackson, U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Honoree: Ms. Susan McHugh, Deputy Assistant Secretary Diversity Management and EEO, Department of Veterans Affairs.



Saturday 26

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration – Mangos Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast – R&J Ballroom “Saluting Veteran Serving Organizations”

Master of Ceremonies: Jaime Martinez, LULAC National Treasurer

Introduction of Speakers: Luis Vera, Esq.

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable United States Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, District 23

Guest Speaker: From the Office of the Director, Texas Regional Office Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veteran Affairs

Honoree: Candy Bonner Cox, Program Manager for Hispanic Religious Partnership for Community Health, Inc.



12:00 noon Luncheon – R&J Ballroom ‘Honoring Veterans Families’

Master of Ceremonies: Richard Fimbres, LULAC National Vice President for the Elderly

Introduction of Speakers: Margaret Moran, LULAC National Vice President for Women

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Angela Salinas, Brigadier General, USMC

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Rosa Rosales, LULAC National President

Speaker: Eric Stephens, Chairperson Federal Executive Board

Honoree: Lieutenant Col. Consuelo Kickbusch (USA Ret.)



6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Recognition Reception – R&J Ballroom “Honoring Volunteers, Participants and Presidential Honorees”

Veterans Summit Concludes

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