



# Borinqueneers **CGM** Alliance

## HELP US OBTAIN THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR THE 65<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BORINQUEENERS!

As mandated by Congress in 1899, the 65th Infantry Regiment, from Puerto Rico, was the only Hispanic-segregated, Active-Duty unit ever in our U.S. Armed Forces that played a prominent role in our American military history participating in three U.S. wars. Of all the honors Congress can bestow, the awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) is considered the most distinguished. The congressional honor affirms that they are American heroes who served their country with distinction, fighting bravely even while enduring the hardships of segregation and discrimination.



The CGM has been rightfully bestowed to other minority veterans who served in segregated units, including:



*Native American  
Navajo Code Talkers*



*African-American  
Tuskegee Airmen*



*Japanese-American  
Nisei*



*African-American  
Montford Point Marines*

**It would be an honor to include the 65th Borinqueneers to this list! But we need your help. How?**

- **Contact your two U.S. Senators and local Congressional official requesting their support.** The adoption of a Borinqueneers CGM will require the vote from a majority of our elected officials.
- **Find our surviving 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry veterans.** In order to strongly substantiate our claim for the CGM, we need to present a list of our living 65th Inf. Reg. veterans to Congress and the Senate. If you are a 65th veteran (or know one), please make sure that we have your service information.
- **Spread the word!** Let everyone you know about this campaign. Tell your family, your neighbors, your co-workers! Call, write, email, use your social media contacts!

**Let's work together to make this happen!**

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