

**National Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance**

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# Borinqueneers CGM Alliance

They have merited the Congressional Gold Medal!

## Call to ACTION! Ahora!



Today, a nationwide, all-volunteer group of individuals and organizations, known as the **Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance**, has formed and is dedicated to achieving the Congressional Gold Medal for the **Borinqueneers**. The Congressional Gold Medal has been awarded to other minority veterans who served in **segregated** military units, including the Native American Navajo Code Talkers, the African-American Tuskegee Airmen, the Japanese-American Nisei, and the African-American Montford Point Marines. All of these are



**“Fix Bayonets!”**

well-deserved honors, and the **Borinqueneers must be added to this list NOW!**

It's difficult to imagine the full effects of segregation and discrimination that soldiers of the Borinqueneers, the US Army's 65th Infantry Regiment, may have faced on a daily basis while defending their country and protecting our freedom. The Borinqueneers served, gallantly fought, and many died, as members of this segregated unit of the regular Army during WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. **They were unarguably the largest and longest standing Latino-American unit of its kind in US history.** This unit was mainly made up of **Puerto Ricans**, but also included recruits with other Latino backgrounds, and even some mainlanders as they were called at the time. Currently, the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance **is asking all like-minded Americans to write to or**

**email their two US Senators and one US House of Representatives member and ask for their support.** The Congressional Gold Medal for the Borinqueneers requires approval by Congress. Links to the Congressional directories are below. **Please heed this important “Call to Action” right away!**

### ACTION NEEDED NOW:

Contact your (2) U.S. Senators and your (1) US House of Representatives member. The adoption of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal will require the vote/support from a majority of our US legislators. Contact them preferably via letter & email so there is a record of your request.

- US Senators list: [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
- US House of Representatives list: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>
- A sample letter/email is available here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/119819233/Borinqueneers-CGM-Request-for-Congressional-Support-Letter-REV-11-25-2012>

The Borinqueneers are credited with the last battalion-sized bayonet assault in US Army history. In early 1951 while fighting in Korea, two battalions of the 65th fixed bayonets and charged straight up hill toward the enemy, over running them and overtaking the enemy's strategic position. General Douglas MacArthur said of the Borinqueneers, *“The Puerto Ricans forming the ranks of the gallant 65th Infantry give daily proof on the battlefields of Korea of their courage, determination and resolute will to victory, their invincible loyalty to the United States and their fervent devotion to those immutable principles of human relations which the Americans of the Continent and of Puerto Rico have in common. They are writing a brilliant record of heroism in battle and I am indeed proud to have them under my command. I wish that we could count on many more like them.”*



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**"You will surely agree that the 65th Infantry Regiment has merited the Congressional Gold Medal."** -Tony "The Marine" Santiago

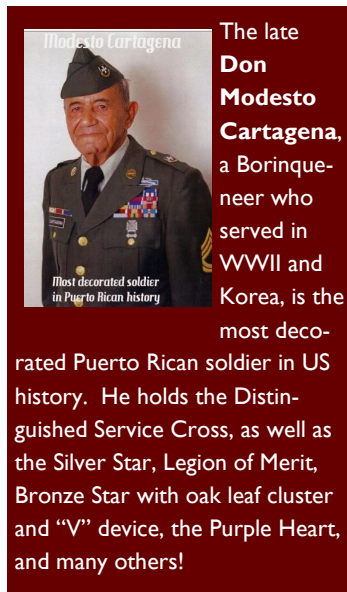
They served in the US Army with distinction. They were heroes in battle. They were a segregated military unit that endured the hardships of discrimination while serving their country. And, at times, they fought without adequate training, support, and leadership. **Known as the "Borinqueneers"**, this regiment of mainly **Puerto Rican** soldiers served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.



**Borinqueneers in Korea,  
June 1951.**

The photo above shows some of the Borinqueneers in Korea in 1952. During Korea, they earned 10 Distinguished Service Crosses, 256 Silver Stars, 606 Bronze Stars, and 2,771 Purple Hearts. Undoubtedly, many of the American patriots in the photo were KIA or MIA. In Korea, 750 of the 65th were killed in action, and more than 100 are still missing in action. **They never came home.**

**LET'S HELP GET THE "BORINQUEENERS" THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL! Contact your one US House of Rep's. Member & your two US SENATORS!**



The late **Don Modesto Cartagena**, a Borinqueneer who served in WWII and Korea, is the most decorated Puerto Rican soldier in US history. He holds the Distinguished Service Cross, as well as the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and "V" device, the Purple Heart, and many others!

This Latino-American unit was mainly made up of Puerto Ricans, but also included recruits with other Latino backgrounds, and even some mainlanders as they were called at the time. The Borinqueneer who later achieved the highest rank, a Mexican-American from Texas, became **the first ever Latino-American Four-Star Army General.**

His name is **Richard E. Cavazos**. He holds more awards for heroism, military leadership, and service than most. These include two Distinguished Service Cross awards, our nation's second highest individual military honor for heroism, one from Korea and the other from Vietnam.